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PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Date of birth: July 24th, 1974
- Citizenship: Italian
- Family status: married, three children

CURRENT POSITION: associate professor in Economics, Department of Social and Political Sciences, University of Pavia (2015-)

NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC HABILITATION: qualified as full professor in Economics (13/A1), Economic Policy (13/A2) and Public Economics (13/A3).

PAST EMPLOYMENT

- Assistant professor (ricercatore) in Economics, University of Pavia (2009-2015)
- Marie Curie Fellow at ECARES, ULB: TOM project (2007-2008)
- Visiting Lecturer, Political Science Department, MIT (2005-2007)
- Tutorial Fellow, Economics Department, LSE (2003-2005)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Mass media economics, political economy, economics of immigration, public economics, technology adoption

EDUCATION

- London School of Economics, PhD in Economics, February 2008
- University of Pavia, Doctorate in Public Economics, March 2002
- London School of Economics, Master in Economics, June 2001
- University of Pavia, Bsc (Laurea) in Economics, September 1998

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Hicks-Tinbergen Medal 2016 (with James M. Snyder, Jr.)
- Premio Ghislieri 2015 (with Virginio Rognoni)
- Fellow, Centro Studi Luca d'Agliano (LdA)
- Economic & Social Research Council (ESRC) fellowship, 2002-2005
- Tutorial Fellowship, Economics Department, LSE, 2003-2005
- Fellowship (assegno di ricerca), Economics Department, University of Milan, 2002
- Ente Einaudi fellowship, Rome 2001
- Mario Quarti fellowship, Collegio Ghislieri, Pavia, 2000 and 2001
- Ghislieri College Alumnus, Pavia, 1993-1997

PUBLICATIONS

- “Tax Policy and Economic Growth: Does It Really Matter?” (with Donatella Baiardi, Paola Profeta and Simona Scabrosetti) [2018]. *International Tax and Public Finance*: 1-35.
- “Illegal Immigration and Media Exposure: Evidence on Individual Attitudes” (with Giovanni Facchini and Anna Maria Mayda) [2017]. *IZA Journal of Development and Migration* 7(1): 1-36.

- “Individual Attitudes on Food Quality and Safety: Empirical Evidence on EU Countries” [2016] (with Donatella Baiardi and Simona Scabrosetti). *Food Quality and Preference* 49: 70-74.
- “Empirical Studies of Media Bias” [2015] (with James M. Snyder, Jr.). In Simon Anderson, Joel Waldfogel, David Stromberg (eds.) *Handbook of Media Economics* Volume 1B, North-Holland: 647-667.
- “What Do Ads Buy? Daily Coverage of Listed Companies on the Italian Press” [2015] (with Marco Gambaro), *European Journal of Political Economy* 39: 41-57.
- “The Balanced U.S. Press” [2015] (with James M. Snyder, Jr.), *Journal of the European Economic Association* 13(2): 240-264. (Hicks-Tinbergen Medal 2016)
- “Does Democracy Affect Taxation and Public Spending? Evidence from Developing Countries” [2013] (with Paola Profeta and Simona Scabrosetti), *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 41(3): 684–718.
- “Partisan Bias in Economic News: Evidence on the Agenda-Setting Behavior of U.S. Newspapers” [2011] (with Valentino Larcinese and James M. Snyder, Jr.). *Journal of Public Economics*, 95(9-10): 1178-1189.
- “Newspaper Coverage of Political Scandals” (with James M. Snyder, Jr.) [2011]. *Journal of Politics*, 73(3): 931-950.
- “Being the New York Times: the Political Behaviour of a Newspaper” [2011]. *B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy*, 11(1), (Contributions), Article 20.
- “Is Private Campaign Finance a Good Thing? Estimates of the Potential Informational Benefits” (with Andrea Prat and James M. Snyder, Jr.) [2010]. *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, 5(3): 291-318.
- “I’m News, Are You? Newspaper Coverage of Elected vs. Appointed Officials” [2008] (with James M. Snyder, Jr.). In Roumeen Islam (ed.) *Information and Public Choice: From Media Markets to Policymaking*, World Bank Publications.
- “Issues, cleavages and parties: a critical review of the literature” (with Josep Colomer) [2005]. *European Political Science*, 4: 502-520.

