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Academic Position

Assistant Professor in Public Economics, School of Economics, University of Messina since December 2015.

Past Employment

2012-2017 Lecturer (Visiting), Queen Mary University of London, London, UK.

2011-2012 Lecturer, BPP Business School, London and Manchester, UK.

2010-2011 Teaching Assistant, Queen Mary University of London, London, UK.

2009-2010 Teaching Assistant, University of Calabria, Italy.

Education

2013-2018 – PhD in Economics (Political Economy), Department of Economics, Mathematics and Statistics, Birkbeck College, London, UK. Title of thesis: *Incumbency, Turnout, and the Effect of Legislature Size on Government Spending: Evidence from Italian Municipalities*. Supervisor: Prof. Walter Beckert. Final Grade: pass with minor revisions.

2009-2013 – PhD in Applied Economics, Department of Economics and Statistics, University of Calabria, Arcavacate di Rende (CS), Italy. Title of thesis: *Electoral Turnout in Italy*. Supervisor: Prof. Maria De Paola. Final grade: submitted without revision.

2011-2012 – M.Sc in Finance and Econometrics, Queen Mary University of London, London, UK. Final Grade: Distinction.

2007-2009 – Master in Economics and Finance, University of Calabria, Arcavacata di Rende (CS), Italy. Final grade: 110 cum laude.

2004-2007 – Bachelor degree in Economics and Finance, University of Calabria, Arcavacata di Rende (CS), Italy. Final grade: 110 cum laude.

Research Interests

Political Economy, Public Economics, Economics of Education.

Membership in Scientific Organizations

European Economic Association (1 year), Royal Economic Association (3 years), AIEL (1 year).

Prizes and Grants

2013-2016 – BEI Research Fees Studentship for PhD in Economics, School of Business, Economics and Informatics, Birkbeck College, London, UK.

2011-2012 – Prize received by the School of Economics and Finance for the best mid-term exams during M.Sc in Finance and Econometrics in the following modules: Investment, Corporate Finance, Econometrics A, Time Series Analysis, Labour Economics, Financial Derivatives, Financial Econometrics, Queen Mary University of London, London, UK.

2011-2012 – Grant received by the Department of Economics and Finance for M.Sc in Finance and Econometrics, Queen Mary University of London, London, UK.

2009-2012 – PhD Grant received by the Italian Ministry of Education, University of Calabria, Arcavacata di Rende, Italy.

2009 – *Tommaso Aceti* prize for the best Master dissertation, University of Calabria, Arcavacata di Rende, Italy.

2008-2009 – Graduation Prize for MSc in Economics and Finance, Università della Calabria, Arcavacata di Rende, Italy.

2006-2007 – Graduation Prize for Bachelor Degree in Economics and Finance, Università della Calabria, Arcavacata di Rende, Italy.

Referee

Corporate Finance Journal.

Other duties

2018 – Editorial Board Member of the following journals: Journal of Global Economics (ISSN: 2375-4389); Journal of Social Science (ISSN: 1549-3652).

2018 – Internal Seminars Organizer, Department of Economics, University of Messina, Italia.

2018 – Co-supervisor of a PhD thesis (Candidate: Veronica Bonanno), University of Messina, Italy.

2017 – Co-supervisor of a PhD thesis (Candidate: Francesca Nordi), University of Messina, Italy.

2016-present – Member of the Exam Board, University of Messina, Italy.

2015-2017 – Dissertations supervisor at BA and MA level on different topics related to Public Economics, University of Messina, Italy.

2013-2014 – Dissertations supervisor for M.Sc. Economics, Law and Finance, Finance, Banking, Queen Mary University of London, London, UK.

Seminars and Conferences

September 2017, AIEL Conference, *The Effect of Council Size on Municipal Expenditures: Evidence from Italian Municipalities*, University of Calabria, Arcavacata di Rende, Italy.

April 2015, Jumboree Seminar, *Incumbency Advantage at Municipal Elections in Italy: A Quasi-Experimental Approach*, Birkbeck College, London, UK.

