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Trinity College Dublin, Economics Department
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Education

Ph.D., Economics, Trinity College Dublin, *September 2018 -(Expected) September 2022*

Thesis title: "Essays in Political Economics"

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

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*, Latin American Policy (2021)

Working papers

Simultaneous elections and electoral outcomes: evidence from Italy

Abstract: This paper investigates the impact that the simultaneity of national and local elections has on the local electoral stage. Specifically, I focus on how this simultaneity impacts the local civic engagement, the political participation, the political competition and the electoral results. 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, while the rest do not. I find that the simultaneity affects the voters' participation positively, as well as the political participation and competition. Then, I find that the national success achieved by the right coalition spills over at the local level, both in terms of the votes share and of the ruling of the local government. Lastly, I document the existence of a split-ticket voting behaviour. Exploiting the simultaneity as a sample restriction, I find that a relevant percentage of municipalities engage in split-ticket voting behaviour on the local-national dimension. I find support for the divided government hypothesis as a possible mechanism.

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 of this 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 and labour, a reduction in capital, leaving unaffected total factor productivity.

Social capital and the power of mafia, with Francesca Calamunci

Organised crime and human capital, within-city evidence from Italy

Research Assistance

Economics, Trinity College Dublin (TCD)

For Nicola Mastrorocco (TCD), Decio Coviello (HEC Montréal), Arianna Ornaghi (The Hertie School), 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*

Introduction to Microeconomics (M.Sc.), *Fall 2021*

Awards and Fellowships

Economics Department Scholarship, Trinity College Dublin, *2018-2020*

2020 Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship, Irish Research Council (54,125€), *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

[Nicola Mastrorocco](#) (supervisor)

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