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CURRENT AND PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2019 – today Assistant Professor, Department of Social and Political Sciences, Bocconi University.

2018 – 2019 Max Geldner Assistant Professor, Faculty of Business and Economics, Basel University.

PUBLICATIONS IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

Brioschi A. and **M. Fochesato.**, 2025, “The Determinants of the Skill Premium in Late Medieval and Early Modern Europe.” *European Economic History Review (Forthcoming)*.

Kohler, T.A., Bogaard, A., Ortman, S., Crema, E., Chirikure, S., Cruz, P., Green, A., Kerig, T., McCoy, M., Munson, J., Petrie, C., Thompson, A., Birch, J., Cervantes Quequezana, G., Feinman, G., **Fochesato, M.**, Gronenborn, D., Hamerow, H., Jin, G., Lawrence, D., Roscoe, P., Rosenstock, E., Erny, G., Kim, H., Ohlrau, R., 2025, “Economic inequality is fueled by population scale, land-limited production and settlement hierarchies across the archaeological record.” *PNAS* – **Accepted**.

Bogaard, A., Cruz, P., **Fochesato, M.**, Birch, J., Cervantes Quequezana, G., Chirikure, S., Crema, E., Feinman, G.M., Green, A.S, Jin, G., Kerig, T., Hamerow, H., Lawrence, D., McCoy, M.D., Munson, J., Ortman, S., Petrie, C.A., Roscoe, P., 2025, “Labor, land and the global dynamics of economic inequality.” *PNAS* – **Accepted**.

Crema, E., **Fochesato, M.**, Mejía Ramon, A.G., Munson, J., and S. Ortman, 2025, “Towards Multiscalar Measures of Inequality in Archaeology.” *PNAS* – **Accepted**.

Bowles, S. and **M. Fochesato**, 2024 “The Origins of Enduring Economic Inequality.” *Journal of Economic Literature*, 62(4), 1475-1537.

Belloc, M., Drago, F., **Fochesato, M.** and R. Galbiati, R., 2024 “Multigenerational Transmission of Wealth: Florence 1404-1480”, *American Economic Journal: Applied*, 16 (2), 99-129.

Alfani, G., Bonetti, M. and **M. Fochesato**, 2024, “Pandemics and socio-economic status. Evidence from the plague of 1630 in northern Italy.” *Population Studies*, 78 (1), 21-42.

Bogaard, A., Ortman, S. Birch, J., Cervantes Quequezana, G., Chirikure, S., Crema, E.R., Cruz, P., Feinman, G., **Fochesato, M.**, Green, A. S., Gronenborn, D., Hamerow, H., Jin, G. Kerig, T., Lawrence, D., McCoy, M.D., Munson, J., Roscoe, P., Rosenstock, E., Thompson, A., Petrie, C.A., Kohler, T.A., 2023 “The Global Dynamics of Inequality (GINI) project: analysing archaeological housing data.” *Antiquity* 98 (397), p. 1-7.

Fochesato, M., Higham, C., Castillo, C. and A. Bogaard, 2021, “Changing Social Inequality From First Farmers to Early States in Southeast Asia.” *PNAS*, 118 (47).

Fochesato, M., 2021, “Plagues, wars, political change and fiscal capacity. Late medieval and renaissance Siena, 1337-1556.” *Economic History Review*, 74 (4), p. 1031-1061.

Fochesato, M., Bogaard, A. and S. Bowles, S., 2019, “Comparing ancient inequalities: the challenge of comparability, bias, and precision.” *Antiquity*, 93 (370), p. 853-869.

Bogaard, A., **Fochesato, M.** and S. Bowles, S., 2019, “The farming-inequality nexus: new insights from western Eurasia.” *Antiquity*, 93 (371), p. 1129-1143.

Fochesato, M., 2018, “Origins of Europe’s North-South Divide: Population Changes, Real Wages and the ‘Little Divergence’ in Early Modern Europe.” *Explorations in Economic History*, 70, p. 91-131.

Kohler, T., Smith, M., Bogaard, A., Feinman, G., Peterson, C., Betzenhauser, A., Pailles, M., Elizabeth C. Stone, E., Prentiss, M., Dennehy, T., Ellyson, L., Nicholas, L., Ronald K. Faulseit, R., Styring, A., Whitlam, J., **Fochesato, M.**, Foor, F. and Bowles, S. 2017. “Greater Post-Neolithic Wealth Disparities in Eurasia than Americas.” *Nature*, 551 (7682), 619-622.

Fochesato, M. and Bowles, S., 2015. “Nordic Exceptionalism? Social democratic egalitarianism in world historic perspective.” *Journal of Public Economics*, 127, 30-44.

WORKING PAPERS

Alfani, G., Di Tullio, M. and **M. Fochesato**, 2024, “Wealth inequality and epidemics in the Republic of Venice (1400-1800).” *Economic History Review (2nd R&R)*.

Belloc, M., Drago, F., **Fochesato, M.** and R. Galbiati, R., 2022, “Wealth Accumulation and Institutional Capture: the Rise of the Medici and the Fall of the Florentine Republic.” *R&R The Economic Journal*

Fochesato, M. and Bowles, S., 2024. “Technology, Institutions, and wealth inequality: what do we learn from comparable estimates over 12 millennia?” *CEPR Discussion Paper No. 19064*.

Fochesato, M. and Bowles, S., 2024. “Accounting for the Uncertainties and bias in archaeological and historical evidence on wealth inequality.” *CEPR Discussion Paper No. 18960*.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Comes, M., Alexander, D., Boin, A., Eckert, C., Elmqvist, T., **Fochesato, M.**, Helbing, D., Latusek-Jurczak, D., Lauta, K., Meriläinen, E., Nikkari, S., Papadimitratos, P., Renn, O., Rios Insua, D., Rizza, C., & Zio, E. (2022). *Strategic crisis management in the European Union: Evidence Review Report*. SAPEA.

