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In 2024 Simona was awarded the "ERSA European Prize in Regional Science", arguably the highest prize in regional sciences, and the "Giacomo Becattini" Prize, Italian Society of Economics and Industrial Policy (SIEPI).

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