

# Irene Furlani

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## Experience

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**Doctoral researcher DFG RTG 2720 Digital Platform Ecosystems** April 2024 – Present  
*University of Passau, Chair of Development Economics (Prof. Dr. Michael Grimm)* Passau, Germany

- Impact evaluation of field experiments and quasi-experimental analysis with a focus on digital platforms and connectivity.  
*Research interests: Agricultural economics, microfinance, women empowerment, health and demography.*

**(Junior) Research Manager** April 2023 – July 2024  
*Center for Evaluation and Development (C4ED)* Mannheim, Germany

- Project management, sampling and power calculations, surveys programming, data cleaning and analysis, planning, training and monitoring of data collection activities on the field, report writing, proposal writing.

**Quantitative Research Student Assistant** Sep 2022 – Mar 2023  
*Chair of Econometrics at the University of Mannheim* Mannheim, Germany

- Supporting with programming, reporting, literature reviews, and preparation of presentations for meetings.

**Quantitative Research Student Assistant** Sep 2022 – Mar 2023  
*Center for Evaluation and Development (C4ED)* Mannheim, Germany

- Literature review, report writing, preparing presentations for meetings or workshop.

**Mentor for freshmen year students** Sep 2019 – June 2020  
*University of Rome Tor Vergata* Rome, Italy

- Preparing and holding meetings to mentor students.

## Teaching

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**Growth and Development** April - September 2025  
*Exercise class for undergraduate students* University of Passau, Germany

**Replicating Empirical Research in Public and Development Economics: Topics on Digitalization and Platforms** April - September 2025  
*Seminar for graduate students* University of Passau, Germany

**SurveyCTO and Stata for Data in Social Sciences** February 2025  
*Guest Lecture* University Gadjah Mada in Yogyakarta, Indonesia

## Education

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**University of Passau** April 2024 – Present  
*PhD in Development Economics* Passau, Germany

**University of Mannheim** Sep 2020 – Mar 2023  
*M.Sc. in Economics* Mannheim, Germany

**University of Rome Tor Vergata** Sep 2017 – Jul 2020  
*B.Sc. Business Administration & Economics (Economics curriculum)* Rome, Italy

### *Additional Training*

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<b>Protecting Human Research Participants Online Training SBE</b> <i>PHRP Online Training, Inc.</i>	2023
<b>SurveyCTO Onboarding</b> <i>Survey CTO (online)</i>	2023
<b>BSAFE</b> <i>United Nation Department of Safety and Security (online)</i>	2023

### *Skills*

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**Programming:** Stata (advanced), R (good), Python (beginner), Matlab (beginner)  
**Survey Programming:** Survey CTO (advanced), ODK (beginner)  
**Word Processing software:** LaTeX/Overleaf (advanced)  
**Literature Review software:** EPPI Reviewer, EPPI Mapper (good)  
**MS Office:** Word, PowerPoint (advanced), Excel (intermediate)

### *Languages*

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Italian (native), English (advanced), German (intermediate), Spanish (basic), Kiswahili (basic)

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