Curriculum Vitae



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CURRENT POSITION

2015- Associate professor in Economics, University of Milano - Bicocca

MAIN RESEARCH INTERESTS

Economics of Education (ICT, Teacher quality, VET systems and apprenticeship), Labour Economics (wage differentials, gender discrimination), Intergenerational Mobility, Applied microeconometrics and Public Policy Evauation.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2021	"Evaluation of Youth Guarantee In Lombardy" project funded by the Lombardy Region, PI.
2020	"Evaluation of Tertiaruy Vocational Education In Lombardy" project funded by the Lombardy Region, PI.
2019	"Evaluation of the impact of Apprenticeship Type I In Lombardy" project funded by the Lombardy Region, Principal Investigator.
2018	"The Structure and Rates of Excise Duty Applied to Manufactured Tobacco" Funded by Economisti Associati srl for the European Commission.
2015-2017	"OpenTeQ – Opening the black box of Teacher Quality" SIR (national research project), coordinated by Prof. Gianluca Argentin, funded by the Italian Ministry of Education
2015- 2016	"Evaluating the impact of Export Promotion Services", project funded by Eupolis for the Lombardy Region.
2013:	"The effectiveness and costs-benefits of apprenticeships: Results of the quantitative analysis", project funded by the European Commission DG Social Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion.
2012-2015	"Information barriers in the participation in Higher Education: a randomised experiment nested in a longitudinal survey".project funded by the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research (scientific director; national coordinator: A. Schizzerotto)rof. Antonio Schizzerotto.
2006-2010	Research activity at the department of Sociology and Social research within the Eu funded network EQUALSOC – Economic Change, Quality of Life and Social Cohesion. Research group: "atypical employment and welfare regimes"
2004 - 2006	Research activity at the "Istituto di economia dell'impresa e del lavoro", Catholic University of Milan within the EU funded network LOWER3 – The insecure

perspective of low skilled in a Knowledge society. Work-package "Household

behaviour and intergenerational transmission".

.2002 - 2005 Senior researcher at the Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei within the Eu funded project

EDWIN, – Education and Wage Inequality in Europe (EU-DG XII)

1998 - 2000: junior researcher at the Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (Feem) within the EU funded

project *PURE*, – Public Funding and Private Returns to Education (EU-DG XII).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate: Introductory Economics, Microeconomics, Introductory Macroeconomics, Labour

Economics.

Graduate: Labour Economics, Economics of Education, Causal inference.

Phd: Labour Economics, Applied Econometrics and Causal Inference.

EDUCATION

2005 Ph.D. in Economics, Università Statale di MIlano, Milan, Italy.

1998 College Degree cum laude in Economics and Business, Università Cattolica del Sacro

Cuore, Milan, Italy.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

2001-2002 Marie Curie Fellowship Institute of Social and Economics Research (ISER) University

of Essex, Colchester.

2000-2004 Ph.D. scholarship, Università Statale di Milano, Milan, Italy.

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2006-2014 Assistant professor in economics, University of Milano Bicocca, Milan, Italy

2004-2006 Research Assistant, University of East Piedmont, Novara, Italy

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

2010-2013 Research Fellow at Istituto per la Ricerca Sociale (IRS), Milan, Department of Labour

Economics and Industrial Relations.

2004-2006 Research Fellow at Istituto per la Ricerca Sociale (IRS), Milan, Department of Labour

Economics and Industrial Relations.

2002-2005 Senior Researcher at Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (FEEM), Milano Italy

1998-2000 Junior Researcher at Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (FEEM), Milano Italy

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in refereed journals

"Can judicial efficiency improve territorial attractiveness to FDI? The Italian experience." (with Mara Grasseni and Laura Resmini) **European Journal of Political Economy**. Forthcoming 2021

"Last and furious: Relative position and school violence" (with Federica Origo, Laura Pagani and Marco Tonello), **Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization**, 188 (August 2021), 736-756 [10.1016/j.jebo.2021.05.026].