Articles on Italian journals:

- “La politica ai tempi di Twitter” (with Marco Gambaro) [2013]. *Il Mulino* 2: 246-256.
- “Democracy and public spending in developing countries” (with Paola Profeta and Simona Scabrosetti) [2011]. *Rivista di Diritto Finanziario e Scienza delle Finanze* 2(I): 212-231.
- “La posizione politica dei mass media: misurazione, determinanti, effetti” [2010]. *Istituto Lombardo (Rend. Lett.)* 144: 137-162.
- “Ugo La Malfa, l'economia mista e la politica senza alternanza nell'Italia della "Prima Repubblica"” [2008]. *Il Politico*, 217(1): 125-133.
- “Federalismo democratico e comitati interlivelli” (with Luigi Bernardi) [2007]. *Politica Economica*, 1: 5-28.
- “L'industrializzazione in un modello di lobbying” [2003]. *Politica Economica*, 1: 137-160.

Other publications:

- “Individual preferences on food characteristics: large-scale evidence on EU countries” (with Donatella Baiardi and Simona Scabrosetti) [2013]. In Giovanni Cordini (ed.) *Domestic protection of food safety and quality rights*, Torino, G. Giappichelli Editore.
- “Taxation and Democracy in Developing Countries” (with Paola Profeta and Simona Scabrosetti) [2013]. In Clemens Fuest and George R. Zodrow (eds.) *Taxation and Democracy in Developing Countries*, Cambridge, MIT Press.
- “Individual Attitudes towards Immigration: Economic vs. Non-Economic Determinants” (with Giovanni Facchini and Anna Maria Mayda) [2013]. In Gary P. Freeman, Randall Hansen, e David L. Leal (eds.) *Immigration and Public Opinion in Liberal Democracies*, Londra, Routledge.
- “A Portal or a Mirror? The coverage of other countries, and the economic crisis, on China Daily” [2012]. In Lihong Zhang e Silvio Beretta (eds.) *Contemporary*

China through the Eyes of Italian Experts, Pechino, China University of Political Science and Law Press.

- “Malnutrizione: lo sguardo (disattento) della stampa italiana” [2010]. In Medici Senza Frontiere (ed.) *Le crisi umanitarie dimenticate dai media 2009*, Marsilio, Venezia.

- *Mentire con le statistiche* (with Giancarlo Livraghi) [2007]: first Italian translation of *How to Lie with Statistics*, by Darrell Huff. Monti & Ambrosini Editori, Pescara.

- “The LSE approach to political economy” [2005]. *STICERD Review*. 13-16: available online at http://sticerd.lse.ac.uk/review/STICERD_Review_2005.pdf

- “Vote buying through resource allocation in a government controlled sector: comment” [2003]. *Rivista di Politica Economica* 93(1-2): 73-77.

WORKING PAPERS

- “Regulation and consumer satisfaction from public services: an individual fixed effects approach” [2007] (with Simona Grassi). Department of Economics, University of Milan, DEAS working paper 21.

- “Public Ownership, Privatisation and Regulation: Social Welfare Counterfactuals for British Telecom” (con Massimo Florio) [2005]. BMW Center for German and European Studies, Georgetown University, Working Paper n. 13/2005.

- “The Spin Doctor Meets the Rational Voter: Electoral Competition with Agenda-Setting Effects” [2004]. Available online at: http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=581881

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Is Soft News a Turn-Off? Evidence from Italian TV News Viewership” (with Marco Gambaro, Valentino Larcinese and James M. Snyder, Jr.)

