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December 2013 CITIZENSHIP: Italian.

EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of Economics, Queen's University, since Jul 07.

EDUCATION

- Ph.D., University College London (UCL), defended Apr 08.
Fields of specialisation: Macroeconomics, Econometrics. Supervisor: Prof. N. Pavoni.
Thesis Title: "Essays on Macroeconomic Models of Crime and the Labor Market."
Examiners: Prof. Claudio Michelacci (CEMFI), Prof. Andrew Scott (LBS).
- Visiting Graduate Student, Department of Economics, PENN University, Jan 04-Aug 06, Jan-Sep 02.
Supervisor: Prof. A. Merlo.
- Summer School of Econometrics, CIDE, Bertinoro, Jul 01, Jul 00.
- Master in Economics (MEc), Bocconi University, Milan, Jul 99.
- Laurea (BA) Summa cum laude in Economics, Catholic University, Milan, Oct 98.

RESEARCH PAPERS

Publications

- "Equilibrium Heterogeneous-Agent Models as Measurement Tools: some Monte Carlo Evidence," forthcoming in the *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control* (Previous version: QED Working Paper n. 1277).
- "Precautionary Savings and Wealth Inequality: a Global Sensitivity Analysis in a Calibrated Macroeconomic Model," Chapter 9 in *Calibration Technology, Theories and Applications*, I. Fujimoto and K. Nishimura (eds.), Nova Science Publishers, 2013 (Previous version: QED Working Paper n. 1270).
- "Optimal Unemployment Insurance in GE: a Robust Calibration Approach," *Economics Letters*, Vol. 117 (1), 2012, p. 28-31 (Previous version: QED Working Paper n. 1272).

Working Papers

- "Risk Aversion Heterogeneity, Risky Jobs and Wealth Inequality," QED Working Paper n. 1286.
- "Accounting for the Racial Property Crime Gap in the US: A Quantitative Equilibrium Analysis," QED Working Paper n. 1233.
- "The Non-neutrality of Severance Payments with Incomplete Markets," (joint with G. Fella, Queen Mary).
- "Hard Drugs Addiction, Drug Violations and Property Crimes in the US."

Work in progress

- “Social Security Reforms with Uncertainty over the Nature of Labor Market Risk: a Bayesian Analysis.”
- “The Consumption Response to Predictable Income Changes: how Important are Heterogeneous Risk Preferences?”
- “The Krusell-Smith Algorithm: Are Self-fulfilling Equilibria Likely?”
- “Equilibrium Heterogeneous-Agent Models: a Monte Carlo Analysis of Simulated Method of Moments Estimators.”
- “Income and Wealth Inequality, Political Lobbying, and the Extent of Redistribution.”

TEACHING AND RESEARCH FIELDS

Macroeconomics, Applied General Equilibrium, Computational Economics, Empirical Microeconomics, Labor Economics.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Teaching

- Instructor, Queen’s
 - Empirical Microeconomics II - ECON 861 (G), W 07-14.
 - Macroeconomic Theory - ECON 815 (G), W 08-13.
 - Macroeconomic Theory I - ECON 222 (UG), W 07-08, F 08-09, W 09-13.
 - Ph.D. Thesis Seminar - ECON 999 (G), F & W 11-14.
- Teaching Assistant
 - Macroeconomics - MACT (G), 06-07, UCL.
 - Macroeconomics - MC2 (G), 02-03, UCL.
 - Economics of Labour (UG), 01-03, 06-07, UCL.
 - Intermediate Microeconomics, (UG), 99-00, Catholic University, Milan.

Other Academic Activities

Graduate Supervision (Placement and Date of Graduation)

- Ph.D. co-advisor for Mike Barber (in progress) and Kevin Andrew (in progress).
- M.A. Essay advisor for Ralph Oliquino (U. of T. Phd in Economics, Sep 13), Christopher Penney (Department of National Defence, Aug 12), Kelly Wills (Jul 12), Ingrid DeFreitas (Queen’s Law School, Aug 11), Jean LeMoullec (Statistics Canada, Feb 11), and Dilbar Muradova (U.N., Aug 09).
- Reader for Matthew Webb (Applied Econometrics, U. of Alberta, Jun 13), Nicolas Martineau (Political Economy, U. de Sherbrooke, Nov 11), Rokon Bhuiyan (Macroeconometrics, Fullerton, May 09), Ph.D. candidates in Economics, Queen’s.
- Reader for nine M.A. Essays, 07-13.

Departmental and Administrative Duties

- Course Coordinator, Macroeconomic Theory I - ECON 222, 09-14.
- Undergraduate Studies Committee, 13-14.
- SSHRC Scholarships Internal Ranking Committee, 11-13.
- Committee Member, Curtis Prize (best Ph.D. thesis), Mar 10.
- Macroeconomics Comprehensive Exam Committee Member, Jun 12, May 09 (Chair).
- Committee Member, Scarthingmoor Prize (best M.A. thesis), Dec 08.

