

## Nicola Mastrorocco

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| <b>Academic Appointments</b> | Assistant Professor of Economics<br>Department of Economics<br>University of Bologna, Italy  | October 2022 - Present  |
|                              | Visiting Scholar<br>Harvard University   | April 2024 - June 2024  |
|                              | Visiting Scholar<br>Department of Economics<br>University Carlos III, Madrid   | September 2017 - October 2022   |
|                              | Assistant Professor of Economics<br>Department of Economics<br>Trinity College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland   | September 2017 - October 2022   |
|                              | Pre Doctoral Fellow in Political Science<br>Department of Government<br>London School of Economics, London, UK   | September 2015 - June 2017  |
| <b>Academic Affiliations</b> | Trinity Impact Evaluation Unit<br>CEPR Media Plurality<br>Pericles at Bocconi University   | September 2018 - Present  |
| <b>Education</b>             | Ph.D in Political Science<br>London School of Economics, London, UK  | August 2017   |
|                              | M.Res. in Political Science<br>London School of Economics, London, UK  | December 2012   |
|                              | M.A in Political Science, Summa cum laude<br>University of Bologna, "Roberto Ruffilli" Forlì, Italy  | March 2011  |
|                              | B.A. in Political Science<br>University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy   | June 2008   |
| <b>Publications</b>          | "News Media and Crime Perceptions: Evidence from a Natural Experiment" <i>Journal of Public Economics</i> , Volume 165, September 2018, Pages 230-255  |   |
|                              | "The Rise and Fall of Social Democracy, 1918-2017". Joint with Simon Hix (LSE) and Giacomo Benedetto (Royal Holloway). <i>American Political Science Review</i> Volume 114 / Issue 3, 2020.                    |   |
|                              | "Organised Crime, Captured Politicians and the Allocation of Public Resources". Joint with Marco Di Cataldo (Ca' Foscari, University of Venice). <i>Forthcoming Journal of Law, Economics and Organization</i> |   |

“Unpacking Social Capital”. Joint with Ruben Durante (UPF), Luigi Minale (UCL) and Jim Snyder(Harvard). Conditionally Accepted at the *Economic Journal*

**Working Papers** “Who Watches the Watchmen? Local News and Police Behaviour in the United States”. Joint with Arianna Ornaghi (Hertie School). Revise and resubmit at the *American Economic Journal, Economic Policy*  
*Winner of the European Economic Association Young Economist Award 2020*

“State Capacity as an Organizational Problem. Evidence from the Growth of the U.S. State over 100 years”. Joint with Edoardo Teso (Northwestern - Kellogg). Revise and resubmit at the *Review of Economic Studies*

“Man Bites Dog”. Joint with Arianna Ornaghi (Hertie School), Matteo Pograxha (TCD) and Stephane Wolton (LSE). *submitted*

“Viral Media”. Joint with Johannes Böken (Warwick), Mirko Draca (Warwick) and Arianna Ornaghi (Hertie). *submitted*

**Selected Work in Progress** “The impact of internet use on social capital”. Joint with Ruben Durante (UPF), Luigi Minale (UCL) and Jim Snyder(Harvard).

“The Political Economy of Criminal Capturing”. Joint with Livio Di Lonardo (Bocconi).

“No Country for Young Man. Age and Voting”. Joint with Matteo Paradisi (EIEF) and Francesco Barilari (TCD)

“Black Lives Matter in the News”. Joint with Federico Masera (South Wales) and Arianna Ornaghi (Hertie School)

**Prizes, awards and grants**

**A. National or international awards and recognitions**

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| Winner: Young Economist Award of the European Economic Association | Aug 20  |
| Nomination Provost Teaching Award                                  | Sept 19 |
| Best Paper - Petralia Workshop of Applied Economics                | July 16 |
| LSE student-led (LSESU) Nomination Teaching Award                  | June 15 |

**B. Research grants**

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| Arts and Social Sciences Benefactions Fund<br><i>Trinity College Dublin</i> | 2021 |
| Provost’s PhD Project Awards<br><i>Trinity College Dublin</i>               | 2021 |
| Bocconi Junior Researchers’ Grant<br><i>Bocconi University</i>              | 2021 |
| Young Economist Award, European Economic Association                        | 2020 |
| Arts and Social Sciences Benefactions Fund<br><i>Trinity College Dublin</i> | 2020 |
| IRC Postgraduate Scholarship<br><i>Irish Research Council</i>               | 2020 |
| BA/Leverhulme Small Research Grants SRG<br><i>British Academy</i>           | 2018 |