"The Effect of School Rank on Personality Traits." (with Laura. Pagani and Federica Origo) **The Journal of Human Resources** - forthcoming 2021.

"Employer Learning During Apprenticeship" (with Mara Grasseni) Applied Economic Letters (2020) 1-4

"Where women make a difference. Gender quotas and firms' performance in three European countries." (with Mara Grasseni, Federica Origo and Laura Pagani) **Industrial & Labor Relations Review**, 73(3), 768-793., 2020.

"Are Export Promotion Programs Effective in Promoting the Internalization of SMEs?." (with Laura Resmini), **Economia Politica**, 37(2), 547-581. 2019.

"The impact of regional export promotion policies in Italy. The case of Lombardy" (with L. Resmini e G.Vittucci), Italian Journal of Regional Science, forthcoming.

"Does Public Investment in ICTs Improve Learning Performance? Evidence From Italy." (with M. Gui e A. Parma), **Policy & Internet**, 2018.

"Is it the way they use it? Teachers, ICT and student achievement" (with G. Argentin, M. Gui, F. Origo e L.Pagani), **Economics of Education Review**, vol 56, pp24-39, 2017.

"The side effect of pension reforms on the training of older workers. Evidence from Italy", (with G. Brunello) **The Journal of the Economics of Ageing**, Volume 6, December 2015, Pages 113-122, ISSN 2212-828X, 2015.

"Multinational firms and FDI destinations: what explains the productivity gap?," (with M. Grasseni) **Economics Bulletin**, AccessEcon, vol. 33(1), pages 721-728, 2013.

"Are Temporary Workers Discriminated Against? Evidence from Europe" (with M. Grasseni), **The Manchester School**, 80: 28–50, 2012.

"Training subsidies and the wage returns to continuing vocational training: Evidence from Italian regions", (with G. Brunello and D. Sonedda). **Labour Economics**, 19(3), 361-372, 2012

"Income Taxes And The Composition of Pay: Evidence From The British Household Panel Survey" (with G. Brunello and D. Sonedda) **Scottish Journal of Political Economy**, 58(3), 297-322, 2011

"Family influence on early career outcomes in seven European countries", **Economics Bulletin**, 30(3), 2054-2062, 2010

"Education and Earnings Growth. Evidence from 11 European Countries" (with G. Brunello) **Economics of Education Review**, vol 23 pp 75-83, 2004

Chapters in book

"Relazioni sociali e invecchiamento." (with Elena Cottini and Claudio Lucifora), In L. Cappellari, C. Lucifora, & A. Rosina (eds), Invecchiamento attivo, mercato del lavoro e benessere (pp. 127-141). Il mulino.

"Lavori in corso. Tra formazione e occupazione". (with Luigi Gui and Elisabetta Kolar) in "Voglio fare l'assistente sociale". Formazione e occupazione dei laureati in Servizio sociale in tempi di crisi e discontinuità; eds M. Tognetti Bordogna. Franco Angeli pp.247-274, 2015

"Mobilità intergenerazionale del reddito: un confronto internazionale." in *Economia della popolazione. Diseguaglianza, famiglia e migrazione*. Eds L. Cappelari e C. Lucifora. Vita e Pensiero, Milano, 2014.

"La formazione continua nella transizione scuola-lavoro dei giovani: quali le azioni a sostegno?." (with C. Lucifora) In *Giovani senza futuro? Proposte per una nuova politica* a cura di C: Dell'Aringa e T. Treu (pp. 111-128). il Mulino, 2011.

"Inequality in Education and Wages in Italy: A Review of the Empirical Literature" (with G. Brunello, C. Lucifora and E. Scarpa), in Asplund, R. and E. Barth (eds), *Education and Wage Inequality in Europe: A literature review*. ETLA, Series B209, Helsinki, 2005.

"La condizione" lavorativa delle donne over 40 in Lombardia: un confronto con altre regioni d'Europa" in *Partecipazione femminile e ruolo dell'età*, editors M. Samek e R. Semenza , IRS Milano25-48, 2003.

