
Professional Experience

Academic Employment

- Feb – May 2026 **Adjunct Lecturer (Teaching Contract) for the course Seminar in Industrial Dynamics and Evolution in the Master's Degree Programme in Global Entrepreneurship Economics and Management**, *University of Insubria*, Varese, Italy.
- June 2025 – Ongoing **External Affiliate at the Social Simulation Laboratory (TISSS Lab)**, *Johannes Gutenberg Universität Mainz*, Mainz, Germany.
- June 2025 – Ongoing **Teaching Fellow (Cultore della Materia)**, *University of Insubria*, Varese, Italy.
Teaching and examination support for the following courses: ■ Econometrics of Competitive and Regulated Markets, MSc in Global Entrepreneurship Economics and Management; ■ Econometrics for Finance, MSc in Economics, Law and Corporate Finance; ■ Econometrics and Big Data, BSc in Economics and Management of Innovation and Sustainability
- Nov. 2020 – Nov. 2023 **Teaching Fellow (Cultore della Materia)**, *University of Insubria*, Varese, Italy.
Teaching and examination support for the following course: ■ Economics of Innovation, MSc in Global Entrepreneurship Economics and Management;

Industry Experience

- Mar 2026 – Ongoing **Innovation and Project Manager**, *INCO Costruzioni Generali Srl*, Seveso (MB), Italy.
Supported project coordination, cost monitoring, and process-improvement activities; contributed to data-supported analysis of construction and real-estate projects.
- Jun 2018 – Sept 2020 **Technical Apprenticeship – Junior Project Manager**, *INCO Costruzioni Generali Srl*, Seveso (MB), Italy.
Built and maintained a web-scraped real-estate dataset to support project and market analysis; supported cost monitoring, invoice tracking, and contract-related documentation.

Education

- Nov. 2020 - June 2025 **PhD Program in Methods and Models for Economic Decisions**, *University of Insubria*, Varese, Italy.
Title: *"Essays on Simulation, Analogy, and Economic Methodology in Modeling Innovation and the Evolution of Ideas"*
○ Final Evaluation: *Excellent, summa cum laude*
○ Supervisors: Prof. Raffaello Seri, *University of Insubria*; Prof. Davide Secchi, *University of Southern Denmark*
○ Jury Committee: Prof. Andrea Vezzulli, *University of Insubria*; Prof. Bruce Edmonds, *Centre for Policy Modelling, Manchester Metropolitan University Business School*, Prof. John Symons, *University of Kansas*
○ First assessment: Prof. Jesús Mario Siqueiros-García; Dr. Martin Neumann
- Oct. 2022 - June 2025 **Guest Researcher at the Department of Economics of Innovation**, *University of Hohenheim*, Stuttgart, Germany.

- Oct. 2022 - Nov. 2024 **Visiting Scholar at the Technology & Innovation Sociology / Social Simulation Laboratory (TISSS Lab)**, *Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz*, Mainz, Germany.
- Mar. 2019 - Dec. 2019 **Postgraduate Second-Level Master in Data Science for Economics, Business and Finance**, *University of Milan*, Milan, Italy.
Final report on developing a web scraper for the real-estate sector, including data cleansing and storage
- Sept. 2016 - Feb. 2018 **Master's Degree in International Business and Economics (IBE) - Double Degree**, *University of Hohenheim*, Stuttgart, Germany.
Master's thesis on the impact of automation and machine learning on the labor market, with a particular focus on the theoretical applicability of RRI (Responsible Research and Innovation) framework to technological unemployment.
○ First Supervisor: Prof. Andreas Pyka, Second Supervisor: Prof. Carlo Santo Brambilla
- Sept. 2015 - Mar. 2018 **Master's Degree in Global Entrepreneurship Economics and Management, specialization in Economics of Innovation (LM 77) – Double Degree**, *University of Insubria*, Varese, Italy.
- Apr. 2014 - Aug. 2014 **Erasmus Programme**, *Albert-Ludwigs University of Freiburg*, Freiburg in Breisgau, Germany.
- Sept. 2011 - Jul. 2015 **Bachelor in Philosophy**, *University of San Raffaele*, Milan, Italy.
Bachelor thesis on the theodicy of Pavel Florenskij.
○ Supervisor: Prof. Piero Coda

