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Education

1999-2004 MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
PhD in Economics

1997-1998 BOCCONI UNIVERSITY
Master in Economics

1991-1996 BOCCONI UNIVERSITY
Laurea in Economia Politica

Academic experience

2016-today Institute of Public Policy (<http://www.ipp-jcs.org/en/welcome/>), board of directors.

2020-today Executive Director of Economics for Policy (<https://economicsforpolicy.novasbe.pt/>)

Today Invited Adjunct Professor, Nova School of Business and Economics.

Institutional experience

2017-today Member of Conselho Superior de Estatística. National statistical agency. <http://cse.ine.pt>

2014-2015 Consultant on TTIP agreements for the Portuguese Secretary of State on European Affairs.

2013-2014 Resident panel member for the Portuguese Secretary of State on European Affairs.

Private sector

2016-today Senior Economic Advisor LX partners.

2010-2013 Counselor in Investment Committee, Global Investment Opportunities, Sicav.

2007-2010 Founder and CEO of Skeej S.R.L. High Performance Cloud Computing on demand.

Short Self Bio

Nationality: Italian.

Born the 17-4-1972.

My school background was classical and focused on greek, latin and history. My early interests were international relations and geopolitics. In 1992, I went to economics at Università Luigi Bocconi, in Milano, as an undergraduate. There, I obtained both an undergraduate and a master degree. I continued my studies in the USA and obtained a PhD in Economics from MIT in 2004. My focus has always been international macroeconomics, more precisely applied international macroeconomics. The result of this excursus is that I am a professionally trained economist with a strong intellectual background and a predisposition to organize thoughts analytically. In 2004 I moved to Portugal and started a standard academic career. In 2007, while maintaining my position at the university, I implemented a vision I had in my PhD thesis and started a cloud computing company, Skeej S.R.L. Skeej was selling computing capacity on demand to universities and niche firms. In 2009-2010, I ended my entrepreneurial experience (an Italian software company, Nice, continued Skeej under a different name) and went back to research and consultancy. This diversified background helped me to develop strong capabilities to lead and organize teams on economic-policy and investment strategies. My broad background shielded me from routine thinking and allowed me to develop powerful ideas and visions.

Academic References

1. Thomas Philippon (tphilipp@stern.nyu.edu)
2. Olivier Blanchard (blanchar@mit.edu)
3. Francesco Giavazzi (francesco.giavazzi@unibocconi.it)

Private sector references

1. Vittorio Calvi de Bergolo (vcalvi@lxpartners.eu)

Research Interests

Applied Economic Policy with a focus on

International Macroeconomics, Applied macroeconomics, Identification in macroeconomics, Finance and macroeconomic fluctuations

Machine Learning applied to financial decisions

Publications

2021	Public Finances, an intergenerational perspective. Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation 2021 (forthcoming)
2020	Fiscal consolidation programs and income inequality, In International Economic Review 2020 (with Pedro Brinca Miguel H. Ferreira Hans A. Holter and Laurence Malafry)
2017	The number of bank relationships and borrowing costs: The role of information asymmetries, In Journal of Empirical Finance, 2017 (With Qinglei Dai and Diana Bomfim)
2017	The stabilization function of fiscal policy in Portugal, in "Orçamento, economia e democracia: uma proposta de arquitectura institucional, FFMS.
2016	Internal and External rebalancing for Euro area members, in CHALLENGES AHEAD IN THE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN REGION MED7, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Portugal
2015	Early Warning System models and Exchange Market Pressure, the case of Angola, August 2015
2014	Competitive Disinflation in Portugal. In "A economia Portuguesa na união europeia: 1986:2010" 2014
2013	Deleveraging through fiscal consolidation. In Ferreira, Eduardo Paz (coord.). A Austeridade cura? A Austeridade mata?. Lisboa: AAFDL, 2013. p461 to 488.
2009	"The challenges Ahead of the Portuguese Economy", Istituto Scienza Socialis, Lisbon, November 2009
2008	"The number of bank relationships and the cost of borrowing: An empirical study", with Diana Bonfim, Qinglei Dai (Universidade Nova de Lisboa) in New developments in Financial Modelling, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, September 2008
2007	"Firms and Aggregate Dynamics", with Thomas Philippon, Review of Economic and Statistics, MIT press, Volume 98, Issue 4, November 2007
2005	The collected Papers of Franco Modigliani vol. 6, published in August 2005 by the MIT press

Writings & Extra Info

You can find a sample of my writings on my webpage <https://hyperfra.github.io/>

Teaching

I am teaching 2 to 3 courses at the Master and Phd level per year in Macroeconomics, Empirical Macroeconomics and Macroeconomic Theory.

Languages

Italian: Native.

French: Bilingual.

English: Full Professional Proficiency.

Portuguese: Professional Working Proficiency.