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ACADEMIC & RESEARCH POSITIONS:

Aug 2025 – present	Reader at the School of Economics, University of Edinburgh
Sep 2024 – present	Non-resident scholar, Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin
Sep 2020 – 2025 (leave)	Professor of Economics, Free University of Bozen-Bolzano
Nov 2018 – Aug 2020	Professor of Economics, University of York
Sep 2017 – Oct 2018	Senior Lecturer (Associate Professor), University of York
Sep 2012 – Aug 2017	Lecturer (Assistant Professor), University of York
Sep – Dec 2017	Visiting Fellow at the Collegio Carlo Alberto (Italy)
Dec 2009 – Sep 2012	Senior Economist, LICOS, University of Leuven
Sep 2005 – Sep 2006	Economist, World Bank, USA

EDUCATION:

2004 – 2009	Ph.D. in Economics, University of Namur, Belgium
2003 – 2004	Master in Economics UCL, Louvain, Belgium
1996 – 2002	Diploma in Political Science, University of Turin, Italy

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Development Economics, Political Economics, Health, Conflict

PUBLICATIONS:

1. “At Loggerheads? Agricultural Expansion, Poverty Reduction, and Environment in the Tropical Forests” (2007), (joint with Ken Chomitz et al.), World Bank Policy Research Report, Washington DC.
2. De Luca, G. and Sekeris, P. “Land Inequality and Conflict Intensity”, Public Choice, Vol. 150, Numbers 1-2, 2012, pp. 119–135.
3. De Luca, G. and Sekeris, P. “Deterrence in Contests” Economica, Vol. 80, Issue 317, 2013, pp. 171–189.

4. Maystadt, J.F., G. De Luca, P. Sekeris, and J. Ulimwengu, "Mineral Resources and Conflicts in DRC: A Case of Ecological Fallacy?" Oxford Economic Papers, Vol. 66, Number 3, 2014, pp. 721-749.
5. De Luca, Giacomo "Electoral Registration and the Control of Votes: the Case of Chile", Electoral Studies, Vol. 34, 2014, pp. 159-166.
6. De Luca, G., J. Schokkaert and J. Swinnen "Cultural Differences, Assimilation and Behavior: Player Nationality and Penalties in Football", Journal of Sports Economics, Vol. 16 (5), 2015, pp. 508-530.
7. De Luca, G., A. Litina, and P. Sekeris "Growth-Friendly Dictatorships", Journal of Comparative Economics, Vol. 43, 2015, pp. 98-111.
8. De Luca, G., and Marijke Verpoorten "Civil war, social capital and resilience in Uganda", Oxford Economic Papers, Vol. 67, 2015, pp. 661-686.
9. De Feo, Giuseppe and De Luca, Giacomo "Mafia in the Ballot Box", American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Vol. 9 (3), 2017, pp. 134-67.
10. Dagnelie, O., G. De Luca and J.-F. Maystadt, "Violence, Selection and Infant Mortality in Congo" Journal of Health Economics, Vol. 59, 2018, pp. 153-177.
11. De Luca, G., R. Hodler, P. Raschky, and M. Valsecchi, "Ethnic Favoritism: An Axiom of Politics?" Journal of Development Economics, Vol. 132, 2018, pp. 115-129.
12. De Luca, G., D. Spengler and P. Sekeris "Can Violence Harm Cooperation? Experimental Evidence." Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Vol. 90, 2018, pp. 342-359.
13. Acemoglu, Daron, De Feo, Giuseppe and De Luca, Giacomo "Weak States: Causes and Consequences of the Sicilian Mafia" Review of Economic Studies, Vol. 87(2), 2020, pp.537-581.
14. De Luca, Giacomo, Domenico Lisi, Marco Martorana, Luigi Siciliani "Does higher Institutional Quality improve the Appropriateness of Healthcare Provision?", Journal of Public Economics, Vol. 194, 2021, pp. 1043564.
15. Acemoglu, Daron, De Feo, Giuseppe, De Luca, Giacomo and Gianluca Russo "War, Socialism and the Rise of Fascism: An Empirical Exploration" Quarterly Journal of Economics, Vol. 137 (2), 2022, pp. 1233-1296.
16. Accardo, Pasquale, De Feo Giuseppe, De Luca Giacomo "Organised Crime, Elections and Public Policies" in *A Modern Guide to the Economics of Crime*, edited by P. Buonanno, P. Vanin, and J.F. Vargas, 2022, Edward Elgar Publishing.

17. De Luca, Giacomo, Domenico Lisi, Marco Martorana and Luigi Siciliani, "Institutional quality and health outcomes" in *Handbook on the Political Economy of Health Systems*, edited by Joan Costa-Font, Alberto Batinti and Gilberto Turati, 2023, Edward Elgar Publishing.
18. Accardo, Pasquale, De Feo, Giuseppe and De Luca, Giacomo "With a Little Help from My Friends. Political competition in the shadow of organized crime." Journal of Public Economics, Vol. 227, 2023, pp. 104998.
19. De Luca, Giacomo Davide, and Xi Lin. "The role of health and health systems in promoting social capital, political participation and peace: a narrative review." Health policy, 2024: 105009.