Seminar and Conference Organization

- Co-organiser, Macroeconomics Seminar, Queen's, 07-11, 12-13.
- Co-organiser, Frontiers in Macroeconomics Workshop, Queen's, Apr 08-11,13.
- Program Committee Member, Macroeconomics, CEA Annual Meeting, Ottawa, Jun 11.
- Co-organiser and Program Committee Member, Canadian Macro Study Group Meeting, Kingston, Nov 09.
- PhD reading groups in Macroeconomics (07-08) and Empirical Microeconomics (08-09).

Short Visits

- IGIER - Bocconi University (Sep 10), Philadelphia FED (May 10), UBC (Apr 09).

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- SHHRC IDG Grant, Jun 13-May 15, "Incomplete Econometric Models in Quantitative Macroeconomics with Heterogeneous Agents" (\$72,420).
- Queen's University Conference Travel Support, 10, 11, 12.
- Queen's University and QED Research Initiation Grants, 07-12 (\$35,000).
- Royal Economic Society, European Economic Association, UCL Conference Grants: 04, 06, 04-06.
- Royal Economic Society Small Expenses Grant: 04, 05.
- Scholarship for Graduate Students, 03-04, Catholic University.
- Departmental Research Studentship, Department of Economics, 02-03, UCL.
- Young Researchers Grant, 02-03, Catholic University, Milan.
- James Lanner Memorial Scholarship, MPhil, 01-02, UCL.
- CIDE, Summer School of Econometrics, Tuition Waiver/Scholarship, 00, 01.
- Invernizzi Foundation Scholarship, MEd 98-99, Bocconi University.

PRESENTATIONS

Conferences, Invited seminars and Workshops

- 2014: University of Guelph (scheduled).
- 2013: SED Annual Meeting, Seoul; Midwest Macroeconomics Meetings, Minneapolis.
- 2012: Carleton University; Midwest Macroeconomics Meetings, Boulder; Society for Computational

Economics Annual Meeting, Prague; Royal Economic Society Annual Meeting, Cambridge; American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Chicago (session organizer).

- 2011: Washington University/St. Louis FED; RCEA workshop, Toronto; Econometric Society/European Economic Association Meetings, Oslo (2); SED Annual Meeting, Ghent; CEA Annual Meeting, Ottawa; Queen's University.
- 2010: University of Pittsburgh; RMM, University of Toronto; Society for Computational Economics Annual Meeting, London; SED Annual Meeting, Montreal; Philadelphia FED; University of Western Ontario; Universite' de Montreal; Econometric Society North American Meetings, Atlanta.
- 2009: Econometric Society/European Economic Association Meetings, Barcelona; Conference on Heterogeneous-Agent Models in Macroeconomics, Mannheim; Midwest Macroeconomics Meetings, Bloomington; University of British Columbia.
- 2008: Ryerson University; Carleton University; Econometric Society/European Economic Association Meetings, Milan; Canadian Economic Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver; Universite' du Quebec a Montreal.
- 2007: Canadian Macro Study Group "Jr.", Bank of Canada, Ottawa; SED Annual Meeting, Prague; University of Oslo; Queen Mary; 2nd RES PhD Presentation Meeting, London; Universite' de Laval; Queen's University; Universidad Carlos 3 de Madrid; University of Essex; University of Southampton.
- 2003-06: UCL (2); UPENN; Econometric Society/European Economic Association Meetings, Vienna (2); Sixth Villa Mondragone Workshop, Rome; Econometric Society North American Meetings, Minneapolis (2); Canadian Economic Association Annual Meeting, Hamilton; European Economic Association Conference, Amsterdam; Society for Computational Economics Annual Meeting, Washington DC; Canadian Economic Association Annual Meeting, Toronto; ENTER Conference, Tilburg.

Discussions

- American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Jan 12, "A Quantitative Analysis of Unemployment Benefit Extensions", by M. Nakajima.
- CIREQ Macroeconomics Conference, Montreal, Apr 11, "Optimal Unemployment Insurance in a Directed Search Model", by Boostani and Gervais.
- Frontier Research on Markets with Frictions, CIRPEE, Montreal, Oct 09, "Aggregate Labor Market Outcomes: The Role of Choice and Chance", by Krusell, Mukoyama, Rogerson, and Sahin.
- Canadian Macro Study Group Annual Meeting, Toronto, Nov 08, "Establishments Dynamics and Matching Frictions in Classical Competitive Equilibrium", by M. Veracierto.
- Canadian Economic Association Annual Meeting, Hamilton, May 05, "Thinking Economically About Plagiarism", by A. Collins, G. Judge and N. Rickman.
- Canadian Economic Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Jun 04, "The Relationship Between Intertemporal Demand and the Human Capital Production Technology", by L. Paquin and M. Rugishi.
- Workshop on Macrodynamics, Catholic University, Milan, Oct 02, "Human Capital Accumulation, Education Policy and Income Dispersion", by G. Gallipoli, C. Meghir and G. Violante.

REFEREEING ACTIVITY

B.E. Journal of Macroeconomics, Economic Inquiry, International Economic Review, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Review of Economic Dynamics.

REFERENCES

Available upon request.