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The **research team** for the **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions – Postdoctoral Fellowships (MSCA-PF)** brings together three experienced economists from the [Department of Economics and Social Sciences](#) at [UNIVPM](#): **Raffaella Santolini**, **Matteo Picchio**, and **Marco Tedeschi**.

Raffaella Santolini will serve as the **MSCA-PF Supervisor**, providing strategic guidance, scientific leadership, and continuous mentoring throughout the fellowship. **Matteo Picchio** and **Marco Tedeschi** will actively contribute as **key members of the research team**, offering complementary expertise and dedicated support to ensure the successful implementation of the project.

Raffaella Santolini is associate professor of public economics and an experienced scholar committed to both high-quality teaching and impactful research. Her work explores local public finance, political economy, health and digital economics, and regional development. Through advanced empirical and spatial methods, she rigorously evaluates public policies and institutional performance. Her research is published in leading international economics journals, reflecting its strong scientific quality and clear policy relevance.



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Professor Santolini collaborates with a dynamic and highly qualified research team. **Matteo Picchio** is full professor of economics and member of the Editorial Board of the **Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization**. He has published in leading international journals in economics on topics including the economics of education, political economy, and labor economics, and he is a **Horizon Europe Prize winner**.

The second team member is **Marco Tedeschi**, assistant professor of economics, whose research focuses on energy economics, energy policy, and environmental issues. He has published in Q1 journals in economics and he is awarded for the **best environmental economics paper** presented by a young researcher in the **Italian Association of Environmental and Resources Economists**.

The research group conduct rigorous empirical research on political economy, labour economics, health policy, political economy, energy policy, and environmental sustainability, contributing policy-relevant insights that support informed and evidence-based public decision-making.



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Recent publications:

- Matteucci, N., Picchio, M., Santolini, R., Yebetchou Tchounkeu R.A., (2026). *Telecare and elderly mortality: Evidence from Italian municipalities*, *Economics & Human Biology*, 60, 101571.
- Picchio, M., Santolini, R. (2022). *The COVID-19 pandemic's effects on voter turnout*. *European Journal of Political Economy*, 73, 102161.
- Picchio, M., Santolini R. (2020). *Fiscal rules and budget forecast errors of Italian municipalities*. *European Journal of Political Economy*, 64, 101921.



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Recent publications:

- Filomena M., Lo Turco A., Picchio (2026). [Trade exposure, immigrants, and workplace injuries](#), *Journal of Economic Geography*, forthcoming.
- Picchio, M., van Ours J. (2025). [High temperatures and workplace injuries](#), *Empirical Economics*, 69: 2339-2369.
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Recent publications:

- Andreani, M., & Tedeschi, M. (2025). *The illusion of golden slumbers: geopolitical turbulence and the shifting link between gold and interest rates*. *Empirical Economics*, 1-28
- Tedeschi, M. (2025). *Do Rare Earth Elements (REEs) hedge financial risk? A spillover and portfolio analysis in the context of the energy market*. *Resources Policy*, 107, 105612
- Tedeschi, M., Foglia, M., Bouri, E., & Dai, P. F. (2024). *How does climate policy uncertainty affect financial markets? Evidence from Europe*. *Economics Letters*, 234, 111443