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GRADUATE STUDIES

European University Institute

Ph.D. Candidate in Economics

Thesis title: *Essays in Applied Microeconometrics: fertility, nutrition and employment*

Supervisors: Prof. Thomas Crossley, Prof. Alessandro Tarozzi

Expected completion date: March 2022

Florence, Italy

2016 – present

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

European University Institute

Master of Research in Economics

Bocconi University

Master of Science in Economics, 110 cum laude/110

University of Mannheim

Erasmus

Univeristy of Roma Tre

Bachelor's in Economics, 110 cum laude/110

Florence, Italy

2016

Milan, Italy

2012 – 2015

Mannheim, Germany

Fall semester 2013

Rome, Italy

2011 – 2014

REFERENCES

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Primary Fields: Applied Microeconometrics, Labor and Demographic Economics, Gender Economics **Secondary Fields:** Health Economics, Family Economics

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Panel Data for Banking Sector Analysts

Teaching fellow for Prof. Jeffrey Wooldridge, Florence School of Banking and Finance

Topics in Microeconometrics

Teaching assistant for Prof. Thomas Crossley

Economic Measurement

Teaching assistant for Prof. Thomas Crossley

Applied Microeconomics: Theory and Empirics

Teaching assistant for Prof. Michèle Belot. and Prof. Philipp Kircher

Florence, Italy

Fall 2020

EUI, PhD level

Spring 2020

EUI, PhD level

Winter 2019

EUI, PhD level

Winter 2018

WORK EXPERIENCE

Research assistant for Prof. Michèle Belot, EUI	Dec 2017
Research assistant for Prof. Micaela Sviatschi and Riccardo Ciacchi, 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

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

GRANTS AND AWARDS

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

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

JOB MARKET PAPER

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.