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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Stern School of Business, NYU

2020-present	Professor
2013-2020	Associate Professor (with tenure)
2010-2013	Associate Professor
2004-2010	Assistant Professor

Sloan-MIT

2014-2015	Visiting Scholar
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EDUCATION

The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania

2004	Ph.D., Strategy and Organization Theory
2001	M.A., Management Science and Applied Economics

Sloan-MIT

1995-1996	Visiting Fellow
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Faculty of Economics, University of Pisa, Italy

1997	Doctoral Degree, Business Administration
1991	B.A., Accountancy and Business

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Andriani, P., Cattani, G., Dang, R. J., & Kaminska R. (2025). From Perfume to Spirits: Exaptation of a Bundle of Local Resources by an Outsider Entrepreneur. *Research Policy*, 54(1): 105137.

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- Cattani, G., & Malerba F. (2021). Evolutionary Approaches to Innovation, the Firm and the Dynamics of Industries. *Strategy Science*, 6(4): 265-289.
- Cattani, G., & Kim, J-h. (2021). Variety-seeking, Learning and Performance. *PLOS ONE* 16(3): e0247034.
- Aadland, E., Cattani, G., Falchetti, D., & Ferriani, S. (2020). Reflecting Glory or Deflecting Stigma? The Interplay between Status and Social Proximity in Peer Evaluations. *PLOS ONE* 15(9): e0238651.
- Engler, D., Cattani, G., & Porac, J. (2020). Studying the Incubation of a New Product Market through Realized and Alternative Histories. *Strategy Science*, 5(3): 160-192.
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- Cattani, G., Porac, J., Sands, D., & Greenberg, J. (2018). Competitive Sensemaking in Value Creation and Capture. *Strategy Science*, 3(4): 632-657. (The paper received the 2025 Strategy Science Best Paper Award).

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- Cattani, G., Ferriani, S., & Allison, P. (2014). Insiders, Outsiders and the Struggle for Consecration in Cultural Fields: A Core-Periphery Perspective. *American Sociological Review*, 79(2): 258-281.
- Cattani, G., Dunbar, R., & Shapira, Z. (2013). Value Creation and Knowledge Loss: The Case of Cremonese Stringed Instruments. *Organization Science*, 24(3): 813-830.
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- Cattani, G., & Ferriani, S. (2008). A Core/Periphery Perspective on Individual Creative Performance: Social Networks and Cinematic Achievements in the Hollywood Film Industry. *Organization Science*, 19(6): 824-844. (First runner-up for best OB paper published in 2008, OB Academy of Management Division.)
- Cattani, G. (2008). Leveraging in-House R&D Competencies for a New Market: How Corning Pioneered Fibre Optics. *International Journal of Technology Management*, 44(1/2): 28-52.
- Cattani, G., Ferriani, S., Negro, G., & Perretti, F. (2008). The Structure of Consensus: Network Ties, Legitimation and Exit Rates of U.S. Feature Film Producer Organizations. *Administrative Science Quarterly*, 53(1): 145-182.
- Cattani, G. (2008). Reply to Dew (2007)'s Commentary: Pre-adoption, Exaptation and Technology Speciation: A Comment on Cattani (2006). *Industrial and Corporate Change*, 17(3): 585-596.
- Winter, S. G., Cattani, G., & Dorsch, A. (2007). The Value of Moderate Obsession: Insights from a New Model of Organizational Search. *Organization Science*, 18(3): 403-419.
- Wezel, F., Cattani, G., & Pennings, J. M. (2006). Competitive Implications of Interfirm Mobility. *Organization Science*, 17(6): 691-709.

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Cattani, G. (2005). Pre-adaptation, Firm Heterogeneity and Technological Performance: A Study on the Evolution of Fiber Optics, 1970-1995. *Organization Science*, 16(6): 563-580. Lead article. (The paper received the 2004 R. J. Litschert Best Doctoral Student Paper Award from The BPS Academy of Management Division)

Cattani, G., Wezel, F., & Pennings, J. M. (2003). Spatial and Temporal Heterogeneity in Founding Patterns. *Organization Science*, 14(6): 670-685.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

Cattani, G., Mastrogiorgio, A., & Mastrogiorgio. Revise and Resubmit to *Research Policy*.

Cattani, G., Carignani, G., & Mastrogiorgio, M. Revise and Resubmit to *Industry and Innovation*.

Cattani, G., Falchetti, D., & Ferriani, S. Under review at *American Sociological Review*.

WORKING PAPERS

Cattani, G., & Kim, J-h. Coalitions, Organizational Learning and Performance.

Clemente, M., Cattani, G., & Puglisi, R. Fan or Watchdog? How Third-Party Evaluators Balance Market and Professional Pressures

Santoni, S., Cattani, G., Falchetti, D., & Ferriani, S. Dusty, Fresh, or Alien? Measuring Novelty in Heterogeneous Markets.