Bogaard, A., Styring, A., Whitlam, J., **Fochesato, M.** and Bowles, S., 2018. “Farming, inequality and urbanization: a comparative analysis of late prehistoric northern Mesopotamia and south-west Germany.” In *Ten Thousand Years of Inequality: The Archaeology of Wealth Differences*, edited by T. Kohler and M. Smith. Tucson: University of Arizona Press, Amerind Seminar Series.

EDUCATION

2015 – 2018 Post-doctoral Associate, Social Science Division, NYU Abu Dhabi.

2014 – 2015 Post-doctoral Fellow, Department of Economics, SciencesPo, Paris.

2013 PhD Economics, Department of Economic and Statistics – University of Siena, Italy.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

2025 Researchers’ grant, Department of Social and Political Sciences, Bocconi University. Title: “Understanding Fertility, Nuptiality and Mortality in pre-industrial Europe. An investigation on Renaissance Florence, 1450-1550.” PI: **Mattia Fochesato**. Grant: **25,000 EUR**.

2022 PRIN project “Tracing the roots of human capital inequality in early modern Italy, 17th-19th centuries”. PI: Gabriele Cappelli (University of Siena). Head of unit 2: **Mattia Fochesato** (Bocconi University). Unit funding: **98,840 EUR**.

2021 European Union CIVICA Consortium Grant “*The Long Shadow of Educational, Skills, and Professional Inequities in Time and in Space: Implications for Polarization and Support for Populism in Europe*.” Tomila Lankina (LSE), Guido Alfani (Bocconi), **Mattia Fochesato** (Bocconi University), and Alexander Liebman (Freie Universität Berlin). Grant: **10,000 EUR**.

2020 PRIN project “*Economic Development in Italy from the Middle Age to today: a regional perspective*”. PI: Jacob Weisdorf (University of Rome, La Sapienza). Head of Unit 3: Guido Alfani. Member: **Mattia Fochesato** (Bocconi University). Unit funding: **196,000 EUR**.

2014-2015 Marie Curie Fellowship, *MACROHIST* Network, SciencesPo, Paris.

2012 Earhart Foundation Fellowship for Visiting Scholar Program at Stanford University.

REFEREE FOR

PNAS; Nature Cities; Journal of Economic History; Explorations in Economic History; Economic History Review; European Review of Economic History; Antiquity; Oxford Economic Papers; Business History Review; Rivista di Storia Economica Italiana (Italian Review of Economic History); FSR – FNRS Belgium;

Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (German Research Foundation); Investigaciones de Historia Económica – Economic History Research (IHR-EHR); Journal of Interdisciplinary History of Ideas.

PAST SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

- 2025 (including forthcoming): ASSA Meeting San Francisco; Workshop on Wealth Inequality – Stone Center University of Chicago; Economic History Society – Annual Conference; World Economic History Conference – Lund;
- 2024: Economic History Society – Annual Conference; Fondazione di Storia Economica “F. Datini” LV Study Week - Sant’Anna, Pisa; Department of Economics – UniBergamo; SiDEs – University of Bari.
- 2023: University of Tübingen – Seminar Series; Virtual Economic History Seminar; University of Barcelona – Department of Economics; Yale - UB Historical Political Economy Workshop.
- 2022: Oxford Seminar Series in Social and Economic History; European Society of Historical Demography Conference, Madrid; Plague and Plagues Conference – Palma de Mallorca; World Economic History Conference – Paris.
- 2021: Economic History Society – Annual Conference; Big Data in Economic History Conference – IAST Toulouse; SiDEs – University of Milan, Bicocca.
- 2020: Economics department webinar series- University of Siena.
- 2019: Bocconi University; EHS Conference - Belfast; EHES Conference - Paris; African Economic History Congress – Barcelona; State Capacity Conference – Manchester.
- 2018: Asian Historical Economics Conference - Hong Kong; World Economic History Conference – Boston; Universidad de los Andes, Bogota.
- 2017: IER – Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo; Basel University.
- 2016: 41st Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association; 5th Asian Historical Economics Conference - Seoul; CEPR-NYU-CAGE Economic History Conference, NYUAD.
- 2015: International Medieval Congress; Co-evolution of behaviors and institutions workshop, Santa Fe Institute; Paris School of Economics; Birkbeck College – London; Colorado State University.

TEACHING

- 2024/25: Bocconi University: Economic History (BA Economic and Social Science); History of Political Institutions (BA International Politics and Government); Global Economic History and Affairs (BA International Politics and Government - ESSEC); History of Pandemics, crisis, and policy (PhD program in Public Policy and Administration).
- 2023/24: Bocconi University: Economic History (BA Economic and Social Science); History of Political Institutions (BA International Politics and Government).
- 2021/22: Bocconi University: Economic History (BA Economic and Social Science); History of Political Institutions (BA International Politics and Government).
- 2020/21: Bocconi University: Economic History (BA Economic and Social Science); Economic History (BA International Economics and Management); History of Political Institutions (BA International Politics and Government).
- 2019/20: Bocconi University: Economic History (BA Economic and Social Science); Economic History (BA International Economics and Management); History of Institutions (PhD program in Public Policy and Administration).
- 2018/19: Basel University: Global Economic History” (BA); Economic Inequality in Historical Perspective” (MSc). Bocconi University: History of Political Institutions (BA International Politics and Government)
- 2017/18: NYU Abu Dhabi: GEPS – Global Economic, Political and Social Development since 1500 (BA).