RESEARCH PAPERS:

1. De Luca, Giacomo, Montalbano, Andrea and Stillman, Steve "Serving Countries, Shaping Views: the Impact of Military Conscription on Attitude towards Immigrants." Submitted.
2. De Luca, Giacomo, Huning, Thilo and Santos Monteiro, Paulo "Internet, Twitter and the Brexit referendum." Work in progress.
3. De Feo, Giuseppe, De Luca, Giacomo, Gara, Mario, and Siino, Marianna. "Elections for sale: Evidence from Italy." Work in progress.
4. De Luca, Giacomo and Rezki, Jahen "Islamic Politics and Local Development: Evidence from Indonesia." Work in progress.
5. De Luca, Giacomo and Xi Lin "Vaccination Hesitancy in Africa: the Unintended Consequence of a Culture Clash?" Work in progress.
6. Dagnelie, Olivier, De Luca, Giacomo and Xi Lin "In utero Shocks and Sex Ratio at Birth: Evidence from Africa" Work in progress.
7. Biagi, Victoria, De Feo, Giuseppe and De Luca, Giacomo "Mafia and the Social Order" Work in Progress.
8. Acemoglu, Daron, De Feo, Giuseppe, and De Luca, Giacomo "The Good Connections: a Network Analysis of Organised Crime, Patronage, and Local Elites." Work in progress.
9. Acemoglu, Daron, De Feo, Giuseppe, and De Luca, Giacomo "Money Laundering." Work in progress.

RESEARCH GRANTS:

1. “Peer tutoring in Africa” (£234,280) from the UK ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH COUNCIL (ESRC)
2. “Workshop on Organized Crime” (£5,080) obtained from the Research Impact Support (University of York)
3. “Cooperation and Conservation in a Violent Environment” (£5,500) from the University of Portsmouth to run a lab experiment
4. “Nurturing your future enemies?: the unintended consequences of empowering illegal armed groups” (£11,600) from the Transformative Social Science Research Pump Priming Fund of the University of York
5. “When equality becomes too costly: the origin of Fascism” (£13,000) from the Morrell Trust
6. “Political polarization in the world of social media” (£6,000) from RIS and RRS.
7. “Political dynasties” (£20,000) from GCFR Rapid Response Fund.
8. “Local female politicians and their impact on corruption scandals and other crimes” co-supervisor of a Marie Curie successful post-doc scholarship.
9. “Politicians' incentives, corruption and development (POLICORD)” (€70,000) from the Province of Bolzano.
10. “Populism: Competence and Political Communication (POCEPOC)” (€70,000) from the Province of Bolzano.
11. “COVID Crimes” supervisor of a Marie Curie successful post-doc scholarship.

RECENT INVITED SEMINARS:

University of Rosario, Colombia (2013), King’s College of London (2014) Queen’s University of Belfast (2014), University of Portsmouth (2014), University of Manchester (2014), University of Oslo (2015), University of Alicante (2015), University of Barcelona (2016), University of Cardiff (2016), University of Leuven (2016), Trinity College Dublin (2017), Kent University (2017), MIT (2017), Collegio Carlo Alberto (2017), Bocconi University (2017), University of Turin (2017), Graduate Institute of Geneva (2017), University of Göttingen (2017), University of Caen (2018), Free University of Bozen (2018), HEC, Montreal (2018), NBER Political Economy Meeting (2018), Universidad Complutense Madrid (2021), Brunel University (2022), Durham University (2022), EAFIT Medellin

(2022), University of Pavia (2022), CLEAN – Bocconi (2023), University of York (2023), University of Turin (2023), New Economic School, Moscow (2023), University of Lille (2024), Catholic University of Portugal (2025), NOVA Lisbon (2025), KU Leuven (2025).

RECENT PARTICIPATIONS IN CONFERENCES:

International Society of New Institutional Economics Annual Meeting, Florence (2013), Centre for the Study of African Economy Annual Meeting, Oxford (2014), European Public Choice Society Annual Meeting, Cambridge (2014), Royal Economic Society Meeting, Manchester (2015), Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference, Brown University, Providence (2015), PEDD conference, Muenster (2018, 2019, 2022, 2023), Petralia Workshop of Applied Economics (2022, 2024), Workshop on the Economics of Organised Crime (2024).

TEACHING PORTFOLIO:

1. Development Economics (BA, MSc, and PhD level)
2. Political Economics (BA level)
3. Macroeconomics (BA and MSc level)
4. Topics in PPE (BA level)
5. Health and Development (MSc Level)

LANGUAGE SKILLS:

1. Italian – native
2. English – fluent (C1)
3. German – fluent (C1)
4. Spanish – fluent
5. French – basic