Cattani, G., & Mariani, M. Coordination and the Lifecycle of an Interorganizational Relationship: Evidence from the Italian Opera Sector.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Cattani, G., Ferriani, S., & Sasaki, I. (2025, edited by). Tradition: Resource or Constraint? Rediscovering the Role of Tradition in Organizations. Forthcoming in *Advances in Strategic Management*. London, UK: Emerald Group Publishing Limited.

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Cattani, G., Ferriani, S., Frederiksen, L., & Täube, F. (2011, edited by). Project-based Organizing. *Advances in Strategic Management*, 2011. London, UK: Emerald Group Publishing Limited.

Wiesenfeld, B., & Cattani, G. (2010). Business through Hollywood’s Lens. *Harvard Business Review*, 88(10): 146-147.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Cattani, G., & Ferriani, S. (2025). Collaborative Networks and Inventiveness: A Study on the Micro-Foundations of a Firm’s Innovative Capabilities. In J. Goncalo and J. Katz (eds.), *The Research Handbook on Workplace Creativity*. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar.

Cancellieri, G., Cattani, G., & Ferriani S. (2023). Robust Design and Conventionality: Evidence from the Italian Opera Industry, 1989-2011. In A. Davies, S. Lenfle, C. H. Loch and C. Midler (eds.), *Handbook of Innovation and Project Management*, 333-354. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar.

Formilan, G., Ferriani, S., & Cattani, G. (2021). Erraticism and Stability in Creative Production. Insights from a Sequence Analytic Study in Electronic Music. *Research in the Sociology of Organizations*. London, UK: Emerald Group Publishing Limited.

Sands, D., Cattani, G., Greenberg, J., & Porac, J. (2021). Competition as Sensemaking in Markets: Three Case Studies of Competitive Sensemaking in the New York City Restaurant Industry. In S. Arora-Jonsson, N. Brunsson, R. Hasse and K. Lagerstrom (eds.), *Competition. What It Is and Why It Happens*, 26-46. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.

Cattani, G., Ferriani, S., Godart, F., & Sgourev, S. (2021). The Aesthetic Turn in Strategy: Creating Value with Style. In G. Cattani, S. Ferriani, F. Godart and S. Sgourev (eds.), *Aesthetic and Style in Strategy. Advances in Strategic Management*, 1-15. London, UK: Emerald Group Publishing Limited.

Cutolo, D., Ferriani, S., & Cattani, G. (2021). Tell Me Your Story and I Will Tell Your Sales: A Topic Model Analysis of Narrative Style and Firm Performance on Etsy. In G. Cattani, S. Ferriani, F. Godart and S. Sgourev (eds.), *Aesthetic and Style in Strategy. Advances in Strategic Management*, 119-138. London, UK: Emerald Group Publishing Limited.

Formilan, G., Ferriani, S., & Cattani, G. (2020). A Methodological Essay on the Application of Social Sequence Analysis to the Study of Creative Trajectories. In V. Dörfler and M. Stierand (eds.), *Handbook of Research Methods on Creativity*, pp. 329-350. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar.

- Andriani, P., Brun, C., Carignani, G., & Cattani, G. (2020). Exaptation and Beyond: Multilevel Function Evolution in Biology and Technology. In C. La Porta, S. Zapperi, and L. Pilotti (eds.), *Understanding Innovation through Exaptation*, pp. 69-84. Springer-Nature.
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- Cattani, G., Colucci, M., & Ferriani, S. (2016). Chanel's Creative Trajectory in the Field of Fashion: The Optimal Network Structuration Strategy. In G. E. Corazza and S. Agnoli (eds.), *Multidisciplinary Contributions to the Science of Creative Thinking*, pp. 117-132. Singapore: Springer.
- Cattani, G., Ferriani, S., & Colucci, M. (2015). Creativity in Social Networks: A Core-Periphery Perspective. In C. Jones, M. Lazarsen and J. Sapsed (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Creative Industries*, pp. 75-95, 2015. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.
- Cattani, G., & Ferriani, S. (2014). Networks and Rewards among Hollywood Artists: Evidence for a Social Structural Ordering of Creativity. In Dean K. Simonton and James C. Kaufman (eds.), *The Social Science of the Cinema*, pp. 185-206. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.
- Cattani, G., & Rotolo, D. (2013). An Exploratory Study of the Role of Publishing Inventors in Nanotechnology. In B. S. Ahnson, S. Ellis, I. Drori, T. L. Amburgey and U. Stettner (eds.), *Understanding the Relationship Between Networks and Technology, Creativity and Innovation*, pp. 97-122. London, UK: Emerald Group Publishing Limited.
- Cattani, G., & Fliescher, M. (2013). Product Category Interactions in Cultural Industries: Spaghetti Westerns Influence on American Western Movie Genre. In L. Lazzeretti (ed.), *Creative industries and Innovation in Europe*, pp. 212-231. Routledge Regions and Cities book series.
- Cattani, G., Ferriani, S., Frederiksen, L., & Täube, F. (2011). Project-based Organizing and Strategic Management: A Long-term Research Agenda on Temporary Organizational Forms. In G. Cattani, S. Ferriani, L. Frederiksen and F. Taeube (eds.), *Project-based Organizing. Advances in Strategic Management*. London, UK: Emerald Group Publishing Limited.
- Pennings, J. M., & Cattani, G. (2007). Sourcing of Innovation as Trendsetting in the Imaging Sector. In G. I. Susman (ed.), *Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises and the Global Economy*, pp. 78-102. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar.
- Ferriani, S., Cattani, G., & Baden-Fuller, C. (2007). Fitness Determinants in Creative Industries: A Longitudinal Study on the Filmmaking Industry 1992-2003. In F. Malerba and U. Cantner (eds.), *Innovation, Industrial Dynamics and Structural Transformation: Schumpeterian Legacies*, pp. 209-237. Berlin, Germany: Springer.

