

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Academic Position

Assistant Professor (RTD-B) in Public Economics, Department of Economics, Statistics and Finance, University of Calabria since July 2020.

Past Employment

2014-2019 - Assistant Professor (RTD-A) in Public Economics, Department of Economics, University of Messina.

2019-present - National Scientific Qualification as Associate Professor in SECS-P/03, 13/A3 Public Economics.

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, Arcavacata 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, Finance.

Membership in Scientific Organizations

European Economic Association, Royal Economic Association, SIEP (Società Italiana di Economia Pubblica), AISre (Associazione Italiana Economia Regionale), AIEL (Associazione Italiana Economia del Lavoro), SIE (Società Italiana degli Economisti).

Prizes and Grants

2018-2019 - Prize awarded for the Best PhD Thesis in the School of Business, Economics and Informatics, Birkbeck College, London, UK.

2018-2019 – Grant received by the Sicilian Region for the project “Health, Food Education and Students’ Performance” (€ 5,000).

2017-2018 – Award received by the University of Messina for excellence in research and teaching (€ 4,000), Messina, Italy.

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 (£ 500 per each module).

2011-2012 – Grant received by the Department of Economics and Finance for the M.Sc in Finance and Econometrics, Queen Mary University of London, London, UK (£ 7,000).

2009-2012 – PhD Grant received by the Italian Ministry of Education, University of Calabria, Arcavacata di Rende, Italy (€ 12,960 per year).

2009 – Tommaso Aceti prize for the best Master dissertation, University of Calabria, Arcavacata di Rende, Italy (€ 1,000).

2008-2009 – Graduation Prize for MSc in Economics and Finance, University of Calabria, Arcavacata di Rende, Italy (€ 1,000).

2006-2007 – Graduation Prize for the Bachelor Degree in Economics and Finance, University of Calabria, Arcavacata di Rende, Italy (€ 1,000).

Referee

Economics of Education Review, Public Choice, European Journal of Political Economy, Electoral Studies, Economics & Politics, Applied Economics Letters, International Journal of Manpower, Corporate Governance, Journal of Organizational Effectiveness: People and Performance, Representation, Journal of

Global Economics, Journal of Social Science, Journal of Advanced Research in Social Science and Humanities.

Other duties

2021-present – Member of the PhD Board, University of Calabria, Italy.

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

2018-2019 – Internal Seminars Organizer, Department of Economics, University of Messina, Italy.

2018–Co-supervisor of a PhD thesis (Candidate: Veronica Bonanno), University of Messina, Italy. 2017–Co-tutor of a PhD thesis (Candidate: Francesca Nordi), University of Messina, Italy.

2016-2019 – Member of the PhD Board, University of Messina, Italy.

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

2014-2019 – Member of the School Committee, Department of 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.

Invited Seminars and Conferences

October 2020, International Conference on Tax Compliance: New Methodological and Empirical Approaches, *Tax Evasion, Government Size and Public Goods Provision: Evidence from Italian Provinces*, University of Perugia, Perugia, online.

September 2020, SIEP Conference, *Lending in Mafia's Lands. Evidence from a Quasi-experimental Design in Italy*, Bicocca University, Milano, online.

September 2020, AIEL Conference, *Does Monitoring Deter Future Cheating? The Case of External Examiners in Italian Schools*, University of Salerno, Salerno, online.

October 2019, SIE Conference, *Tax Evasion, Public Spending and Quality of life. Evidence from Italian Regions*, University of Palermo, Palermo, Italy.

September 2019, SIEP Conference, *Tax Evasion, Public Spending and Quality of life. Evidence from Italian Regions*, University of Turin, Turin, Italy.

September 2019, AISre Conference, *Politicians' Quality and Electoral System. Evidence from a Quasi-experimental Design for Italian Cities*, L'Aquila, Italy.

June 2019, European Political Science Association (EPSA) Conference, *Term Limit Extension and Electoral Participation. Evidence from a Diff-in-Discontinuities Design at the local level in Italy*, Belfast, Ireland.

February 2019, Seminar, *Term limit extension and electoral participation. Evidence from a diff-in discontinuities design at the local level in Italy*, Birkbeck College, London, UK.

October 2018, SIE Conference, *Politicians' Quality and Electoral System. Evidence from a Quasi-experimental Design for Italian Cities*, Università degli Studi di Bologna, Italy.

September 2018. AIEL Conference, *Politicians' Quality and Electoral System. Evidence from a Quasi-experimental Design for Italian Cities*, Politecnico delle Marche, Italy.

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 SIE, 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, Seminar, *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

2021-present, Member of PRIN: “Unpacking Educational Inequalities: The Role of Parents, Teachers, Schools and Hard Times”. Principal investigator: Giorgio Brunello.

2018-2019 – Principal investigator for the project “Health, Food Education and Students' Performance”.

