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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Primary Fields: Applied Microeconometrics, Labor and Demographic Economics, Gender Economics

Secondary Fields: Health Economics, Family Economics

REFERENCES

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GRADUATE STUDIES

European University Institute Florence, Italy
Ph.D. Candidate in Economics 2016 – present
Thesis title: *Essays in Applied Microeconometrics: fertility, nutrition and employment*
Supervisors: Prof. Thomas Crossley, Prof. Alessandro Tarozzi
Expected completion date: March 2022

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

European University Institute Florence, Italy
Master of Research in Economics 2016
Bocconi University Milan, Italy
Master of Science in Economics, 110 cum laude/110 2012 – 2015
University of Mannheim Mannheim, Germany
Erasmus Fall semester 2013
Univeristy of Roma Tre Rome, Italy
Bachelor's in Economics, 110 cum laude/110 2011 – 2014

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Panel Data for Banking Sector Analysts <i>Teaching fellow for Prof. Jeffrey Wooldridge, Florence School of Banking and Finance</i>	Florence, Italy <i>Fall 2020</i>
Topics in Microeconometrics <i>Teaching assistant for Prof. Thomas Crossley</i>	EUI, PhD level <i>Spring 2020</i>
Economic Measurement <i>Teaching assistant for Prof. Thomas Crossley</i>	EUI, PhD level <i>Winter 2019</i>
Applied Microeconomics: Theory and Empirics <i>Teaching assistant for Prof. Michèle Belot. and Prof. Philipp Kircher</i>	EUI, PhD level <i>Winter 2018</i>

WORK EXPERIENCE

Research assistant for Prof. Michèle Belot, EUI	Dec 2017
Research assistant for Prof. Micaela Sviatschi and Riccardo Ciacci, EUI	Dec 2017
Research assistant for Prof. Guido Alfani, Bocconi University	Nov-Dec 2015
Intern at IFAD - International Fund for Agricultural Development <i>Programme Management Division</i>	Spring 2015
Research assistant for Prof. Nicola Gennaioli, Bocconi University	Sept-Dec 2014
Research intern at the European Central Bank <i>Competitiveness Research Network</i>	Winter 2014

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

VPDE 14th PhD Workshop in Economics (scheduled) <i>PhD Workshop in Economics, Turin (Italy)</i>	<i>November 2021</i>
7th Potsdam PhD Workshop 2021 <i>PhD Workshop in Empirical Economics, Postdam (Germany)</i>	Virtual <i>September 2021</i>
ESPE 2021 <i>European Society for Population Economics, Barcelona (Spain)</i>	Virtual <i>June 2021</i>
LACEA Health Economics Workshop 2020 <i>Research Institute for Development, Growth and Economics (RIDGE), Uruguay</i>	Virtual <i>December 2020</i>

GRANTS AND AWARDS

EUI Ph.D. Grant <i>European University Institute</i>	Florence, Italy <i>2019 – 2020</i>
Ph.D. Grant <i>Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs</i>	Rome, Italy <i>2016 – 2019</i>

LANGUAGES AND TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Italian (native), English (C1), Spanish (B1)
Software: MS Office, L^AT_EX
Programming: *Advanced:* Stata; *Intermediate:* R, Python; *Basic:* VBA, QGIS

Not the right time for children: unemployment, fertility and abortion

I analyze the effect of local unemployment rates on fertility rates, abortion rates, and the abortions to pregnancies ratio, combining population statistics and administrative data on induced abortions performed in Italy between 2004 and 2016. This is the first paper to causally investigate the effect of local economic conditions on abortion choice. Using a shift-share instrument measuring labor demand, I exploit demand-driven shocks to unemployment. A one standard deviation (sd) increase in unemployment induces a 0.9 sd decrease in the fertility rate, a 0.27 sd increase in the abortion rate, and a 0.35 sd increase in the abortion ratio. These effects are mostly driven by women above 25 years old, and the effect is particularly strong in the 35-49 age group, while young women (15-24) are unaffected.

OTHER RESEARCH

Do food price shocks affect farmers' nutrition? A study on rising quinoa prices in Peru

Research on the effect of food price changes on farmers' welfare has yielded contrasting results. The case of quinoa provides an ideal event study, where quinoa prices steeply increased from 2008 onwards, led by increasing international demand. I study the effect of this price shock on the nutrition of Peruvian households in a difference in differences framework. Results point to a limited effect on nutritional outcomes: quinoa farmers have a 4% higher caloric intake after the quinoa boom compared to farmers of other crops in the same province, but overall diet quality does not significantly change. When comparing households across districts that traditionally engage in quinoa production, there appears to be no significant difference in overall caloric intake and diet quality after the quinoa price boom.