

CURRICULUM VITAE

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CURRENT POSITIONS

2015- Associate professor of Economics, University of Milano-Bicocca, Department of Business and Law

Other appointments

2023 - IZA (Institute of Labor Economics), Bonn, Germany. Research Fellow.
2022 - National Academic Qualification as Full Professor in Economic Policy (SECS-P/02)
2021 - Academic Editor of PLOS ONE
2019 - Steering Committee, UNIDATA, University of Milano Bicocca.
2011 - Member of the European Expert Network on Economics of Education (EENEE)

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2006-2015 Assistant professor in economics, University of Milano Bicocca, Milan, Italy
2004-2006 Post-doc, University of East Piedmont, Novara, Italy
2002-2005 Senior Researcher at Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (FEEM), Milano Italy
2001-2002 Marie Cure Fellowship, Institute for Socio-Economic Research, ISER, University of Essex (6 months).
1998-2000 Junior Researcher at Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (FEEM), Milano Italy

SERVICE AND OTHER POSITIONS

2024 - Quality assurance in Research for the Dep. of Business and Law, Università Bicocca
2023 - Erasmus Coordinator Graduate Degree in Management and Services Design
2023 - Member of the Internationalization Commission (Dept. Business and Law)
2023 - Quality assurance for the Pdh in Business for Society, Università Bicocca
2022 - Member of the Joint Teacher-Students Committee (CPSD) (Dept. Business and Law).
2022 - 2026 Member of the PhD Admission Committee, Università Bicocca
2021 - Member of the Academic Committee of the PhD in Business for Society (B4S)
University of Milano Bicocca
2021-2022 External expert of the Evaluation committee in charge of the evaluation of the "Mobilità studenti e collaboratori (P20 – SGQ) " SUPSI
2017-2019 Member of the Academic Committee of the PhD in Analysis of Socio-Economic Processes (ASEP), Università Bicocca
2014-2018 Erasmus coordinator Graduate Degree in Sociology (Master)
2012-2018 Erasmus Coordinator Undergraduate Degree in Social Work
2010-2018 Member of the Internationalization Commission (Dept.of Sociology)

LEAVE

2003 (Sep) - 2004 (Jun) Maternity

2008 (Oct) - 2009 (Apr) Maternity

EDUCATION

- 2005 Ph.D. in Economics, University of Milan, Milan, Italy.
Thesis Title: "Family matters". Supervisor: Prof. Daniele Checchi
- 1998 Laurea in Economics and Business (110 cum laude/110) Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, Italy
Thesis Title "On the job injuries and wages". Supervisor: Prof. Claudio Lucifora

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2004-2006 Post-doc, Economics Department, University of West Piedmont, Novara, Italy.
- 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.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Economics of Education (ICT, Teacher quality, VET systems, and apprenticeship), Labor Economics (wage differentials, gender discrimination, polarization, labor market effects of FDI), Intergenerational Mobility, Applied microeconometrics, and Public Policy Evaluation.

PROJECTS AND RESEARCH GRANT

- 2025 - "Dual Education under the PNRR: Evaluating Individual and Firm Returns". Evaluation study funded by MPS and INPS, *Principal Investigator*.
- 2025 - "La presa in carico dei servizi per l'impiego facilita l'inserimento lavorativo delle persone in cerca di occupazione?". Evaluation study funded by the Lombardy Region, *Principal Investigator*.
- 2025- "Le carriere lavorative dei diplomati ITS " project funded by the Lombardy Region, *Researcher*.
- 2024 - "Western Balkans participation in GVCs and FDIs potential in the context of Smart Specialisation processes" Project tendered by JRC Seville. *Researcher*.
- 2024 "An analysis of extracurricular traineeships and professional apprenticeship schemes." Research commissioned by IRPET. *Principal Investigator*.
- 2024 "La partecipazione della Regione Toscana nelle catene del valore globale" Report commissioned by the Region Tuscany. *Researcher*.
- 2023 (oct) - "The Impact of Global Value Chains on growth and inequalities: a regional perspective". PRIN 2022 PNRR. *Researcher*.
- 2023 (sep) - "Vocational Education and Training (VET) in the post-Covid world. Impacts of the dual system and tertiary vocational education on individuals and firms." PRIN 2022 *Principal Investigator*.