**Conference and Seminar Presentations**

**A. Invited talks/seminars**

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| Brown University  | 2024                   |
| Harvard AP Seminar  |                        |
| Workshop Political Economy, Bolzano,<br>Nber Organisational Economics, Boston               | 2023                   |
| Organised Crime Workshop, University of Pavia<br>Cattolica University, Milan                |                        |
| European University Institute<br>Columbia University, New York                              | 2022                   |
| Cunef, Madrid<br>University of Navarra  |                        |
| London School of Economics<br>Universitat Pompeu Fabra                                      |                        |
| University Carlos III, Madrid<br>University of Alicante                                     | 2021                   |
| London Business School<br>Lane Hope Seminar (online) OPESS Seminar                          | 2020                   |
| University of New South Wales (online)<br>Bocconi Crime Seminar (CLEAN) (online)            |                        |
| London School of Economics (online)<br>Stockholm School of Economics - Site                 | 2019                   |
| European University Institute<br>LMU Munich   | 2018                   |
| Emory University (Job market)<br>New York University Abu Dhab (Job market)                  | 2017                   |
| Trinity College Dublin (Job market)<br>Nottingham University (Job market)                   |                        |
| Bank of Italy (Job market)  |                        |
| <b>B. Conferences</b>   |                        |
| University of Lund - Workshop Culture and Development                                       | 2021                   |
| National Bureau of Economic Research, NBER - Political Economy<br>Galatina Summer Institute | 2019                   |
| Bocconi Workshop of Organised Crime<br>Political Economy Conference - Emory University      | 2018                   |
| Northwestern Political Economy Conference<br>Petralia Applied Economics Workshop            | 2017, 2018 2019        |
| LSE-NYU Political Economy Conference  | 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 |
| ASSA Annual Meeting   | 2017                   |
| European Economic Association, Annual Meeting   | 2017                   |
| American Pol Science Association, Annual Meeting  | 2015, 2016, 2018       |
| Midwest Pol Science Association, Annual Meeting   | 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 |
| European Pol Science, Association, Annual Meeting   | 2016, 2017             |

**Teaching  
Experience**

**A. Courses**

*Undgraduate, Trinity College Dublin*

- Topics in Political Economy (4th year undergraduate) 2017 to present
- Econometrics (3th year undergraduate) 2019 to present

*Graduate, Trinity College Dublin*

- Applied Microeconomics (Master in Economics) 2017, to 2019

- Political Economy Research (PhD in Economics) 2017, to 2019
- Applied Econometrics (PhD in Economics) 2020 to present

## **B. Teaching Assistance**

*London School of Economics and Political Science*

- Introduction to Political Science (undergraduate, GV101), AY 2014, 2015, 2016
- Empirical Methods for Public Policy (graduate, EMPA), Spring 2015, 2016

## **C. Supervision**

*PhD students, Trinity College Dublin*

- Federico Maria Frattini (Primary Supervisor) cohort 2018
- Laura Munoz Blanco (Primary Supervisor) cohort 2018
- Francesco Barillari (Primary Supervisor) cohort 2019
- Matteo Prograxha (Primary Supervisor) cohort 2020
- Enrico Cavallotti (Secondary Supervisor) cohort 2020

## **D. External Examiner for PhD Vivas**

- PhD viva Elisa Moughin, (Sciences Po) October 2021
- PhD viva Cristoph Pseufer, (University of Bologna) March 2022

## **Service to discipline**

### **A. Refereeing activity**

- The Review of Economics and Statistics
- Journal of Public Economics
- Journal of Public Economics Theory
- The Journal of Law, Economics and Organisations
- Economic Journal
- Journal of European Economic Association
- The Journal of Economics, Behaviour and Organisations
- American Political Science Review
- Journal of Politics

### **B. Institutional activities**

*Trinity College Dublin*

- PhD Director 2019 to date
- Member PhD admission committee 2018 to date
- Member of the hiring committee 2019, 2020 and 2021
- Exchange coordinator (incoming students) 2020

### **C. Organisation of scientific meetings**

Job Market Bootcamp, Applied Microeconomics, Petralia Sottana 2021 and 2022

*Member of the organising committee*

CEPR, TIME, LSE Development Economics Workshop 2021 and 2022

*Member of the organising committee*

**Skills**

Statistical Packages: Stata, LaTeX, Bloomberg

**Languages**

Italian (mother tongue), English (proficient), French (advanced), Spanish (intermediate)

**References**

**Simon Hix** (Phd Advisor)

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**Valentino Larcinese** (PhD Advisor)

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**Ruben Durante**

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**James M. Snyder**

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