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BUSINESS ADDRESS

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PERSONAL DETAILS

Married
One daughter, born in January 2012

EDUCATION

London School of Economics and Political Science

PhD in Economics, August 2003. Thesis: "Public policy and private interests in representative democracies" Advisor: Prof. Tim Besley

Università degli Studi di Salerno

Doctorate in Public Economics, February 1998.

DELTA – (EHESS-ENSAE-ENS-Ecole Polytechnique), Paris

Master degree: "Analyse et Politiques Economiques" *with distinction*, September 1995

Università Commerciale L.BOCCONI, Milan

Diploma di Laurea (B.Sc.) *summa cum laude* in Economics

CURRENT and PAST ACADEMIC POSITION

University of Nottingham, School of Economics, 2014-

Professor (Chair of Political Economy)

Royal Holloway University of London, Economics Department, 2001-2014

Professor (2014), Reader (2012-2014), Senior Lecturer (2009-2011), Lecturer (2001-2008)

Abilitazione Professore Ordinario, settore disciplinare Economia Politica (13/A1), 2015-2021

Idoneita' Professore Associato, settore disciplinare Economia Politica (SECS-P01), January 2011

Erasmus University, ESE, Rotterdam, 2010 -2011, Universiteit docent (part-time)

London School of Economics and Political Science, Economics Department, 2000-2001, Lecturer

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Nottingham Interdisciplinary Centre for Economic and Political Research (NICEP), Director, 2015-

Centro Studi Luca D'Agliano, Fellow, 2009-

Tinbergen Institute, Research fellow, 2010-2012

STICERD (LSE), Affiliate, 2001-

VISITING POSITIONS AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Harvard, Department of Government, Visiting Scholar (2015-2016)

Australian National University, RSSH, Visiting Scholar (July-September 2009)

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Visiting Scholar (September 2008)

University of Essex, Economics Department, Visiting Scholar (October-December 2007)

MIT Political Science Department, Visiting Scholar (January, 2006)

University of Sao Paulo, Visiting Scholar (July-August, 2004)

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Visiting Scholar (September 2003)

STICERD (LSE) Research Assistant (Sept 1996- July 1997)

French Ministry of the Economy, Research Department, Intern, (Feb-Mar.1996)

DELTA, Research Assistant (July-Aug. 1995)

Università Commerciale L. BOCCONI, Teaching Assistant, (Sept 1993 – July 94)

IGIER, Research Assistant, (Sept 1993 – July 94)

PUBLICATIONS and WORKING PAPERS

Race, Representation and Local Governments in the US South: the effect of the Voting Rights Act (2018), joint with Andrea Bernini and Giovanni Facchini, *CEPR DP12774, Journal of Political Economy, forthcoming*

The Rhetoric of Closed Borders: Quotas, Lax Enforcement and Illegal Migration (2021), joint with Giovanni Facchini, *Journal of International Economics*.

Pork, Infrastructure and Growth: Evidence from the Italian Railway Expansion (2021), joint with Roberto Bonfatti, Giovanni Facchini, Alexander Tarasov, Gianluca Tedeschi, *CEPR DP16462*.

The Franchise, Policing and Race: Evidence from Arrests Data and the Voting Rights Act (2020), joint with Giovanni Facchini and Brian Knight, *NBER WP 27463*.

Bicameralism (2019) in *Oxford Handbook of Public Choice* (Oxford University Press), Edited by Roger Congleton, Bernie Grofman and Stefan Voigt

Corruption and bicameral reforms (2016), joint with Giovanni Facchini, *Social Choice and Welfare*, Volume 47, Issue 2, Pages 387-411.

Asylum policy and illegal immigration: perspectives and challenges (2016), joint with Giovanni Facchini and Alessandra Casarico, *Cesifo DICE report*.

The political economy of migration enforcement: domestic versus border control (2015), joint with Giovanni Facchini, *Cesifo Economic Studies, Symposium on Migration Policy*.

Why do small states receive more federal monies? US Senate representation and the allocation of federal budget (2013), *Lead article Economics and Politics*, Volume 25, Issue 3, Pages 257-514.

Changing needs, sticky budget: Evidence from the Geographic Distribution of US Federal Grants (2013), joint with Valentino Larcinese and Leo Rizzo, *National Tax Journal*, 66, Pages 311-342.

Testing the Swing Voter Hypothesis Using Federal Spending in the US States (2013), joint with Valentino Larcinese and James M. Snyder Jr., *The British Journal of Political Science*, 43, pages 845-875.

Is Polarization Bad? (2012), *European Economic Review*, Volume 56, Issue 6, Pages 1104-1118.

Bicameralism and Corruption (2010), *European Economic Review*, Volume 54, Issue 2, Pages 181-198. Reprinted in *Design of Constitution* (2012), by Stefan Voight, Economic Approaches to Law Series, R. Posner and F. Parisi eds., Edward Elgar Publishing.

The Political Economy of Public Spending: Evidence from the US States (2010), joint with James Snyder and Valentino Larcinese, in *Public Choice and Political Economy*, pp. 143-163, Fabio Padovano & Alessandro Petretto (eds.), Franco Angeli.

Who's against a Common Market? (2009), joint with Giovanni Facchini, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, Vol. 7, No. 5, Pages 1068-1100.

Fiscal Decentralization, Inequality and Bailout: Lessons from Brazil's Debt Crisis (2008), joint with Giovanni Facchini, *Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance*, 48 (2), Pages 333-344.

Allocating the US Federal Budget to the States: The Impact of the President (2006), joint with Valentino Larcinese and Leo Rizzo, *Journal of Politics* 68 (2): Pages 447-456.

Reform, Lobbies and Welfare: a common agency approach (2005), *Public Choice*, 125, 3-4: Pages 305-337.

WORK IN PROGRESS

The Impact of the Voting Rights Act on Political Mobilization and Counter-Mobilization (2022), joint with Andrea Bernini, Giovanni Facchini and Marco Tabellini

Regional Inequality and Political Resentment (2022), joint with Giovanni Facchini, Anja Neundorf and Sergi Pardo-Prado

A quarter century of the Voting Rights Act: Black office holding in county governments in the US South (2021), joint with Andrea Bernini and Giovanni Facchini

Unions and the Civil Right movement: the effect of the Great Depression (2021), joint with Chitraleka Basu, Costanza Biavaschi and Giovanni Facchini

Columns

Policing and race: The role of electoral accountability, joint with Giovanni Facchini and Brian Knight, VOX, July 7 2020

The rhetoric of closed borders, joint with Giovanni Facchini, VOX, April 28 2011

OTHER PROFESSIONAL DUTIES

POLECONUK, member of the executive board, 2017-

LSE, Government: External examiner

University of Leicester, REF External research output reviewer.

Society the Advancement of Economic Theory (SAET), session organizer 2016, 2013, 2011.

Royal Economic Society Conference: Programme Committee Member, 2006-2009

Referee: American Economic Review, American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Political Science, Canadian Journal of Economics, Constitutional Political Economy, Comparative Political Studies, Economic Journal, Economic Theory, European Economic Review, Journal of Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Public Choice, Review of Economic Studies, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Rivista di Politica Economica, Social Choice and Welfare, Southern Economic Journal

PhD STUDENT SUPERVISION and EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

Edoardo Cefala' (University of Nottingham, Economics), Kevin Kittoe (University of Nottingham, Politics), Kraiyos Patrawart (Royal Holloway), Silvia Platoni, Royal Holloway (second advisor), Claudia Cerrone, Royal Holloway (second advisor), Chiara Kofol, Royal Holloway, (second advisor), Mike Seiferling, London School of Economics and Political Science (external examiner), Patrick Blanchenay, London School of Economics and Political Science (external examiner), Samer Matta, University of Nottingham (internal examiner), Bruno Nogueira Lanzer, Queen Mary (external examiner), Simon Pedro Lodato, Essex (external examiner).

SERVICE

Join Honors Program Coordinator, University of Nottingham, 2014-

Member of the Recruitment Committee, University of Nottingham (2017-2018)

PhD Admissions Director, Royal Holloway University of London, 2013-2014.

Member of the Learning and Teaching Committee, Royal Holloway University of London 2013-2014.

Undergraduate Admissions Director, Royal Holloway University of London, 2001-2003 and 2006-2009.

Postgraduate Admissions Director, Royal Holloway University of London, 2006-2007.

Member of the Recruiting Committee, Royal Holloway University of London, 2008-2009.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

American Politics (undergraduate),
Principles of Microeconomics (undergraduate)
Political Economy (undergraduate and graduate)
Economic Policy Analysis (undergraduate),
Comparative and Transition Economics (undergraduate)
International Economic Policy (undergraduate)
Principles of macroeconomics (undergraduate)
Research Methods (undergraduate and graduate),
Microeconomics (graduate)

MOOC (Massive Open Online Courses), The Politics of Economics and the Economics of Politicians, in collaboration with Vince Cable (Former MP and Secretary of State for Business)

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

2019 POLECONUK Conference
The Economic Roots of Populism, 2019 (joint NICEP/GEP workshop, sponsored by the Volkswagen Foundation)
2018 NICEP Conference
2017 NICEP Conference
2016 NICEP Inaugural Conference
First Erasmus Workshop in Political Economy: Organization, selection, group power and the media, Erasmus University (Rotterdam), 2010.

CONFERENCES and INVITED SEMINARS

2022

CEPR Paris Symposium, LSE-NYU PSPE Conference

2021

University of Warwick

2020

NYU (Abu Dhabi)

2019

ECPR Keynote for the Standing Group on Analytical Politics and Public Choice, Warwick in Venice Political Economy Conference, Causes and Consequences of Populism (Bocconi), Warwick, CAGE conference, University of California San Diego.

2018

Political Economy workshop (Sheffield), Kings College (London), LSE-NYU Conference, Identity Segregation and Conflict (London)

2017

POLECONUK workshop (LSE), Political Economy of Development Conference (University of Warwick)

2016

MPSA meetings (Chicago), EPSA (Bruxelles), SAET (Rio de Janeiro), Comparative Politics and Formal Theory Conference (Harvard), University of York

2014

Comparative Approaches to the Study of Immigration (Stanford), Trade, Growth and Income Distribution (Barcelona GSE Summer forum).

2013

SAET conference (Paris), CESifo Economic Studies Conference on Migration (Munich).

2011

Migration: Economic Change, Social Challenge Conference, UCL (London), X SAET meeting, session organizer (Faro), Universitat de Barcelona (IEB).

2010

CEPR-LDA workshop on “Illegal Immigration and the effects of immigration on destination countries (Milan), PSPE Conference (London School of Economics and Political Science), Applied Economics workshop (Petràlia Sotana), IZA workshop on “Illegal Immigration”, Norface Migration Programme, World Bank and CReAM, Joint Conference - "Migration, Development, and Global Issues".

2009

Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association (San Francisco), Erasmus University of Rotterdam, University of Ancona, Public Economic Theory Annual Meeting (Galway), Australian National University, Dublin Political Economy workshop, CESifo workshop on Political Economy.

2008

Midwest Meeting of Political Science (Chicago), PSPE Conference "Designing Democratic Institutions (London School of Economics and Political Science), University of Warwick, CESifo workshop on Political Economy.

2007

Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association (Chicago), Università degli Studi di Milano, SAET conference (Kos), University of Cambridge.

2006

Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association (Boston), Brazilian Econometric Society Meeting (Bahia), STICERD (LSE), University of Birmingham.

2005

University of Bristol, University of Warwick, EBRD (London), University of Southern Illinois at Carbondale, Public Economics w-end (Essex), Midwest Economic Theory Meeting (Vanderbilt), Midwest Political Science Meeting (Chicago), Workshop on Heterogeneous Agents and Organizations (CORE), SAET conference (Vigo), Conference on Regulation Competition and Income Distribution: Latin American Experience (Paraty, Brazil).

2004

SOAS Economics Seminars (London), Ente per gli Studi Monetari e Bancari L. Einaudi (Rome), Università degli Studi di Ferrara, Latin American Meeting of the Econometric Society (Santiago), University of Sao Paulo, Fundacao Getulio Vargas, APSA meeting (Chicago), Public Economic week-end (Essex), STICERD (LSE).

2003

Summer meeting of the North American Econometric Society (Chicago), Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory (Rhodes), Università “La Sapienza” (Rome), Università di Siena, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, STICERD (LSE), Universidad Carlos III (Madrid).

2001

Annual Meeting American Economic Association (New Orleans), University of Colorado (Boulder), University of Essex, University of Exeter, University of Oxford, Royal Holloway University of London, SITE Summer Workshop in Political Economy and Public Finance (Stanford).

2000

LACEA Meeting (Rio de Janeiro), World Congress of the Econometric Society (Seattle), PET, II (Warwick), Royal Economic Society Conference (St Andrews).

1997-1998

EEA/ESEM, (Berlin).

GRANTS, AWARDS AND HONOURS

2022-

ESRC, *Centre for Inclusive Trade Policy*, Co-Investigator

Overall budget approximately £ 8 million

2018-

Volkswagen Foundation, *Challenges for Europe. The Rise of Populist Parties in Europe: the Dark Side of Globalization and Technological Change?*, Co-Investigator

Overall project budget approximately 980,000 euros

Australian National University visiting fellowship (2009)

CNR Grant for research abroad (2001-2002)

Royal Economic Society Grant for visiting abroad (2003-2004)

Marie Curie Fellowship Grant, TMR, European Union (1997-2000)

Post-graduate Scholarship from Italian Ministry of Research (1994-1997)