2023 (jul) -	"INLAV Lombardia – INTEgrazione LAVoro Lombardia" founded by Ministero del lavoro e delle politiche sociali - PON Inclusion. Responsible of WP2
2022	"Skills, innovation and local development in the post-Covid world: the role of vocational education and training." ATEQC Project funded by the University of Milano – Bicocca. <i>Principal Investigator</i> .
2022 -	"TWIN SEEDS - Towards a World Integrated and Socio-economically Balanced European Economic Development Scenario" Eu-funded HORIZON project. <i>Researcher</i> .
2022 - 2024	"Lavorando si impara anche in Italia? Gli effetti dell'apprendistato di I livello su giovani e imprese". VISITINPS scholars program type B. <i>Principal Investigator</i>
2021	"Evaluation of Youth Guarantee In Lombardy" Evaluation study funded by the Lombardy Region, <i>Principal Investigator</i> .
2020	"Evaluation of Tertiary Vocational Education In Lombardy" Evaluation study funded by the Lombardy Region, <i>Principal Investigator</i> .
2020-2022	Competitive call of interest on "Distance learning in tertiary education" University of Milano Bicocca. <i>Researcher</i> .
2019	"Evaluation of the impact of Apprenticeship Type I In Lombardy" Evaluation study funded by the Lombardy Region, <i>Principal Investigator</i> .
2018	"The Structure and Rates of Excise Duty Applied to Manufactured Tobacco" Funded by Economisti Associati srl for the European Commission. <i>Researcher</i> .
2015 - 2017	"OpenTeQ – Opening the black box of Teacher Quality" SIR (national research project), funded by the Italian Ministry of Education. <i>Scientific Advisor</i> .
2015 - 2016	"Evaluating the impact of Export Promotion Services", project funded by Eupolis for the Lombardy Region. <i>Researcher</i> .
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. <i>Researcher</i> .
2012 - 2015	"Information barriers in the participation in Higher Education: a randomized experiment nested in a longitudinal survey". PRIN (project funded by the Italian Ministry of Education), University and Research. <i>Researcher</i> .
2006 - 2010	Research activity at the department of Sociology and social research department within the Eu funded network EQUALSOC – Economic Change, Quality of Life and Social Cohesion. Research group: "atypical employment and welfare regimes". <i>Researcher</i> .
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". <i>Researcher</i> .
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 level:

2023 -	Microeconomics, BSc in Bank and Finance, Università di Milano- Bicocca (9 ects)
2009 - 2023	Introductory Economics, BSc in Social Work Università di Milano- Bicocca (6 ects)
2006 - 2009	Public Economics, BSc in Social Work, Università di Milano Bicocca (3 ects)
2006 - 2009	Economic Policy, BSc in Organization Science Università di Milano- Bicocca (3 ects)
2006	Labour Economics BSc in Economics, Università Cattolica del Sacro- Cuore Milano (30 hours)

2003 - 2004	Teaching Assistant Microeconomics, Università di Milano- Bicocca
2002 - 2003	Teaching Assistant Microeconomics, Università Cattaneo di Castellanza (LIUC)
2000 - 2004	Teaching Assistant Labour Economics, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore Milano

Graduate level:

2019 -	Introductory Econometrics, , MSc In Management and Services Design Università di Milano-Bicocca (6 ects)
2016 - 2018	Causal Inference, MSc In Analys of Social and Economic Processes Università di Milano-Bicocca (6 ects)
2009 - 2016	Labour Economics, MSc in Sociology Università di Milano-Bicocca (6 ects)
2009 - 2015	Economics of Education, MSc in Economics, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore Milano (4 ects up to 2012, 8 ects afterward)
2006 - 2009	Labour Economics, MSc in Sociology University of Milano-Bicocca (3 ects)

Ph.D. level:

2024 -	Research in Human Capital: Education, Training, and Skills Development, PhD. In Business for Society (8 hours) University of Milano-Bicocca
2021 -	Modern Econometrics for Management, PhD. In Business for Society (12 hours) University of Milano-Bicocca
2021 - 2024	Impact/ Policy evaluation techniques, Ph.D. in Business for Society (12 hours) University of Milano-Bicocca
2018-2019	Introduction to stata and Generalized linear model II: Advanced topics Social Research Methods, Phd ASEP - Analysis of Social and Economic Processes". (6 hours)
2018- 2019	Research Methods for Policy Evaluation Ph.D. ASEP - Analysis of Social and Economic Processes" (6 hours)

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in refereed journals

“Every cloud has a silver lining: The role of study time and class recordings on university students’ performance during COVID-19.” (with Binelli, C., Meschi, E., and Pagani, L.) **Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization**, 225 (September 2024), 305-328.

