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PERSONAL DETAILS

Born in Palermo, Italy, 01/01/1968

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PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Assitant Professor (Researcher), Faculty of Economics, University of Napoli (since December 2011; from 2002 to 2011 Assistant Professor at the University of Turin).

Researcher Ceris-CNR, Turin (August 2001 – October 2002)

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Applied microeconometrics. FDI. Economics of innovation. Competition and regulation policy. Efficiency and productivity. Privatization and M&A.

EDUCATION

1996 – 2000 Diploma in Statistics, Catholic University of Louvain-La-Neuve, Belgium.

1994 – 1999 Ph.D. in Economics, University of Rome “Tor Vergata”, Italy.

1992 – 1994 Master in Economics, Catholic University of Louvain-La-Neuve, Belgium.

1986 – 1992 Degree in Economics, Faculty of Economics, University of Palermo, Italy.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2010 *Econometrics II (Microeconometrics)*, PhD in Economics, University of Turin.

2009 – 11 *Linear, static and dynamic models for panel data*, Ph.D. in Economics, IMT, Lucca.

2005 – 09 *Econometrics II (Macroeconometrics)*, CORIPE Master, Turin.

2004 – 09 *Econometrics II (Macroeconometrics, tutorials)*, CORIPE Master, Turin.

2006 – 11 *Linear, static and dynamic models for panel data*, ISAE/SSEF Master in Applied Econometrics, Rome.

2010 *Econometrics and Applied Econometrics*, Master in Applied Labour Economics for Development, ITC-ILO, Turin.

2005 – 10 *Econometrics II (tutorials)*, undergraduates, Faculty of Economics, University of Turin.

2004 – 09 *Econometrics*, undergraduates, Faculty of Economics, University of Turin.

2005 – 06 *Stata software for panel data*, ISAE, Roma.

2004 – 05 *Empirical Methods in Law and Economics*, IEL Ph.D. program, University of Turin.

2004 – 05 *Microeconomics*, undergraduates, Faculty of Economics, University of Turin.

2004 – 07 *XV, XVI, XVII, XVIII Summer School in Econometrics* for Ph.D. students, tutorials.

2001 – 02 *Measurement of efficiency and productivity*, Master in Economics, University of Rome

“Tor Vergata”

2000 – 06 *Econometrics I* (tutorial), CORIPE Master, Torino.

1999 – 06 *Econometrics* (tutorials), undergraduates, Faculty of Economics, University of Turin.

PUBLISHED ARTICLES IN INTERNATIONAL JOURNALS

1. “Spatial clustering and nonlinearities in the location of multinational firms” (con Roberto Basile e Davide Castellani), forthcoming, *Geographical Analysis*.
2. “Taste or reputation: what drives market prices in the wine industry? Estimation of a hedonic model for Italian premium wines” (with Massimiliano Piacenza e Stefano Sacchetto), (2009), *Applied Economics*, 41/17, pp. 2197–2209;
3. “Technology and incentive regulation in the Italian Motorways industry”, (with Alberto Iozzi e Paola Valbonesi), (2009), *Journal of Regulatory Economics*; 35/2, pp. 201/221;
4. “Banks and Innovation: Microeconomic Evidence on Italian Firms” (with Alessandro Sembenelli e Fabio Schiantarelli) (2008), *Journal of Financial Economics*, 90/2, pp. 197/217;
5. “Foreign Ownership and Productivity. Is the direction of causality so obvious?” (with Alessandro Sembenelli) (2006), *International Journal of Industrial Organization*, 24/4, pp. 733-751;
6. “Beyond profitability: effects of acquisitions on technical efficiency in the Italian pasta industry” (2002), *Managerial and Decision Economics*, 23/7, pp. 399-415;
7. “Research Joint Ventures and firm level performance” (with Alessandro Sembenelli) (2002), *Research Policy*, 31/4, pp. 493-507.

PUBLISHED ARTICLES IN ITALIAN JOURNALS

8. “Autostrade” (with Alberto Iozzi and Paola Valbonesi) (2006), *Rivista di Politica Economica*, XCVI(III-IV), pp. 329-364;
9. “Attracting Foreign Direct Investments in Europe: are Italian Regions Doomed?” (with Roberto Basile and Davide Castellani) (2005), *Rivista di Politica Economica*, XCV(I-II), pp. 319-354;
10. “Competitività e divari di efficienza nell’industria italiana” (with Fabrizio Erbetta and Giovanni Fraquelli) (2005), *Rivista Internazionale di Scienze Sociali*, CXIII (1), pp.3-22;
11. “Determinanti ed effetti delle fusioni e acquisizioni: un’analisi sulla base delle notifiche alle autorità antitrust” (2001), *L’Industria*, XXII (3), pp. 469-500.

