Curriculum Vitae – Fall 2021

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Qualifications

2020 – Ongoing   *PhD in Economics and Finance*
Bocconi University, Milan, Italy

2017-2020   *Master of Science in Economics*
Sharif University, Tehran, Iran

2013-2017   *Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering*
Sharif University, Tehran, Iran

Awards and Scholarships

Doctoral Fellowship, Bocconi University (2020).
The Award of Academic Achievement, Sharif University (2019).
Iran's National Elites Foundation Scholarship (2013-2019).

Research Interests

Applied Microeconomics, Text Analysis and Machine Learning, Discrimination, Health

Working papers

Closing the Gap: Consequences of Almost Free Health Insurance on Healthcare Utilization and Infant Mortality in Iran. Mahyar Habibi, Mohammad Vesal, and Farshad Fatemi.

Abstract:
In 2014, the Iranian government introduced Salamat Universal Insurance Program (SUIP) that offered almost free primary health insurance to every uninsured individual. Consequently, more than ten million individuals were given primary insurance by SUIP, and primary health insurance coverage rose by nearly 15 percentage points among the urban population. We assess the impact of SUIP on healthcare utilization and mortality of various age-groups among the urban population. The results indicate that the introduction of SUIP has been effective in improving the utilization of outpatient healthcare and reducing infant mortality. However, no discernible impact is found on the utilization of inpatient services and mortality of other age-groups. We attribute these findings to the insufficient coverage of primary insurance in the inpatient sector and the extremeness of mortality as a health indicator for these age-groups.

Language Skills

Farsi	*Native*
English	*TOEFL (111/120)*

IT Skills

Microsoft Office	*Experienced*
STATA	*Experienced*
Python	*Beginner*
MATLAB	*Beginner*