“Global shocks and the dynamics of EU countries’ specialization”, (with L. Resmini, M. Grasseni), **The World Economy**, 7(8 (August 2024)), 3394-3420 .

“One-size-does-not-fit-all: The heterogeneous impact of BITs on regions participating in GPNs”, (with L.Resmini, L.Bettarelli, V. Calogero, M.Grasseni), **Papers in Regional Science**, Vol.103, Issue 2, 2024.

“Sometimes it works: the effect of a reform of the short vocational track on school-to-work transition.” (with M.Grasseni and F. Origo), **International Journal Of Manpower** Vol. 43 No. 7, pp. 1601-1619, 2022.

“The effect of Retirement on Social Relationships” (with E. Cottini and C. Lucifora), **German Economic Review**, 23(2), pp 275-299, 2022.

“Social Costs of Gambling Harm in Italy” (with Fabio Lucchini). **Critical Gambling Studies**, vol. 3, p. 71-82, ISSN: 2563-190X, doi: 10.29173/cgs50, 2022

“Can judicial efficiency improve territorial attractiveness to FDI? The Italian experience.” (with Mara Grasseni and Laura Resmini) **European Journal of Political Economy**. vol 70, 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. 2021.

"The Effect of School Rank on Personality Traits." (with Laura. Pagani and Federica Origo) **The Journal of Human Resources** - Fall 2021 vol. 56 no. 4 1187-1225, 2021.

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

"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 Laura Resmini e Giuseppe Vittucci), **Italian Journal of Regional Science**, 2019.

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

"Is it the way they use it? Teachers, ICT and student achievement" (with Gianluca Argentin, Marco Gui, Federica Origo e Laura 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 Giorgio Brunello) **The Journal of the Economics of Ageing**, Volume 6, December 2015, Pages 113-122, 2015.

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

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

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

"Income Taxes And The Composition of Pay: Evidence From The British Household Panel Survey" (with Giorgio Brunello and Daniela 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.

"L'abbandono precoce della scuola: evidenza da una generazione di giovani novaresi." (with Cappellari, Lorenzo and Baici, Eliana). **Economia & Lavoro**, vol. 41, p. 79-97, ISSN: 0012-978X, doi: 10.1400/91827, 2007

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

Chapters in book

"I ritorni nel mercato del lavoro del diploma ITS Academy." (2025) with Mara Grasseni and Federica Origo. In G. Ballarino, V. Di Santo (a cura di), IV RAPPORTO Istruzione terziaria e sistema economico: AFAM, ITS Academy e Università (pp. 169-202). Milano University Press

"Disability, tertiary education and labour market in Italy" (2022) with Mara Grasseni. In: Foteini Asderaki, International Conference Proceedings The EHEA and the ERA: The role of the universities and research centers in smart specialization and growth Piraeus 18-19 April 2019. p. 112-122, ISBN: 978-960-6897-16-0

"Judicial efficiency and the location of foreign direct investment. Evidence from Italy."(2019) with(Mara Grasseni e Laura Resmini) In: (a cura di): Lattarulo Patrizia;Omizzolo Andrea; Palermo Francesco;

Provenzano Vincenzo; Streifeneder Thomas, Le regioni d'Europa tra identità locali, nuove comunità e disparità territoriali. vol. 11390.2, 11, Milano: Franco Angeli, ISBN: 9788891795526

“Relazioni sociali e invecchiamento.” (2018) (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 Lorenzo Cappellari e Claudio Lucifora. Vita e Pensiero, Milano, 2014.

“La formazione continua nella transizione scuola-lavoro dei giovani: quali le azioni a sostegno?.” (with Claudio 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 Giorgio Brunello, Claudio Lucifora and Elisa Scarpa), in Asplund, R. and E. Barth (eds), *Education and Wage Inequality in Europe: A literature review*. ETLA, Series B209, Helsinki, 2005.