"The Returns to Education in Italy" (with G Brunello e C. Lucifora), in C. Harmon, I. Walker and N. Westergard-Nielsen (editors9 *Education and Earnings in Europe: A Cross Country Analysis of the Returns to Education*, Edward Elgar, Cheltenham UK 2001. 157-178, 2001.

"Returns to Education in Italy: A Review of the Applied Literature ", (with G. Brunello e C. Lucifora), in Returns to Human Capital in Europe. A literature Review, in R. Asplund and P Telhado Pereira (editors), ETLA, Helsinky 1999.

Other Publications and reports

"The role of apprenticeships in the youth labour market: Evidence from a decade of reforms in Italy" in The effectiveness and costs-benefits of apprenticeships: Results of the quantitative analysis cura di IRS-ECORIS – IES, European Commission DG Employment, Social Affair and Inclusion, report, 2013.

"Analisi e valutazione della formazione professionale in provincia di Cremona" (with P. Ganugi, L. Grossi e C. Lucifora), Rapporto SIES 1-64, 2002.

"Mobilità intergenerazionale dell'istruzione e del reddito in Europa" (2008). In "Sistemi eucativi e capitale umano: atti Milano, 22-23 giugno 2007. - Milano : Centro nazionale di prevenzione e difesa sociale: Fondazione Cassa di risparmio delle provincie lombarde / Osservatorio Giordano Dell'Amore sui rapporti tra diritto ed economia ; Centro nazionale di prevenzione e difesa sociale . - Milano: Giuffrè, 2008 (Collana dell'Osservatorio Giordano Dell'Amore sui rapporti tra diritto ed economia; 14) . - ISBN 8814140987

Newspaper articles

"La giustizia efficiente porta investimenti esteri" (2021) with M.Grasseni and L. Resmini www.Lavoce.info

"Quotas have led to more women on corporate boards in Europe" with M.Grasseni, F.Origo and L. Pagani https://blogs.lse.ac.uk

"Giovani e senza formazione" (2012) with C. Lucifora www.lavoce.info

"Ma la formazione continua paga" (2010) with G. Brunello and D. Sonedda, www.lavoce.info

Work in progress

"The COVID-19 Pandemic and University Students' Outcomes: Evidence from Italy" (with Chiara Binelli, Elena Meschi and Laura Pagani)

"The causal effect of retirement on social relationships" (with Elena Cottini and Claudio Lucifora)

"Sometimes it works! The effect of a reform of the short vocational track on school-to-work transition." (with Federica Origo and Mara Grasseni)

PHD SUPERVISION

- Tommaso Ramella.(2021) Phd Analysis of Socio-Economic Processes, University of Milano Bicocca. Thesis on "Labour market and personality traits"

- Sofia Mastrokoukou. (2021) Phd Analysis of Socio-Economic Processes, University of Milano Bicocca. Thesis on "Managing quality in Higher Education"

REFEREE ACTIVITY

Applied Economics; Applied economics Letters; British Journal of Industrial relations; Bulletin of Economic Research; Computers and Education; Contemporary Economic Policy; Economics Bulletin; Economic Change and Restructuring; Economics of Education Review; German Economic Review; Il Giornale degli Economisti; Industrial and Labor Relations Review; Industrial Relations; International Journal of development Issue; International Journal of Manpower; Kiklos; Journal of Asian Economics; The Journal of the Economics of Ageing; Italian Economic Journal; Labour; Labour economics; Lavoro e relazioni industriali; Papers in Regional Science; Plos one; Scienze Regionali – Italian Journal of Regional Science; Socio-Economic Planning; IZA Journal of Labor Policy;

AFFILIATIONS (current and past)

Associazione Italiana degli Economisti del lavoro (AIEL) - current European Association of Labour Economists (EALE) European Regional Science Association (ERSA) European Society of Population Economics (ESPE)

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