SUBMITTED PAPERS

1. “Firms’ Heterogeneity and Internationalisation Choices: only productivity matters? Evidence on Italian Manufacturing Firms” (with Tiziano Razzolini).
2. “Does ICT Investment Spur or Hamper Offshoring? Empirical Evidence from Microdata” (with Tiziano Razzolini and Alessandro Sembenelli)

WORK IN PROGRESS

1. “Privatizations in Italy” (with Fabio Binotto);
2. “Location choices heterogeneity and firm productivity” (with Tiziano Razzolini);
3. “Privatization, productivity, and technological progress. Evidence from the Italian Motorway industry” (con Alberto Iozzi e Massimiliano Piacenza);
4. “Do bank-firm relationships influence firm internationalization?” (con Riccardo De Bonis, Giovanni Ferri e Zeno Rotondi);
5. “The public school is not always the guarantee of equality” (con Giuseppe Sorrenti e Gilberto Turati);

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND INVITED SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

- 2011 6th Italian Association of Law and Economics Conference, Torino; CREI, Università di Roma III; 8th Kuhmo-Nectar Conference, Stoccolma (Svezia); University of Turin.
- 2010 Academy of International Business, Rio de Janeiro (Brasile).
- 2009 Italian Trade Study Group (ITSG) workshop, Cagliari (Italy); 36th Annual Conference of the European Association for Research in Industrial Economics (EARIE), Lubiana (Slovenia); 50ma Riunione Scientifica Annuale della Società Italiana degli Economisti Roma (SIE), Roma (Italy); Academy of International Business, San Diego (USA)
- 2008 55th North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International, New York, USA
- 2007 34th Annual Conference of the European Association for Research in Industrial Economics (EARIE), Valencia (Spain); 2nd Italian Congress of Econometrics and Empirical Economics, Rimini (Italy); 6th Conference on Applied Infrastructure Research (INFRADAY), Berlin (Germany), Polytechnic of Milan (Italy); Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin (Italy).
- 2006 4th Conference of the Industrial Organization Society, Boston (USA); 13th International Panel Data Conference, Cambridge (UK); 33rd Annual Conference of the European Association for Research in Industrial Economics (EARIE), Amsterdam (Holland).
- 2005 32nd Annual Conference of the European Association for Research in Industrial Economics (EARIE), Porto (Portugal); 3rd Conference of the Industrial Organization Society, Atlanta (USA), CSEF, University of Salerno (Italy); University of Pescara (Italy).
- 2004 Highways: cost and regulation in Europe, Bergamo (Italy).
- 2003 30th Annual Conference of the European Association for Research in Industrial Economics (EARIE), Helsinki (Finland); HWWA workshop “Effects of foreign acquisitions on domestic firms”, Hamburg (Germany).
- 2002 CEPR/Centro Studi Luca d’Aglia workshop “Labour Market effects of European Foreign Investment”, Turin (Italy); University of Liège (Belgium).
- 2001 7th European Workshop on Efficiency and Productivity, Oviedo (Spain).
- 2000 North American Productivity Workshop, Schenectady (USA).
- 1999 26th Annual Conference of the European Association for Research in Industrial Economics (EARIE), Turin (Italy).

REFEREE ACTIVITY

Applied Economics, Canadian Journal of Economics, Economic Change and Restructuring, Economics of Innovation and New Technology, Economics of Transition, Economic Inquiry, Economic Notes, Economic Letters, Empirical Economics, Industrial and Corporate Change, Journal of Economic Geography, Journal of Wine Research, Labour, Portuguese Economic Journal, Quantitative Economics, Regional Studies, Research in Economics, Research Policy, Review of World Economics-Weltwirtschaftliches Archiv, Small Business Economics, Structural Change and Economic Dynamics.

LANGUAGES

Italian, mother tongue; English, excellent (written and spoken); French, excellent (written and spoken); Spanish, basic (written and spoken).