“L'offerta di lavoro part-time: un confronto con le altre regioni europee.” (with F. Strada and C. Zanzottera) In: (a cura di): Samek Lodovici M; Semenza R, *Il lavoro part-time. Anomalie del caso italiano nel quadro europeo*. p. 128-154, Milano: Franco Angeli, ISBN: 88-464-5787-0, 2004

“La condizione” lavorativa delle donne over 40 in Lombardia: un confronto con altre regioni d'Europa” in *Partecipazione femminile e ruolo dell'età*, editors Manuela Samek e Renata Semenza, IRS Milano 25-48, 2003.

“La distribuzione dei salari nei settori pubblico e privato: un'analisi disaggregata.” (with P. Ghinetti and C. Lucifora) In: (a cura di): Dell'Aringa C; Lucifora C, *Salari, incentivi e mobilità nell'economia italiana*. p. 85-118, Vita e pensiero, ISBN: 88-343-0742-9, 2002

“Qualità della formazione scolastica, scelte formative e esiti sul mercato del lavoro” (2002) with Giorgio Brunello and Daniele Checchi, in *L'efficienza nei servizi pubblici*, Banca d'Italia 229-300

“The Returns to Education in Italy” (with Giorgio Brunello e Claudio Lucifora), in C. Harmon, I. Walker and N. Westergaard-Nielsen (editors) *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 Giorgio Brunello e Claudio Lucifora), in *Returns to Human Capital in Europe. A literature Review*, in R. Asplund and P. Telhado Pereira (editors), ETLA, Helsinki 1999.

Other Publications and reports

“Quel ponte verso il lavoro che pochi attraversano”. (2025) *RIVISTA ECO*.

“Labour Market Returns of the Investment in Non-Academic Tertiary Education: the Role of Course Quality.” (2025) with F. Origo, *CQIIA Rivista*, 46, 11–32

“The Value of Dual Education in Italy: Evidence from the Apprenticeship Reform” (2025) *WorkINPS paper* n87 Jan 2025.

“La Garanzia può fare la differenza? Risultati del programma Garanzia Giovani in Lombardia” (2022) with Laura Resmini and Tommaso Ramella. *Missione valutativa n 27/2021 promossa dal Comitato Paritetico di Controllo e Valutazione e dalla Commissione Attività produttive, istruzione formazione e occupazione*. Report

“La formazione dei tecnici specializzati in Lombardia” (2021) with Laura Resmini, Tommaso Ramella and Michela Rocca. Missione valutativa n 23/2020 promossa dal Comitato Paritetico di Controllo e Valutazione e dalla Commissione Attività produttive, istruzione formazione e occupazione. Report

“L’apprendistato migliora i risultati occupazionali dei giovani? Una valutazione dell’efficacia dell’apprendistato di I livello in Lombardia” (2021) with Laura Resmini, Tommaso Ramella and Michela Rocca. Missione valutativa n 17/2019 promossa dal Comitato Paritetico di Controllo e Valutazione e dalla Commissione Attività produttive, istruzione formazione e occupazione. Report

“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, eds di IRS-ECORIS – IES, European Commission DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, report, 2013.

“Mobilità intergenerazionale dell’istruzione e del reddito in Europa” (2008). In “Sistemi educativi 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

“Inserimento professionale e percorsi di carriera dei laureati LIUC. In: Inserimento professionale e percorsi di carriera dei laureati LIUC.” (with Feliziani D and Mazzucchelli S. LIUC PAPERS, vol. 19bis, p. 1-41, Castellanza:LIUC, ISSN: 1722-4667. 2003

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

“La distribuzione dei salari in Italia: un confronto tra pubblico e privato” (with P. Ghinetti) Rivista Internazionale di Scienze Sociali vol 2, 163-186, 2002

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

Work in progress

“New kids on the block: The Local Effects of Higher Vocational Education on Entrepreneurship and Innovation in Italy” (with Arif Anindita, Annalisa Cristini, Mara Grasseni, Federica Origo)

“The Impact of Apprenticeships on Firm Performance” (with Francesco Bogazzi, Silvia Duranti, Patrizia Lattaruolo, Valentina Patacchini, Laura Resmini)

“Trimming Inefficiencies while Rewarding Excellence: Labour Market Returns to Tertiary Vocational Education and the Role of Course Quality” (with Federica Origo and Elena Villar)

