

# VALERIA ZURLA

## **Contact Information**

Brown University  
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## **Personal Information**

### **Undergraduate Studies**

BA in Economics and Social Sciences, Bocconi University (*Summa cum Laude*), 2013  
Visiting Student, Dartmouth College, Fall 2012

### **Graduate Studies**

MSc in Economics and Social Sciences, Bocconi University (*Summa cum Laude*), 2015  
MA in Economics, Brown University, 2017  
Ph.D. Candidate in Economics, Brown University, 2017-present

### **References:**

Professor Emily Oster  
Department of Economics  
Brown University

Professor John N. Friedman  
Department of Economics  
Brown University

Professor Anna Aizer  
Department of Economics  
Brown University

Professor Neil Thakral  
Department of Economics  
Brown University

### **Teaching and Research Fields:**

Primary fields: Public Economics, Health Economics  
Secondary fields: Political Economy, Labor Economics

### **Teaching Experience:**

Summer, 2019 Introduction to Statistics, MPA Brown University, teaching fellow for  
Professor John N. Friedman  
Summer, 2019 Introductory Microeconomics, MPA Brown University, teaching fellow for  
Professor Emily Oster  
Spring, 2016 Empirical Research Methods, Undergraduate level Bocconi University,  
teaching fellow for Professor Paolo Pinotti

### **Research Experience and Other Employment:**

2017-2020 Brown University, Research Assistant for Professor Emily Oster  
2016 Bocconi University, Research Assistant for Professor Fabiano Schivardi  
and Professor Guido Tabellini

2016 Bocconi University, Research Assistant for Professor Fabiano Schivardi and Professor Tom Schmitz  
2015 Bocconi University, Research Assistant for Professor Fabiano Schivardi  
2013-2014 Action Institute, Research Associate

### **Professional Activities**

2020 Seminar presentation, PAA Conference (scheduled)  
2018 NBER Health Economics Research Boot Camp  
2018-2019 Organizer Applied Micro Lunch, Brown University  
2018, 2019 Seminar presentations: Applied Micro Seminar, Brown University  
2018, 2019 Seminar presentations: Health Breakfast, Brown University

### **Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships:**

2018-2020 Population Studies and Training Center Affiliate  
2018 Brown University, Distinction in Second Year Field Exam  
2018-present Brown University, Department of Economics, PhD Scholarship  
2016, 2017 Unicredit & Universities Foundation, Crivelli Europe Scholarship  
2015 Allianz Summer Academy  
2014-2015 IGIER Visiting Student Initiative  
2010 Fondazione Bianca Maria Barbieri Rossi, University Scholarship

### **Research Papers:**

Firm Responses to Earned Income Tax Credits: Evidence from Italy (**Submitted**)  
Breastfeeding, 1950 to 2015: Trends, Selection and Labor Force Participation (with Martha Bailey and Emily Oster)  
The Effect of Physician Migration on Health Outcomes (with Diego Verdugo)  
Are Migrant Inflows Negative Amenities? Evidence from Refugees in Italy (with Giulia Buccione)  
Are Women CEOs set up to fail? Testing the *Glass Cliff* Hypothesis (with Sergey Egiev)  
Cultural Values and Entrepreneurship: An Empirical Investigation  
Terrorism and Political Polarization: Italy in the "Years of Lead" (with Luisa Cefalà)

### **Skills**

Computing skills: Stata, Matlab, SAS, Python, Vim, LaTeX  
Language skills: Italian (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate)