Frans Lavdari

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PhD researcher in Economics and Development with experience across academic research, public-sector economic analysis, corporate finance and AI content development. Currently a Visiting Researcher in Tokyo, with quantitative experience in Python, R, Stata, SQL and Power BI, and a publication record spanning international trade, development economics, business ethics and political economy.

Education

PhD in Economics and Development, Sapienza University, Rome (2023-present)

- Minor: International Trade Economics

Imperial College London, London (2025-2026)

- Mathematics for Machine Learning: Linear Algebra

Yale University, New Haven (2025-2026)

- Moral Foundations of Politics

Duke University (2020-2021)

- Certificate in Probability and Data with R

Master's Degree in Global Management, LUISS - Guido Carli University, Rome (2020-2022)

- English-taught programme; minor in International Trade Economics and Financial Business Ethics; Department of Business & Management

Master's Exchange, Financial Business Strategy, NHH - Norwegian School of Economics, Bergen (2021-2022)

Bachelor's Degree in Political Science, LUISS - Guido Carli University, Rome (2017-2020)

- Major: Political Economy; Italian-taught programme

Harvard University (Feb 2019-Mar 2019)

- U.S. Public Policy: Social, Economic, and Foreign Policies

Diploma of Mechatronic, Mechanical and Energetical Infrastructures, I.I.S. Bettino Padovano, Senigallia (2012-2017)

Professional Experience

Visiting Researcher, Tokyo University, Tokyo (Jul 2026-present)

- Conduct research in economic development for the Institute of Social Science

AI Economic Expert, Mindrift, Vienna (Jan 2025-present)

- Freelance specialist writing, reviewing and editing economics, statistics and law content for AI language-model development

Researcher and Assistant Professor, Sapienza University of Rome, Rome (Oct 2023-present)

- Research and teaching in economics and statistics for the Department of Economic and Social Sciences

Finance Manager, Procter & Gamble, Rome (Oct 2022-Dec 2023)

- Forecasted and performed predictive analysis of cost-of-sales plans for Gillette products in Italy
- Managed an EUR 8 million Gillette budget
- Budgeted and managed internal storage costs for Gillette products in the STACI plan; achieved the target of reducing storage expenses by EUR 15k per year in Q4 2024
- Performed financial analysis and SQL reporting on key indicators for P&G customers in Italy (EPS, P/E, debt-to-equity and ROE) to monitor product-level sales performance
- Controlled and presented quarterly and annual budgets to the Sales Team

Assistant Professor and Subject Expert, European University of Rome, Rome (Sep 2022-Jan 2024)

- Assistant Professor in Economics of Global Markets for the chair of Professor Federico Carli

Economist, Ministry of Economic Development, Rome (Nov 2020-Apr. 2025)

- Provided institutional consultancy to start-ups and large companies and evaluated financial business plans in industrial and manufacturing sectors
- Assessed the social and environmental impacts of business plans and evaluated automotive, pharmaceutical and agricultural projects for potential financing with the Ministry
- Supported business strategy and sales-development programmes focused on sustainability and financial growth
- Represented the Ministry at institutional events, including Italiadecide, GED2022 and Swiss Embassy events; served as a member of the Vice Minister's Secretariat

CoronaNet Research Project / European Commission, Munich (Jan 2021-Aug 2022)

- Research Assistant on the EU Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation programme, conducting COVID-19 policy data analysis, entry and cleaning in R and Stata

- As Regional Manager from Sep 2021, led Southern European teams of 3-15 people mapping and registering national and regional health policies; policies were coded in R for an open international archive
- Monitored Southern Europe, with particular focus on Italy and the Balkans

Task Force Member, LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome (Aug 2021-May 2022)

- Supported an entrepreneurial-sustainability research team implementing, with Serapian-Richemont, a circular-economy programme for reuse of leather-process waste in Italy

Institutional Relations and HRM, Guido Carli Association, Rome (Nov 2020-Dec 2021)

- Supported external relations, analysis in MO365 and treasury activities; participated in events on company innovation, growth and national-interest strategies

Academic Service & Research

Editor-in-Chief, ERSS and JGTEL, London (Feb 2023-present)

- Editor-in-Chief for the Journal of Global Trade, Ethics and Law and Ethical Review of Social Sciences
- Invited peer reviewer for 20+ scientific journals, including Emerging Markets Finance and Trade, The Journal of International Trade & Economic Development, Journal of Organizational Behavior Management, Humanities and Social Sciences Communications, PLoS One, Forum Qualitative Sozialforschung, The Organization Studies Journal Collection and Common Ground Research Networks

Research in Progress

- The Impact of European Union Investments on the Albanian Economy: A Comprehensive Analysis with Diaspora Remittances and their Differential Effects on Economic Development (1990-2024) - under review
- History of Colonialism of Yesterday and Today: analysis of the cultural and moral consequences for peoples - under review
- MSMEs: analysis of the Italian context and evaluation of behavioural changes during the pandemic crisis - under review

Skills

Languages: Italian and Albanian (native); English (business, C2); German (basic)
Data & analytics: Python, Stata, R, SQL, Power BI
Software & engineering: Microsoft Office, Autodesk, SolidWorks, AutoCAD, CAE/CAM

Certifications & Professional Development

European Patent Office, Munich (2023-2024)

- Innovate: Bringing Ideas to Market - 80-hour course

IBM (Aug 2022-Nov 2022)

- IBM Cybersecurity Analyst Certificate

Elsevier Academy (Jul 2021-Aug 2022)

- Certificate of Excellence: Certified Peer Reviewer

Université de Genève (Jul 2019-Aug 2019)

- International Organizations Management

LUISS Guido Carli University (2018-2019)

- Intensive Professional Development Workshops: Academic Writing - Italian (Excellent), English (Very Good); Data Analysis for Social Science

Honours & Awards

- Commendation from the Italian Vice Minister of Economic Development, Sen. Gilberto Pichetto Fratin (Jun 2022), for work in his office of direct collaboration on data research, industrial and economic policy issues and the Next Generation EU programme
- First Prize, Regional School Competition (2015/2016), for an environmental-sustainability project: an autonomous ecological greenhouse prototype using an Arduino system

Professional Memberships

WEA; AICPA; Royal Statistical Society; Society for Business Ethics; AAA; Financial Planning Association; American Economic Association; Institute of Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability; Royal Economic Society; Guido Carli Association

Publications

1. Lavdari, F. (2025). Innovation in cities: Analysis and comparison of the characteristics of Urban Management between the United States and China and research on the impact of ethics in urban development. International Review for Spatial Planning and Sustainable Development (Forthcoming in International Review for Spatial Planning and Sustainable Development)
2. Lavdari, F. (tbd) An Empirical Analysis of Most Favoured Nations (MFN) Treatment among BRICS and G7 Countries. Social Sciences & Humanities Open (Forthcoming in Social Sciences & Humanities Open).
3. Lavdari, F. (tbd). A Post-Growth Economy for a Post-Growth Society: Developing Alternative Indicators for Economic Well-being in Post-GDP Societies (Forthcoming in Journal of Economic Issue)
4. Lavdari, F., & Lavdari, X. (2026). The Fallacy of Infinite Growth: Rethinking Economic Progress in the Anthropocene. (Forthcoming in Economic Thought).
5. Lavdari, F. Bitcoin: after 15 years, is it worth?. Int Econ Econ Policy 23, 55 (2026). https://doi.org/10.1007/s10368-026-00756-1.
6. Lavdari, F., & Lavdari, X. (2025). Sino-Russian Frenemies in the Arctic: A Friendship as Fragile as Glaciers. Irish Studies in International Affairs 36(1), 159-192. https://dx.doi.org/10.1353/isia.2025.a988408.
7. Lavdari, F., & Lavdari, X. (2025). The Russo-Ukrainian War: Political and trade implication for American neighbourhoods. International Journal of Cuban Studies, 17(1). https://doi.org/10.13169/intejcubastud.17.1.0004.
8. Lavdari, F. (2025). From Decentralization to Ethical Resilience: A Critical Reappraisal and Extension of Hayek's Theory of Knowledge in Society. (2025). Ethical Review of Social Sciences, 1(1), 36-47. https://doi.org/10.70150/dgk3a826
9. Frans Lavdari and Xhulio Lavdari. Effects of Investor-State Dispute Settlements (ISDS) on Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Flows. Policy Perspectives. 2024. Vol. 21(2). https://doi.org/10.13169/polipers.21.2.ra4.
10. Frans Lavdari, Xhulio Lavdari. (2024). Organizational Agility and Performance: A Time-Series Analysis of Crisis Response. Qeios. https://doi.org/10.32388/LZC1WM.2.
11. Lavdari, F. (2023). Business Ethics: where are we? Understanding the dynamics of Companies during international Crises and establishing the best form of Leadership to resist difficulties of Societies. Available at SSRN: http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.4362364.
12. Lavdari, F. (2023). TSMC: A PEST Analysis of Semiconductor Market, Journal of Geography, Politics and Society, 13(1), 22-29. https://doi.org/10.26881/jpgs.2023.1.03.
13. Lavdari, F., & Lavdari, X. (2022). MFN Yes, MFN No?: Trade Developments Between the EU and Russia and the Principle of Most-Favored-Nation. Policy Perspectives, 19(2). https://doi.org/10.13169/polipers.19.2.ra4.
14. Lavdari, F. (2022). Nationalisms, Liberalism, and Game of Force: The New Transformations of Global Governance Between WHO and WTO in the 21st Century. Polish Political Science Yearbook. https://doi.org/10.15804/ppsy202268.
15. Lavdari, F. (2021). Principle of Most Favoured Nation: Description, Modern Evolution, and Analysis of the Exceptionality of the Principle in a Contemporary World. Extensive Reviews, 1(1), 16-29. https://doi.org/10.21467/exr.1.1.4296.

Conferences

- AHE 2025, King's College London - Best Article in Social Studies in Economics panel
- Warsaw International Economic Meeting 2025, Warsaw, Poland
- Nordic Conference in Development Economics (NCDE) 2025, Oslo, Norway

Additional Activities & Interests

The Papers Man - Personal Site (Aug 2018-present)

- Online newspaper on current affairs, politics, economics and law around the world: thepapersman.wordpress.com

Beekeeper - National Italian Database (BDN) (Apr 2020-present)

- Self-managed honey production

Globetrotter, Rome (Mar 2019-present)

- Journalist in the school newspaper

Future Leader Society - Change the World for Democracy, Rome (May 2018)

- Group Leader in a simulation of parliamentary work in the Italian Chamber of Deputies