“Trained for success? The Impact of Vocational Education Training on Labor Market Outcomes and Family formation” (with Arif Anindita, Mara Grasseni and Federica Origo)

“Do Global production networks increase job polarization? The EU experience” (with Vieri Calogero, Mara Grasseni and Laura Resmini)

“The value of Dual Education”

“Can the Guarantee make a difference? A tale from Lombardy” (with Mara Grasseni, Laura Resmini and Tommaso Ramella)

“The effect of Youth Guarantee on firms’ performance: evidence from Lombardy” (with Mara Grasseni, Laura Resmini and Tommaso Ramella)

PHD SUPERVISION

- Tommaso Ramella. (2021) PhD Analysis of Socio-Economic Processes, University of Milano-Bicocca. Thesis on “Labour market and personality traits.”
 - Sofia Mastrokourou. (2021) PhD Analysis of Socio-Economic Processes, University of Milano-Bicocca. Thesis on “Managing quality in Higher Education”
 - Sofia Nardandrea (expected 2027) PhD Business for Society, University of Milano-Bicocca.
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WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES (speaker)

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| 2025 | Presentation of the paper “The Value of Dual Education in Italy: Evidence from the Apprenticeship Reform” at the CEP Conference , LSE London, at the AEDE conference in Milan, at the AIEL conference in Milan. |
| 2024 | Presentation of the paper “Do Global production networks increase job polarization? The EU experience” at the ERSA Annual Conference, Terceira, Portugal. |
| 2023 | Presentation of the paper “The returns to vocational tertiary education in Italy” at the SIE (Società Italiana di Economia) Annual Conference. L’Aquila |
| 2023 | Presentation of the paper “Can Youth Guarantee Make a Difference? A Tale from Italy at the 38th Conference of the Italian Association of Labour Economics. Genova. |
| 2023 | Presentation of the paper “Looking Into the Black Box of the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Role of Study Time and Class Recordings on University Students’ Performance” at the 38th Conference of the Italian Association of Labour Economics. Genova. |
| 2023 | Presentation of the paper “The returns to vocational tertiary education in Italy” At the SBCA (Society for Benefit-Cost Analysis). Milano |
| 2023 | Presentation of the paper “Do firms benefit from active labour market policies? The case of the Youth Guarantee program in Lombardy.” At the ESPE (European Society for Population Economics) 2023 . Belgrade |
| 2022 | Presentation of the paper “ Sometimes it works: the effect of a reform of the short vocational track on school-to-work transition” at the GLO Global Conference, online; |
| 2022 | Presentation of the paper “Tertiary Vocational Education And Firm Performance In Lombardy” alla conferenza Annuale AISRE (Associazione Italiana di Scienze Regionali) |
| 2021 | Presentation of the paper "Sometimes it works: the effect of a reform of the short vocational track on school-to-work transition". 37th National Conference of Labour Economics- Associazione Italiana Economisti del Lavoro (AIEL), Online, 2021. |
| 2019 | Presentation of the paper “The Effect of School Rank on Bullying and Victimization” 34th National Conference of Labour Economics - Associazione Italiana Economisti del lavoro (AIEL), Università del Piemonte Orientale, Novara, 2019. |
| 2019 | Presentation of the paper "Disability, tertiary education and labour market in Italy" at the Conference The EHEA and the ERA: The role of the universities and research centers in smart specialization and growth” University of PIRAEUS, Pireaus. |
| 2018 | Presentation of the paper "The Effect of Retirement on Social Relationships: New Evidence from SHARE Data" XXXIII National Conference of Labour Economics -Associazione Italiana Economisti del lavoro, Università Politcnica delle Marche, Ancora, 2018 |