Publications

Published and accepted in Peer-Reviewed Journals

- Rusconi, M., Secchi, D., & Seri, R. (2026). Model trustworthiness and modeler responsibility in economic agent-based modeling practices: A meta-analytical approach. *Journal of Economic Methodology*, 1-21. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1350178X.2026.2617538>
- Aczel, B., Szaszi, B., Kósa, L. et al. (2026). Investigating the analytical robustness of the social and behavioural sciences. *Nature*. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-025-09844-9>
- Rusconi M., Secchi, D., Seri, R. (2025). The Analogical roots of Agent-Based Modeling in Economics and Social Sciences: The case of Innovation Dynamics. *Journal of Economic Methodology*, 1-24. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1350178X.2025.2547639>
- Gagliardi, L., & Rusconi, M. (2025). Investigating conspiracy beliefs: methodological biases and experimental challenges. *Journal of Economic Methodology*, 1–21. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1350178X.2025.2539253>

Working Papers

- Seri, R., & Rusconi, M. Model selection as a multiple-criteria optimization problem (submitted, *Optimization*).
- Rusconi, M., & Seri, R. On the utility of the models: Bridging together the theoretical and analytical sides of model selection (revise & resubmit, *Journal of Economic Methodology*).
- Rusconi, M., Gagliardi, E. Späth, L., & Seri, R. Scratching the surface: The use of participatory methods to uncover wicked topics in the light of eco-lab requirements (submitted, *Journal of Economic Methodology*).
- Rusconi, M., & Gagliardi, L. If it swims like a theory then it might not be a theory yet: A comparative simulation of semantic and performative knowledge sharing strategies.
- Seri, R., & Rusconi, M. Model Selection as a decision problem.
- Rusconi, M., & Seri, R. On the Causal Interpretation of Agent-Based Economic Models: Epistemic Entitlements and Inferential Use.

Work in Progress

M.Rusconi "Persuaded by Necessity: Legitimacy and Autonomy in the Algorithmisation of Managerial Decision-Making."

Rusconi, M. The FREEBURG model: Policy effects on knowledge production and system learning in innovation systems under different knowledge generation rules.

Gagliardi, L., & Rusconi, M. "Keep an eye on the scales, they like to change": Survey spillover effects in conspiracy studies.

M.Rusconi, R.Seri "Climate Change and the Labor Market: The Contribution of Agent-Based Modeling"

Seri, R., Rusconi, M., & Gagliardi, L. "Model Transfer goes wrong: The case of Logit models"

Grants, Talks, Conferences and Summer Schools

Grants and Awards

26/05/2023 **INEM Young Scholar Award 2023**, INEM, Venice, Italy.
"Investigating conspiracy beliefs: methodological and experimental challenges"

Nov. 2020 - Sept. 2024 **PhD Scholarship**, University of Insubria, Varese, Italy.

Invited Talks

University of Mainz (06/2023), High Performance Computing Center, Stuttgart (10/2023)

Presentations at Conferences and Workshops

01/07/2026 - **International Joseph A. Schumpeter Society Conference**, University of Stras-
04/07/2026 bourg, Strasbourg, France.

M.Rusconi, R.Seri "Innovation Dynamics under Endogenous Influence: An Agent-Based Modeling Perspective." (presenting author)

20/05/2026 - **8th International Conference Economic Philosophy**, University of Lorraine, Nancy,
22/05/2026 France.

M.Rusconi, R.Seri "On the Causal Interpretation of Agent-Based Economic Models: Epistemic Entitlements and Inferential Use." (presenting author)

20/05/2026 - **8th International Conference Economic Philosophy**, University of Lorraine, Nancy,
22/05/2026 France.

R.Seri, M.Rusconi, "Model Selection as a decision problem"

22/04/2026 - **Workshop on Natural Disasters and Labor Market Resilience**, JGU, Mainz,
24/04/2026 Germany.

M.Rusconi Climate Change and the Labor Market: The Contribution of Agent-Based Modeling. (presenting author)

17/09/2025 - **International Network for Economic Method 2025**, INEM, Bayreuth, Germany.

19/09/2025 *M.Rusconi, R.Seri On the utility of the models: Bridging together the theoretical and analytical sides of model selection. (presenting author)*

17/09/2025 - **International Network for Economic Method 2025**, INEM, Bayreuth, Germany.