TEACHING

Courses taught at the Stern School of Business

2020-2024	Managing Innovation (Undergraduate)
2024	Strategic Design (Full-time MBA)
2024	Strategic Design (Langone, MBA)
2019-2023	Strategy II (Langone, MBA)

2016-2024	Strategy I (Langone, MBA)
2018-2020	Strategy (PhD seminar)
2013-2016	Managing in Creative Industries (Undergraduate)
2013	Managing Innovation (Undergraduate)
2007-2010	Technological Innovation & New Product Development (Langone, MBA)
2011-2012	Managing Innovation (Undergraduate)
2010	Technological Innovation & New Product Development (Undergraduate)
2012-2013	Organization Theory (PhD seminar)
2009-2016	International Study Program (Undergraduate)
2006	Competitive and Corporate Strategy (Undergraduate)
2005	Business Policy and Strategy (Undergraduate)

Courses taught at the Wharton School of Business

2003 (Lecturer)	Introduction to Management (Undergraduate)
2000-2001 (Instructor)	Introduction to Management (Undergraduate)

SERVICE

Editor	Senior Editor at <i>Industrial and Corporate Change</i> , Associate Editor at <i>Strategic Management Journal</i> , Editor in Chief at <i>Advances in Strategic Management</i>
2021-on	Strategic Management Journal Associate Editor
2021-on	Industrial and Corporate Change Senior Editor
2017 - 2020	Organization Science Deputy Senior Editor
2018 - 2019	TIM Division Representative
2016	Advances in Strategic Management Chief Editor
2015 - 2024	Management Science Associate Editor
2014 - 2020	Organization Science Senior Editor
2013 - 2021	Industrial and Corporate Change Associate Editor
2013 - 2016	Academy of Management Journal Editorial Review Board
2011 - 2012	Chair of the BPS Awards Committee
2010 - 2011	Member of the BPS Awards Committee
2010	Strategic Management Journal Editorial Review Board
2009	Strategic Organization Editorial Review Board
2009	Member of the BPS Executive Committee
2006 - 2008	Member of the BPS Research Committee
2006	Organization Science Editorial Review Board
Ad hoc Reviewer	American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Administrative Science Quarterly, Academy of Management Journal, Organization Science, Management Science, Strategic Management Journal, Strategy Science, Journal of Management Studies, Industrial and Corporate Change, Strategic Organization, Research Policy, Organization Studies, Poetics
Member	Academy of Management, Strategic Management Society

Co-Founder and Member	Organizing Committee of “The Medici Summer School in Management Studies”
PhD Committee Member ¹	Daniel Sands (Chair, University College London) Bryn Choi (Gies Business School, Illinois University) Katia Meggiorin (Stevens Institute of Technology) Semi Min (Carlson School of Business, Minnesota University) Madeline King Kneeland (Cornell Hotel School) Esther Leibel (Questrom School, Boston University) Ji-hyun Kim (Yonsei University) Erez Marantz (Tel Aviv University) Daniel Engler (Illinois State University) Ning Su (Ivey School of Business) Erik Aadland (BI Norwegian Business School)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2025	Strategy Science Best Paper Award
2023	2 nd Price “2023 Best Paper Award on Innovation, Corporate Entrepreneurship and Transformation” EBS University
2021	2 nd Price “2021 Best Paper Award on Innovation, Corporate Entrepreneurship and Transformation” EBS University
2017	NSF Grant (The Cognitive Embeddedness of Competition and Entrepreneurial Performance in the New York City Restaurant Industry, \$294,291)
2015	TIM Outstanding Reviewer Award
2014	TIM Outstanding Reviewer Award
2013	OMT Outstanding Reviewer Award
2012	Richard Nelson Award Price
2009	First runner-up for best-paper in Organizational Behavior published in 2008
2008	Finalist for Best Paper Award at the 2nd Israeli Strategy Conference
2004	Best Doctoral Student Paper Award, BPS Division
2003	Finalist, INFORMS Organization Science Dissertation Proposal Competition
2003	BPS Outstanding Reviewer Award

¹ First employing institution in parentheses.