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Personal information

Italian, date of birth: 04/04/1987

Married, 1 daughter born on 1/10/2022

Employment

2019 - Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Bologna, Department of Economics

2018 - 2019 Post-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Economics, University of Aarhus

Affiliations

2019 - Adjunct Professor, Bocconi University

2021 - Research Affiliate, CEPR International Trade and Regional Economics

2021 - Research Affiliate, CEPR Organizational Economics

2019 - Research Fellow, CESifo

Education

2012 - 2018 Ph.D., London School of Economics, 2018.

Supervisors: G.I.P. Ottaviano; H. Overman; V. Rappoport; D. Sturm.

Dissertation title: "Essays on worker mobility, firm organisation and the political economics of elections".

2009 – 2012 M.Sc. in Economics and Social Sciences, Bocconi University, 2012.

2006 – 2009 B.Sc. Economics and Finance, Luiss University, 2009.

Publications and working papers

1. "Goods and factor market integration: a quantitative assessment of the EU enlargement", with L. Caliendo, L. D. Opromolla, and F. Parro.

Journal of Political Economy, 2021, 129(12), pages 3941 – 3545.

2. "The value of Managers' export Experience: lessons from the Angolan civil war", with G. Mion and L. D. Opromolla.

The Review of Economics and Statistics, forthcoming.

3. "Labor supply shocks and capital accumulation: the short and the long run effects of the refugee crisis in Europe", with L. Caliendo, L. D. Opromolla and F. Parro.

American Economic Association, Papers & Proceedings, forthcoming

4. "Globalization in the time of COVID-19", with M. Steininger. CESifo w.p. 8184, 2020. ISSN: 2364-1428.

Covid Vetted and Real Time Papers, Issue 19, 159-210, May 2020

5. “Credit and organization of firms’ labor”, with E. M. Acabbi. CESifo w.p. 8084, 2020. ISSN: 2364-1428. Previous version by A. Sforza “Shocks and the organization of the firm: who pays the bill?”
6. “The financial channels of labor rigidities: evidence from Portugal”, with E. M. Acabbi and E. Panetti. Banco de Portugal w.p. 201915, 2019. ISSN: 2182-0422.
7. “The weather effect: estimating the effect of voter turnout on electoral outcomes in Italy”. Banco de Portugal w.p. 201405, 2014. ISSN: 2182-0422.

Work in progress

1. “On cities’ growth: the role of skill portability”, with T. Sonno
2. “The geography of production and consumption”
3. “Performing in misalignment: the case of CEOs in public hospitals”, with N. Fontana.

Teaching

BSc

- Methods in spatial and social analysis, London School of Economics, 2017.
- Urban and spatial economic analysis, London School of Economics, 2013 – 2016
- Economics of European integration, (Summer School), London School of Economics, 2013

MSc

- Quantitative approaches and policy analysis, London School of Economics, 2014 - 2018
- Econometrics for Public Policy (Executive MPA), London School of Economics, 2015-2018
- Mathematics and Statistics (Executive MPA), London School of Economics, 2015-2018
- The Economics of Urbanization, (MSc), London School of Economics, 2013 – 2016

PhD

- International Trade, Bocconi, 2019 – current.

Conference and Seminars (*scheduled)

- 2023: INSEAD*, Singapore Management University (SMU)*, Workshop on firms, trade and development (Bad-Homburg), PSE-Sciences Po Paris Trade Seminar, European research workshop in international Economics (ERWIT) and Conference on urban and regional economics (CURE), Banque de France, Globalization at crossroad (CEPR), Foscolo Fellows conference (Turin).
- 2021-2022: Aarhus, Paris Sorbonne, Empirical Trade Online Seminar (FREIT), TIGN conference, ETSG Ghent, VFS conference, NOITS Iceland, Darmstadt, Hong Kong Online Trade Seminars, CEPR new faces in international trade, Duke - NC State joint trade seminar, LMU Trade Retreat, Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics (SIOE), LMU trade seminar, LMU organizational economics seminar.

- 2019 - 2020: Workshop on Globalization and structural change, Maastricht, LMU Munich, University of Oslo, Australasian Trade Workshop, University of Sydney, Ifo seminar, LSE, LMU, Duisburg-Essen University, University of Beijing.
- 2018: QUANTAGG Workshop in International Economics, ETSG Warsaw, FREIT Empirical Trade Conference, Danish International Economics Workshop, Evidence Based Economics Munich, NOITS Stockholm, Stockholm University, Einaudi Institute of Economics and Finance (EIEF), Aarhus University, Bank of Portugal, Bank of Spain, University of Bologna, Collegio Carlo Alberto, CSEF Naples, University of Essex, Econometric Society winter meetings.
- 2016 - 2017: FREIT Empirical Trade Conference, Petralia Sottana Applied Economics Workshop, Bank of Portugal, COWLES conference in international trade and migration Yale, International trade lunch Yale University, International trade workshop LSE, International trade workshop LSE, Bank of Portugal.
- 2015: European Regional Study Association (ERSA), University of Dusseldorf, Nottingham GEP/CEPR PhD conference, Warwick Economics PhD students conference, ISEG.

Academic visiting periods

- North Carolina State University, 08/04/2022 - 17/04/2022.
- Ludwig Maximilian University Munich (LMU), 06/2019 – 08/2019.
- Yale University, 03/2017 – 07/2017.
- Bank of Portugal, 2016 – 2017 (several times)
- Bank of Portugal, 2015 – 2016 (several times)
- Bank of Portugal, 2013 – 2014 (several times)

Prizes, awards and grants

National or international awards and recognitions

- Prize “Saving and financing of the Portuguese Economy”, Portuguese Ministry of Economics, 2019
- Junior Fellowship in International Trade, LMU Munich, 2019
- Prize “Competitiveness and Internationalization”, Portuguese Ministry of Economics, 2018
- UniCredit Best JMP presentation award, Petralia workshop, 2017
- Best PhD paper, FREIT meetings in Empirical Trade, 2017
- Best Class Teacher, LSE, 2016

Research grants

- Modigliani Research Grant, Unicredit Foundation, (20k), PI, 2022.
- Grant for visiting researchers (20k), PI, Banco de Portugal, 2016.
- LSE postgraduate research scholarship (80k), 2013-2015.
- Grant for visiting researchers (20k), PI, Banco de Portugal, 2013.

Service

Refereeing activity

Journal of Political Economy, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, *Economica*, European Economic Review, Journal of Economic Geography, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of International Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Regional Science, Journal of Urban Economics, Management Science, Portuguese Economic Journal, Review of Economics and Statistics, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Review of International Economics

Institutional activities

- Organizer of the PhD Weekends, Department of Economics, University of Bologna, years: 2020, 2021, 2022. The PhD Weekends are 4 self-funded days in Tuscany of teambuilding, workshops, presentations, and job market preparation for the PhD students. Past guest speakers: Fadi Hassan (Bank of Italy), Nicola Mastrorocco (Trinity College), Clémentine Van Effenterre (University of Toronto), Riccardo Zago (Banque de France).

Organization of scientific meetings

- Member of the Organizing Committee of the 25th Spring Meeting of Young Economists, 2021, Bologna. Keynote Speakers: Prof. Davide Cantoni, Prof. Paola Conconi, Prof. Juan Dolado, Prof. James M. Snyder.

Personal skills and competences

- Computer skills: Stata, ArcGIS, Office, LaTeX.
- Languages: Italian (mother tongue), English (proficient), Spanish (fair), Portuguese (fair), German (beginner)