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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

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

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

Florence, Italy

2016 - present

2016

Milan, Italy

2012 - 2015

Mannheim, Germany

Fall semester 2013

Rome, Italy

2011 - 2014

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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

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 Programme Management Division	Spring 2015
Research assistant for Prof. Nicola Gennaioli, Bocconi University	Sept-Dec 2014
Research intern at the European Central Bank Competitiveness Research Network	Winter 2014

Conferences and Seminars

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

Grants and Awards

EUI Ph.D. Grant	Florence, Italy
European University Institute	2019 - 2020
Ph.D. Grant	Rome, Italy
Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs	2016-2019

LANGUAGES AND TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Italian (native), English (C1), Spanish (B1)

Software: MS Office, \LaTeX

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.

Gender Quotas and childcare availability in a rationed context (in progress) with Alice Dominici (EUI) and Olivia Masi (EUI)

Published articles

Karadeloglou et al., **Compendium on the Diagnostic Toolkit for Competitiveness**, ECB Occasional Paper No. 163, 2025 Available on SSRN