

# CURRICULUM VITAE

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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## CURRENT POSITION

2024 – Associate Professor of Economic History, Department of Economics and Statistics, University of Siena, Italy

## PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2021 – 2024 Assistant Professor of Economic History (RTD-B), Department of Economics and Statistics, University of Siena, Italy

2019 – 2021 Post-Doctoral fellow at the Department of Economics and Statistics, University of Siena, Italy

2016 – 2019 Post-Doctoral fellow, Institute of Economics, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, Italy

## EDUCATION

2017 PhD in Economics, IMT School for Advanced Studies Lucca, Italy

Supervisors: Alessandro Nuvolari and Andrea Vindigni

External examiners: Guido Alfani and Jacob Weisdorf

2013 M.Sc. in Economics, University of Pisa and Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, Italy, summa cum laude

2009 – 2013 First year courses, M. Sc. in History and Civilization and achievement of credits required for admission to the M.Sc. in Economics.

2009 B.Sc. History, University of Pisa, Italy, summa cum laude

## TEACHING ACTIVITY

2017 – 2023 Economic Growth in History: M.Sc. in Economics, University of Pisa and Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, Italy.

2020 – 2021 Economic History: teaching assistant, B.Sc. in Economics, University of Siena.

2021 – 2023 Principles of Economic History and Economics: Foundation course, University of Siena.

2022 – Economic History (MOD), B.Sc. in Economics and Management, University of Siena.

2023 – Economic History Advanced M.Sc. in Economics, University of Siena.

## **ORGANIZATION OF SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS AND SCHEDULED EVENTS**

- 2022 Session “The causes and consequences of technological progress,” (joint with Sandra De Plejit and Jacob Weisdorf) at the World Economic History Congress, Paris
- 2024 Siena FRESH Workshop 2024 “The race between knowledge and living standards.”
- 2025 Session “Decent Work in History” for the 2025 World Economic History Congress in Lund (accepted).

## **REFEREEING**

*Cliometrica*, *Economic History Review*, *European Review of Economic History*, *Historical Methods: A Journal of Quantitative and Interdisciplinary History*, *Industrial History Review*, *Journal of Economic History*, *Journal of the History of International Law*, *Journal of Evolutionary Economics*, *Management and Organizational History*, *Rivista di Storia Economica*.

## **EDITORIAL ACTIVITY**

2024 – Associate Editor *Cliometrica*

## **MEMBERSHIP OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES**

Regular member of the Economic History Society, the European Historical Economics Society, The Economic History Association, the Associazione per la Storia Economica, ARiSE.

## **PARTICIPATION IN MAJOR RESEARCH PROJECTS**

Project funded by the Swedish Research Council for the period 2017 – 2020, *How did education policy shape the race towards mass education? A comparative perspective based on France, Italy, Spain and Sweden, c. 1840-1940*, led by Gabriele Cappelli and Johannes Westberg (PI).

PRIN Project 2017, *Lost highway: skills, technology and trade in Italian economic growth, 1815-2018*, led by G. Federico (PI), A. Nuvolari, M. Vasta, and M.E. Virgillito.

PRIN Project 2020, *Economic development in Italy from the Middle Ages to today*, J. Weisdorf (PI), G. Alfani, A. Nuvolari, and M. Vasta.

PRIN Project 2022, *Industrialization in France and Britain: A new comparative economic history (1700-1913)*, with A. Nuvolari (PI) and M. Vasta.

## **RESEARCH**

### **Research interests**

Economic growth (XIII-XIX centuries) and living standards; Labour markets, Innovation, and Technical change (XVIII-XIX centuries); Long-run accumulation of Human capital; Gender inequality.

### **Published papers**

1. Ridolfi, L. (2017), “The French economy in the longue durée: a study on real wages, working days and economic performance from Louis IX to the Revolution (1250–1789)”, *European Review of Economic History*, 21 (4), 437-438. (diss. summary).
2. Ridolfi, L. (2019) “Six centuries of real wages in France from Louis IX to Napoleon III: 1250–1860”, *Journal of Economic History*, 79 (3), 589-627. (Lead article)
3. Federico, G., Nuvolari, A., Ridolfi, L., Vasta, M. (2021) “The race between the snail and the tortoise: skill premium and early industrialization in Italy (1861– 1913)” *Cliometrica*, 15, 1-42. (Lead article)
4. Ridolfi, L. and Nuvolari, A. (2021) “L’Histoire Immobile? A Reappraisal of French Economic Growth using the Demand- Side Approach, 1250-1850.” *European Review of Economic History*, 25(3), 405-428. (Lead article)
5. Ridolfi, L. (2021) “The days they worked, the incomes they earned: new perspectives on work patterns and annual earnings in the French construction sector (1320-1850).” *Rivista di Storia Economica*, 2/2021, 115-150.
6. Ridolfi, L. (2023). “Understanding pre-industrial wages and incomes: A reassessment of the evidence and new interpretations based on France and Italy.” *Rivista di Storia Economica*, 39(1), 27-62.
7. Cappelli, G. Ridolfi, L., Vasta, M. (2023) Human Capital in a Historical Perspective. *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Economics and Finance*.
8. Cappelli, G., Ridolfi, L., Vasta, M., and Westberg, J. (2023). Human capital in Europe, 1830s–1930s: A general survey. *Journal of Economic Surveys* (early view).
9. Ridolfi, L. (2024) “Gender inequality in a transition economy: heights and sexual height dimorphism in Southwestern France, 1640-1850.” *Cliometrica*, 18(1), 37-102.
10. Ridolfi, L. (2024). “Historical Datasets.” *Handbook of Cliometrics*.

## GRANTS

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| 2023 | Investigator: PRIN 2022. CHART Project, <i>Industrialization in France and Britain: A new comparative economic history (1700-1913)</i> , Italian Ministry of University and Research with Alessandro Nuvolari (PI) and Michelangelo Vasta. |
| 2023 | Principal Investigator: HI-TECH Historical Inequality and Technology. University of Siena  |

## SCHOLARSHIPS

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| 2019 | Grant for wage and price data collection, New York University of Abu Dhabi   |
| 2013 | 3-year full scholarship, Ph.D. program in Economics, IMT School for Advanced Studies Lucca                         |
| 2013 | 4-years full LSE Studentship, Ph.D. program in Economic History, London School of Economics and Political Sciences |

2013 4-year scholarship (2+2): Beca PIF, Ph.D. program in Economic History, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid.

## HONOURS

2020 Paper “The labour market causes and consequences of general-purpose technological progress: evidence from steam engines,” (Blog mentioning, The Long Run, the EHS blog).

2018 French GDP per capita series from Ridolfi (2016), IMT School for Advanced Studies Lucca, PhD dissertation included in the **Maddison Project Database 2018**.

2017 Selected among the three finalists of **Gino Luzzatto Dissertation Prize** awarded by the *European Historical Economics Society*. PhD Dissertation “The French economy in the longue durée. A study on real wages, working days and economic performance from Louis IX to the Revolution (1250-1789)”

2017 Paper “French economic growth from Philippe Le Bel to the Revolution (1280-1789),” presented at the Economic History Society Conference, RHUL London, 2017, selected as relevant for media-press (Press briefing available at the EHS website).

## LANGUAGES

Italian (native); English (fluent); French (intermediate).

## SOFTWARE SKILLS

Microsoft Office Package, STATA, R, Matlab (basics), QGIS, LaTeX.

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