- 2016 Presentation of the paper "Does Judicial efficiency improve productivity? Evidence from Italian Farms" at the Seventh International Conference on Agricultural Statistics, ICAS VII, FAO Headquarters, Rome, 2016.
- 2014 Presentation of the paper "The side effect of pension reforms on the training of older workers. Evidence from Italy" at the CPB Conference on the labour market for older workers, CPB-SZW The Hague (Netherlands), Aprile 2014.
- 2013 Presentation of the paper "The role of apprenticeship in the regional youth labour market: evidence from Italy" European Regional Science Association Annual Conference: Università di Palermo, Palermo, 2013.
- 2012 Presentation of the paper "Train More Work Longer? The Effects of Pension Reforms and Training Incentives on the Retirement and Training Decisions of Older Workers" CeRP Conference "Financial Literacy, Saving and Retirement in an Ageing Society". Collegio Carlo Alberto
- 2012 Presentation of the paper "Training Subsidies and the Wage Returns to Continuing Vocational Training. Evidence from Italian Region " XXVI National Conference of Labour Economics- Associazione Italiana degli Economisti del Lavoro (AIEL), Università Cattolica del Sacro cuore di Milano, 2012.
- 2012 Presentation of the paper "The Reform of Apprenticeship in Italy: Winners and Losers" XXIX National Conference of Labour Economics- Associazione Italiana degli economisti del lavoro (AIEL), Università di Pisa, Pisa, 2014. L
- 2011 Presentation of the paper "Training Subsidies and the Wage Returns to Continuing Vocational Training. Evidence from Italian Region" at the 26th National Conference of Labour Economics- Associazione Italiana Economisti del Lavoro (AIEL), Milano, 2011.
- 2010 Presentation of the paper "Do incentives to continuing vocational training matter? Evidence from Italian Regions." MILLS Seminar , Università degli studi di Milano, Dipartimento di Studi di Welfare e Lavoro, 2010.
- 2009 Presentation of the paper "Are Temproary Workers Discriminated Against? Evidence from Europe." XXIV National Conference of Labour Economics - Associazione Italiana Economisti del Lavoro (AIEL), Università di Sassari, Sassari, 2009.
- 2009 Presentation of the paper "Temporary-job Wage Gap in Europe"" Interdisciplinary Workshop "The Low Pay, Low Skill, and Low Income (LOPSI) Cross-cutting Workshop" EQUALSOC - Università Cattolica di Milano- 2009.
- 2006 Presentation of the paper "Are Temporary Workers Discriminated Against? Evidence from Europe" Workshop "Atypical Employment and Welfare Regimes" Equalsoc, Dipartimento di Sociologia e Ricerca Sociale, Università di Milano Bicocca, 2006.
- 2003 Presentation of the paper "Intergenerational mobility in Europe: evidence from ECHP", EPUNet-2003, Conference of the European Panel Users Network, University of Essex, Colchester UK.
- 2003 Presentation of the paper "Intergenerational mobility in Europe: evidence from ECHP" CESifo/PEPG Conference on Schooling and Human Capital Formation in the Global Economy: CESifo Conference Centre, Munich.
- 2003 Presentation of the paper "Intergenerational mobility in Europe: evidence from ECHP", Annual Congress of the European Society for Population Economics (ESPE)- ESPE 2003. New York, USA. 3-15 Jun 2003.

- 2002 Presentation of the paper "Measurement issues in intergenerational mobility".Seminar at the University of Essex – Economics Department: Wednesday applied econometrics workshop
- 2000 Presentation of the paper "Education and Earnings Growth. Evidence from 11 European Countries" at the 'PuRE - Public Funding and Private Returns to Education' Lisbon User-Oriented Seminar, October 27th, 2000.
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EDITORIAL AND REFEREE ACTIVITY

Academic Editor of PLOS ONE (since 2021)

Referee activity for: 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; Education Economics; European Economic Review; European Journal of Political Economy; German Economic Review; Il Giornale degli Economisti; Industrial and Labor Relations Review; Industrial Relations; International Journal of development Issue; International Journal of Manpower; IZA Journal of Labor Policy; Kyklos; Journal of Asian Economics; the Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization; The Journal of the Economics of Ageing; The Journal of Human Resources; Journal of Public Economics; Italian Economic Journal; Labour; Labour economics; Lavoro e relazioni industriali; Papers in Regional Science; PLOSONE; Scienze Regionali – Italian Journal of Regional Science; Socio-Economic Planning; The BE Journal of Economics Policy and Analysis;

AFFILIATIONS (current and past)

Associazione Italiana degli Economisti del lavoro (AIEL) – current
European Society of Population Economics (ESPE)- current
European Regional Science Association (ERSA) – up to Sept 2024
Associazione Italiana degli economisti (SIE) – up to June 2023
Associazione Italiana di Scienze Regionali (AISRE) – up to 2022
European Association of Labour Economists (EALE)

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