2018-2019 - Member of PRIN: “New Models of Prevention and Contrast to Corruption: Legal, Statistical and Economic Profiles”.

2015-2019, Member of the Research and Mobility Project “Higher Moments of distribution of returns”, Department of Economics, University of Messina.

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

Does Monitoring Deter Future Cheating? The Case of External Examiners in Italian Schools (with M. Bertoni, G. Brunello and M. De Paola), 2021, *Economics Letters*, forthcoming.

Quality of Politicians and Electoral System. Evidence from a Quasi-experimental Design for Italian Cities (with E. D'Agostino and G. Sobbrío), 2021, *German Economic Review*, forthcoming. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1515/ger-2020-0021>.

Finance, corporate value and credit market freedom in overinvesting US firms (with A. Iona, D. Assefa and M. Limosani), *Corporate Governance*, 2020, vol. 20(6), 1053-1072. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1108/CG-05-2020-0196>.

Personal or Partisan Incumbency Advantage? Evidence from an Electoral Reform at the Local Level in Italy, *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy*, 2019, vol. 20(1), 1935-1682. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1515/bejeap-2018-0125>.

Technical Efficiency and Corporate Structure of Italian Private Hospitals. Evidence from a One-step Stochastic Frontier Analysis (with A. F. Forgione), *Applied Economics Letters*, 2019, vol. 27(15), 1225-1228. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/13504851.2019.1676379>.

Term Limit Extension and Electoral Participation. Evidence from a Diff-in-Discontinuities Design at the local level in Italy (with M. De Paola), *European Journal of Political Economy*, 2019, vol. 59, 196-211. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ejpoleco.2019.02.009>.

Council size, government spending and efficiency. Evidence from a Quasi-experimental design for Italian municipalities, *Journal of Economic Policy-Rivista di Politica Economica*, 2018, vol. 3, 297-326. DOI: 10.1429/92122.

Candidates' Education and Turnout: Evidence from Italian Municipal Elections (with M. De Paola), *German Economic Review*, 2017, vol. 18, 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, 98-108. DOI: <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, 141-157. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ejpoleco.2014.06.001>.

Media Coverage

Council size, government spending and efficiency. Evidence from a Quasi-experimental design for Italian municipalities, 2020, Temi di Economia Pubblica (Invited), SIEP. <http://www.siepweb.it/siep/it/temi-di-economia-pubblica/>

Le donne in Calabria: Una risorsa sottoutilizzata (with Maria De Paola), 2019, Open Calabria <http://www.opencalabria.com/le-donne-in-calabria-una-risorsa-sottoutilizzata/>

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/>

New Working Papers

Anti-Mafia Law Enforcement and Lending in Mafia's Lands. Evidence from the Judicial Administration in Italy (with F. Calamunci and D. B. Silipo), revision requested.

Duty to Read vs Duty to Disclose. Does the Market Structure Matter? (with E. D'Agostino and G. Sobbrío), 2019, submitted.

Tax Evasion and Provision of Public Goods. Evidence from Italian Provinces (with E. D'Agostino and G. Sobbrío), 2019, revision requested.

Electoral Reform and Public Sector Efficiency. Some Evidence from Italian Municipalities (with S. Destefanis and L. Guadalupi), DISES Working Paper n. 3237, CRISEI, University of Salerno, Italy.

Old Working Papers

External Monitors and Score Manipulation in Italian Schools: Symptomatic Treatment or Cure? (with M. Bertoni, G. Brunello and M. De Paola), 2019, IZA Discussion Paper No. 12591.

Quality of Politicians and Electoral System. Evidence from a Quasi-experimental Design for Italian Cities, 2018, BCAM Working Papers 1802, Birkbeck Centre for Applied Macroeconomics.

Term Limit Extension and Electoral Participation. Evidence from a Diff-in-Discontinuities Design at the local level in Italy (with M. De Paola), 2018, IZA Discussion Paper no. 11865.

The Effect of Council Size on Municipal Expenditures: Evidence from Italian Municipalities, 2018, Birkbeck Working Paper no. 1802.

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.

Work in Progress

Immigration and Teachers' Bias towards Foreign Students (con M. De Paola), Work in progress.

Blaming Politicians or Voters? An Empirical Inquiry on Rule Compliance (con E. Bracco e M. Lisciandra), Work in progress.

Teaching in Italy

2020-2021

Applied Econometrics with software STATA, PhD in Economics, University of Calabria, Italy.

Macroeconomics, Bachelor degree in Economics, University of Calabria, Italy.

Public Economics, Bachelor degree in Political Science, University of Calabria, Italy.

2018-2019

Public Economics, BA, University of Messina, Italy.

2017-2018

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, MA, University of Messina, Italy.

Microeconomics, BA, University of Messina, Italy.

Econometrics, BA, University of Messina, Italy.

Teaching abroad

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

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

Eviews, BPP Business School, Master level, UK.

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