- “Information and Financial Literacy for a Socially Sustainable NDC Pension System” (with Elsa Fornero and Noemi Oggero)
- “Where do Internet ads come from? Evidence from Italian data, 2004-2009” (with Marco Gambaro)
- “Tweeters uncovered: Determining their political affiliation” (with Monica Consorti)

TEACHING

- Pavia, Political Science: Macroeconomics (undergraduate): 2009-
- Pavia, Public Economics (undergraduate): 2017-
- Pavia, Economic Models of Politics (graduate): 2017-
- Pavia, Political Science: Comparative Political Economy (graduate): 2012-2017
- Bocconi, Media and Political Communication (undergraduate): 2017-
- Bocconi, Public Economics (undergraduate): 2012-
- Pavia, Political Science: Development economics (graduate): 2010-2011, 2016-2017
- Bocconi, Advanced Political Economics (graduate): 2011-2014
- Bocconi, Political Economics (undergraduate): 2011-2012
- MIT Political Science: Game Theory (graduate and undergraduate), 2005-2006, 2006-2007
- MIT Political Science: Multivariate Statistics (graduate), 2005-2006, 2006-2007
- LSE Economics: class teacher in Development Economics (graduate), 2003-2004, 2004-2005

- LSE Economics: class teacher in Micro and Macro for Public Policy (graduate), 2003-2004, 2004-2005

- LSE Economics: class teacher in Public Economics (undergraduate), 2001-2002, 2002-2003

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

- University of Pavia (2013). “Big data and social sciences. A new challenge to theory”: commencement speech for the 653rd academic year.

- Midwest Political Science Association (2006-2009, 2012)

- American Political Science Association (2004, 2005, 2008, 2009)

- Public Choice (2004, 2005)

- Southern Economic Association (2005)

- Società Italiana di Economia Pubblica (2001, 2004, 2008, 2009)

- Venice (2019), Zurich (2018), Bologna (2018), Ancona (2017), Tongji (2016), Wallis Conference (2012), Collegio Carlo Alberto (Torino, 2012), USI (2011) Frankfurt (2011), New Economic School Moscow (2011), LSE Government Dept. (2011), Trinity College Dublin (2010), UCL Louvain (2010), ECARES (2009), Milano Bicocca (2009), Pavia (2008), Essex, Political Economy seminar (2008), Media Economics Workshop (2007, 2008, 2009); World Bank Institute, conference on mass media and development (2007); Suffolk University, Economics Department (2007); Harvard/MIT Political Economy Seminar (2007); Università di Milano, Dipartimento di Economia (2006); Columbia University, Political Science Department (2006).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Editorialist for *Corriere della Sera* (2013-)

- Member of the Editorial Board, *lavoce.info* (2013-)

- Founder and shareholder of R2M Solution Srl (2012-): involved in market analysis, business modelling, project exploitation, replication strategies.
- Editorialist for *linkiesta* (2011-2016)
- Economic advisor to Corrado Passera (President of Italia Unica, former Minister of Economic Development in the Monti cabinet) (2014-2016)
- Member of the working group on costs of politics within the Italian spending review, headed by Carlo Cottarelli (2013-2014)
- Editorialist for *Il Sole 24 Ore* (2006-2008)
- Referee for: American Economic Review, B.E. Journal of Economic Policy & Analysis, Comparative Political Studies, Economic Journal, Economic Record, Economic Systems, Economics and Politics, Economics of Governance, European Economic Review, European Journal of Political Economy, International Economic Review, International Journal of Press/Politics, International Political Science Review, International Review of Economics, International Review of Law and Economics, International Tax and Public Finance, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of Economics, Journal of Industrial Economics, Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics, Journal of International Development, Journal of Law, Economics and Organization, Journal of Media Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Politics, Journal of Public Economics, Political Communication, Public Choice, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Review of Economic Studies, *Rivista di Politica Economica*, Scottish Journal of Political Economy, Theoretical Economics, World Development.

REFERENCES

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