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Education

University of Southampton   2019 – 2023
Ph.D. in Economics titled "Essays in Health and Labour Economics"   *Viva passed on 31/05/2023*
Scholarship funding by the South Coast Doctoral Training Partnership (SCDTP)

University of Southampton   2018 – 2019
M.Sc. in Finance and Econometrics (Distinction)
Dissertation (*Distinction*): *Job finding probabilities of formal and informal channels in the UK*

Democritus University of Thrace   2013 – 2017
M.Sc. in System Engineering and Management (Distinction)
Dissertation (*Distinction*): *Portfolio Optimisation of the US's Economics Sectors' Indexes*

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki   2007 – 2012
B.Sc. in Economics (2:1)

Research Interests

Applied Microeconomics, Health Economics, Labour Economics

Working paper

The Impact of Welfare Reforms on the Mental Health of Working-Age Individuals in the UK
(with Prof. Corrado Giulietti and Prof. Michael Vlassopoulos)
Austerity measures introduced after the global financial crisis of 2008 had important consequences for the economies and societies that adopted them. In the United Kingdom (UK), the Welfare Reform Act in 2012 introduced important reforms on social benefits with some of them impacting large proportions of the population (e.g., the Council Tax Benefit) and others leading to important financial losses (e.g., the Disability Living Allowance). This paper estimates the causal effect of these welfare reforms on the mental health of working age individuals affected by the reforms applying a difference-in-differences approach and a panel event study analysis.

Work in progress

The impact of Body Mass Index on labour market outcomes in UK

I provide up to date evidence on the extent that individuals from the most attached age group (25-54 years old) in the labour market are disadvantaged based on their Body Mass Index (BMI) due to potential lower productivity or discrimination. More specifically, I estimate the causal impact of BMI on employment and hourly wages of prime working age individuals for the case of the UK.

Body Mass Index and Social Interactive Occupations

I estimate the impact of BMI on the probability of individuals to be in social interactive occupations. Also, I explore the importance of being in a social interactive occupation on the wage gap among obese and non-obese individuals.

Research Assistant 2022

Data analysis for the "Bronze Renewal Application Structure"
(*Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Southampton*)

Research Assistant July, 2022 – September, 2022

Research group: Prof. Corrado Giulietti and Dr. Brendon Mcconnell
(*Department of Economics, University of Southampton*)

Research Assistant 2019/2020 and 2021/2022

Statistical analysis of the Athena SWAN Undergraduate Student Surveys
(*Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Southampton*)

Placement with Hampshire County Council (HCC) January, 2020 – July, 2020

(The placement was in collaboration with the Public Policy|Southampton)

I participated on the following areas:

- I collaborated with the Engagement Unit at Hampshire County Council (IEU) on a project looking at citizen action to prevent climate change
- I worked toward creating a carbon calculator to understand how much CO_2 equivalent could be saved if one citizen undertook any of 23 different possible actions
- I conducted statistical analysis of a survey of South East England residents. Pinpointing which demographics are more likely to be willing to take climate actions.

    Report available: Climate Change Behavioural Insights

Research Assistant April, 2015 – June, 2015

Research Assistant under the project
"Application and Comparison of Mathematical Models Regarding the Environmental Protection Proposal Evaluation"

(*Democritus University of Thrace*)

Administrative Officer Assistant December, 2014 – February, 2015

Responsible for the preparation and the organisation of the post graduate office of the M.Sc. programme "System Engineering and Management"

(Democritus University of Thrace)

Internship April, 2012 – June, 2012
GEOTEST S.A, Athens (Greece)

Research Assistant January, 2009 – February, 2010
Research assistant at the Export Research and Study Institute of the
Greek International Business Association (SEVE), Thessaloniki (Greece)

Teaching Experience

Visiting Lecturer at the University of Winchester   2023
Foundation Maths module 'Working with Numbers'

Teaching Assistant at the University of Southampton   2019 - 2023

Panel Data and Microeconometrics   2021-2023
Postgraduate module (Problem Sets' Marking)

Applied Economics   2022
Third year undergraduate module

Foundations of Microeconomics   2021
First year undergraduate module

Economic Perspectives and Policy   2020
First year undergraduate module

Maths For Economics   2019
First year undergraduate module

Intro to Maths for Economics   2019
First year undergraduate module

Labour Economics   2019
Third year undergraduate module (Invigilator for the midterm exam)

Conference and Workshop Presentations

Queen Mary, University of London   2023
Economics of Mental Health Workshop

University of Southampton   2022
Economics PhD Workshop

ESRC South Coast Doctoral Training Partnership (SCDTP)   2022
Final Year Conference

Awards & Honors

ESRC South Coast Doctoral Training Partnership (SCDTP)
ESRC South Coast DTP Studentship   *2020-2022*

Faculty of Social Sciences Board of Examiners, University of Southampton
Economics MSc Dissertation Prize   *2019/2020*

Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Southampton
Dean's List Award for Exceptional Performance for the MSc Finance and Econometrics   *2019/2020*

Other Training

Mixtape Sessions by Prof. Scott Cunningham   18-19, 25 February, 2022
Difference-in-Differences and Synthetic Control Workshop

Mixtape Sessions by Prof. Scott Cunningham   14-15, 21-22, 28 January , 2022
Causal Inference Workshop

National Centre for Research Methods (NCRM)   22-23 June, 2021
Introduction to Machine Learning for Causal Analysis using Observational Data

Institute of Social and Economic Research, University of Essex   27 November, 2020
Using weights in Understanding Society workshop

UK Data Service (Secure Training)   25 June, 2020
UK Data Service Safe Researcher training course (I successfully passed the online test)

Centre for Microdata Methods and Practice (cemmap)   18-20 May, 2020
Panel data methods taught by Prof. Jeffrey M. Wooldridge

University of Southampton   October - November, 2019
Orientation to teaching and demonstrating (Step 1 - Step 3)

King's College London GTA Workshop 2019   19 September, 2019
Graduate Teaching Assistant Workshop

Other Skills

Software: Stata (Advanced), LaTeX (Advanced), Microsoft Office (Advanced), SPSS (Advanced), R (Intermediate), EViews (Intermediate), Matlab (Intermediate))
Languages: English (Fluent), Greek (Native), Albanian (Native)