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Education

Ph.D., Economics, Trinity College Dublin, 2018-present

Supervisor: Nicola Mastrorocco

M.Sc., Economics, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, 2015-2017

Supervisor: Massimo Bordignon

B.Sc., Economics and Management, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, 2011-2015

Supervisor: Salvatore Piccolo

Research Interests

Political Economics, Crime Economics, Applied Microeconometrics, Public Economics

Peer Reviewd Publications

Setting an example: political leaders' cues and health behavior in the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic in Mexico, with Bruno Morando and Luciano Ayala, Forthcoming, Latin American Policy

Working papers

Organised Crime, Public Procurement and Firms, with Decio Coviello and Nicola Mastrorocco

Abstract: What is the impact of criminal organisations on the legal economy? This paper investigates this question by studying the effect of the collusion between organised crime and local politicians in the South of Italy. In order to capture the presence of organised crime, we exploit the staggered enforcement of a national law allowing the dissolution of a municipal government upon evidence of collusion between elected officials and the mafia. We then measure the consequences ofthis collusion by using unique data on public procurements and firms. Difference-in-differences estimates reveal that infiltrated governments present less bidding firms, lower average rebates and are more likely to have non-public negotiations. Results are heterogeneous across procurement macro-categories and political party colours. Moreover, firms winning a procurement contract in a captured municipality exhibit an increase in profits, labour, a reduction in capital, leaving unaffected total factor productivity

Simultaneous Elections and Voting Determinants: Empirical Evidence from Italy

Abstract: This paper focuses on the relationship between local and national elections, and the related voter behaviour. Specifically, I address two questions. Firstly, I focus on how national election impact the local ones in terms of electoral results, when the two are held together. Methodologically, I employ a difference-in-differences design that exploits the staggered nature of the local elections in Italy, where some municipalities experience the simultaneity between local and national elections, while the rest do not. I find that the simultaneity of the two elections affects the voters' turnout positively. Then, controlling for the new share of voters who turnout, the simultaneity affects positively the votes share of local centre-left parties, while negatively the votes share of independent ones. Secondly, I focus on inspecting the economic determinants of split-voting behaviour in local and national elections. Exploiting the simultaneity as a sample restriction, I find that intergovernmental transfers correlate positively with the probability of having a split-voting behaviour by voters.

Research Assistance

Economics, Trinity College Dublin (TCD)

For Nicola Mastrorocco (TCD), Decio Coviello (HEC Montréal), Arianna Ornaghi (The University of Warwick), Gaia Narciso (TCD), Marvin Suesse (TCD) and Andrea Guariso (TCD).

Economics, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (UCSC)

For Jakob Grazzini and Domenico Massaro (UCSC).

Teaching Assistance

Economics, Trinity College Dublin

Introduction to Economic Policy A/B (B.Sc.), 2018-2019. Long Run Development (M.Sc.), Fall 2019 Topics in Political Economy (M.Sc.), Fall 2019, 2020 Emergence of Macroeconomic Policy (M.Sc.), Spring 2020 Development Economics (M.Sc.), Spring 2020

Awards and Fellowships

Economics Department Scholarship, Trinity College Dublin, 2018-2020 2020 Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship, Irish Research Council, 2020-present

Other employment

Training Analytical Consultant, SAS, Education Department, 2018

Skills

Software: STATA, Python, R, QGIS, Office, SAS

Languages: Italian (native), English (fluent)

References

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