19/09/2025 *M.Rusconi, L.Gagliardi Scratching the surface: The use of participatory methods to uncover wicked topics in the light of eco-lab requirements. (presenting author)*

29/05/2024 - **7th International Conference Economic Philosophy**, University of Reims
31/05/2024 Champagne-Ardenne, Reims, France.

M.Rusconi, D.Secchi, R.Seri "Model Trustworthiness and Modeler Responsibility in Economic Agent-Based Modeling practices: a Meta-Analytical approach" (presenting author)

08/03/2024 - **Economic Methodology: Models, Measurement, and Intervention Conference**,
09/03/2024 Stanford University, Stanford, U.S.A..

M.Rusconi, D.Secchi, R.Seri "Model Trustworthiness and Modeler Responsibility in Economic Agent-Based Modeling practices: a Meta-Analytical approach" (presenting author)

30/11/2023 - **The Science and Art of Simulation Conference 2023**, HLRS, Stuttgart, Germany.

02/12/2023 *M.Rusconi, D.Secchi, R.Seri "Model Trustworthiness and Modeler Responsibility in Economic Agent-Based Modeling practices: a Meta-Analytical approach" (presenting author)*

- 03/07/2023 - **International Association of Computing and Philosophy Conference 2023, IA-CAP**, Prague, Czech Republic.
05/07/2023 *M.Rusconi, D.Secchi, R.Seri "Understanding the analogical roots of Agent-Based Models in economics and social sciences" (presenting author)*
- 23/05/2023 - **Annual Modeling and Simulation Conference 2023, SCS**, Hamilton, Canada.
26/05/2023 *D.Wurster, E.Späth, B.Luque-Capellas, P.Ahrweiler, M.Rusconi, J.Siqueiros (WiP) "Using Agent Based Modelling and Participatory Systems Modelling to Create Serious Games with an Artificial Intelligence Simulating Component"*
- 24/05/2023 - **International Network for Economic Method 2023, INEM**, Venice, Italy.
26/05/2023 *L.Gagliardi, M.Rusconi "Investigating conspiracy beliefs: methodological and experimental challenges"*
- 24/05/2023 - **International Network for Economic Method 2023, INEM**, Venice, Italy.
26/05/2023 *M.Rusconi, D.Secchi, R.Seri "Understanding the analogical roots of Agent-Based Models in economics and social sciences" (presenting author)*
- 25/09/2022 - **Workshop: Model Evaluation and Causal Search: Empirical and Experimental Approaches**, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa, Italy.
27/09/2022 *M.Rusconi "Computer Simulations as Iterated Analogies: a viable framework for the epistemology of simulation in the social sciences" (presenting author)*
- 12/09/2022 - **Social Simulation Conference 2022, ESSA**, Milan, Italy.
16/09/2022 *M.Rusconi, D.Secchi, R.Seri "Computer Simulations as Iterated Analogies: a viable framework for the epistemology of simulation in the social sciences" (presenting author)*
- [Attended Summer Schools and Workshops](#)
- 05/06/2023 - **The Bioeconomy Transformation: Science, Economics, Business and Society**,
09/06/2023; *Lake Como School of Advanced Studies, Como, Italy.*
- 11/07/2022 - **Summer School: Agent-based models in Economics: theory, toolkit and policy laboratories**, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa, Italy.
15/07/2022;
- 27/06/2022 - **Summer School: Second Lake Como Summer School on Economic Behaviours: Models, Measurements, and Policies**, Lake Como School of Advanced Studies, Como, Italy.
01/07/2022;
"Computer Simulations as Iterated Analogies: a viable framework for the epistemology of simulation in the social sciences"
- 04/05/2022 - **Research Workshop "Agent-based Modelling of Political Polarization**, Research
06/05/2022; *Training Group "Bounded Rationality, Heterogeneity and Network Effects" - University of Bamberg, Bamberg, Germany.*

IT and Language Expertise

Technical and Digital Skills

- **Python** and **R**: Intermediate
- **NetLogo**: Advanced
- **LyX/Overleaf**: Intermediate
- **MongoDB**: Basic

Languages

Italian native speaker. Fluent in written and spoken English (C1). Fluent in written and spoken German (C1).

References

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