October 2014 - *The Impact of Incumbency on Turnout. Evidence from Italian Municipalities*, 55th Riunione Scientifica Annuale SIA, Trieste, Italy.

June 2014 - *Candidates' Quality and Electoral Participation: Evidence from Italian Municipal Elections*, 13th Journées Louis-Andre-Gerard-Varet, Aix-en-Provence, France.

May 2014, *Candidates' Quality and Electoral Participation: Evidence from Italian Municipal Elections*, 2014 Political Economy Workshop, Università Cattolica, Milan, Italy.

November 2012, *The Impact of Gender Quotas on Electoral Participation: Evidence from Italian Municipalities*, University of Lancaster, UK.

April 2012, *The Impact of Gender Quotas on Electoral Participation: Evidence from Italian Municipalities*, MPSA Conference, Chicago, US.

October 2010, 51st Conference of Italian Society of Economists, Catania, Italy.

Research Projects

2018- Member of PRIN: NEW MODELS OF PREVENTION AND CONTRAST TO CORRUPTION: LEGAL, STATISTICAL AND ECONOMIC PROFILES.

Publications of Books

La Partecipazione al Voto in Italia: Le Caratteristiche dei Candidati Contano?, 2017, Aracne Editrice. ISBN: 978-88-255-0539-9

Publications in Peer Reviewed Journals

Candidates' Education and Turnout: Evidence from Italian Municipal Elections (with M. De Paola), *German Economic Review*, 2017, vol. 18, pp. 22-50. DOI: 10.1111/geer.12084.

The Impact of Incumbency on Turnout. Evidence from Italian Municipalities (with M. De Paola), *Electoral Studies*, 2016, vol. 44, pp. 98. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2016.06.012>.

The Impact of Gender Quotas on Electoral Participation: Evidence from Italian Municipalities (with M. De Paola and V. Scoppa), *European Journal of Political Economy*, 2014, vol.35, pp. 141-157. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ejpoleco.2014.06.001>.

Articles

Se la condizione socio-economica decide il voto (with M. De Paola), 2018, *lavoce.info*. <http://www.lavoce.info/archives/51843/se-la-condizione-socio-economica-decide-il-voto/>

Working Papers and Work in Progress

The Effect of Council Size on Municipal Expenditures: Evidence from Italian Municipalities, 2017, *submitted*.

Candidates' Quality and Electoral Participation: Evidence from Italian Municipal Elections (with M. De Paola), 2014, IZA Discussion Paper no. 8102.

The Impact of Incumbency on Turnout. Evidence from Italian Municipalities (with M. De Paola), 2013, IZA Discussion Paper no. 7612.

The Impact of Gender Quotas on Electoral Participation: Evidence from Italian Municipalities (with M. De Paola and V. Scoppa), 2013, Department of Economics and Statistics Working Papers, University of Calabria, Italy.

Incumbency Advantage at Municipal Elections in Italy: A Quasi-Experimental Approach, 2014, Birkbeck Working Paper no. 1408, *submitted*.

Corporate Investment and Public Capital in the US (with A. Iona and L. Leonida), Work in progress.

Teaching in Italy

2017

Applied Econometrics with software STATA, PhD in Economics, Management and Statistics, University of Messina, Italy.

Statistics, PhD in Economics, Management and Statistics, University of Messina, Italy.

Mathematics classes, PhD in Economics, Management and Statistics, University of Messina, Italy.

Statistics Pre-module, Master in Banking and Finance, University of Messina, Italy.

2015-2016

Macro Finance classes, Master in Banking and Finance, University of Messina, Italy.

Public Economics, MA and BA, University of Messina, Italy.

Regional Economics, University of Messina, Italy.

Microeconomics, BA, University of Messina, Italy.

Econometrics, BA, University of Messina, Italy.

Teaching abroad

Maths and Stats Pre-sessional modules, Queen Mary University of London, London, UK.

Econometrics A, Queen Mary University of London, London, UK.

Quantitative Methods for Finance and Quantitative Techniques, Queen Mary University of London, London, UK; BPP Business School, London and Manchester, UK.

Eviews, BPP Business School, UK.