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EMPLOYMENT

Utrecht University, Utrecht (The Netherlands)

Assistant Professor, School of Economics (2022–)

European Commission, Joint Research Centre

Scientific Officer, Knowledge Centre for Migration and Demography (2018–2022)

University of Essex, Colchester (U.K.)

Lecturer, Department of Economics (2016–2018)

University of Manchester, Manchester (U.K.)

Lecturer, Department of Economics (2012–2016)

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

University of Essex, Colchester (U.K.)

Research Associate, Department of Economics (2019–2021)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Amsterdam, Economics, (2012)

M.Sc. University of Amsterdam, Economics, (2006)

Laurea Bocconi University, Economics, (2004)

Journal publications

MAZZA, J. AND H. VAN OPHEM (2024): "Educational Choice, Initial Wage and Wage Growth," Empirical Economics, 67, 1235–1274.

MAZZA, J. AND M. SCIPIONI (2023): "The Gender Gap in Support for Governments during the COVID Crisis," *Journal of European Public Policy*, 30, 254–270.

FASANI, F. AND J. MAZZA (2023): "Being on the Frontline? Immigrant Workers in Europe and the COVID-19 Pandemic," *ILR Review*, 76, 890–918.

BIČÁKOVÁ, A., G. M. CORTES, AND J. MAZZA (2023): "Make your own luck: The wage gains from starting college in a bad economy," *Labour Economics*, 84, 102411.

CHRISTL, M., A. BÉLANGER, A. CONTE, J. MAZZA, AND E. NARAZANI (2022): "Projecting the fiscal impact of immigration in the European Union," *Fiscal Studies*, 43, 365–385.

BIČÁKOVÁ, A., G. M. CORTES, AND J. MAZZA (2021): "Caught in the Cycle: Economic Conditions at Enrolment and Labour Market Outcomes of College Graduates," *The Economic Journal*, 131, 2383–2412

MAZZA, J. AND H. VAN OPHEM (2018): "Separating risk from heterogeneity in education: a semi-parametric approach," *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series A (Statistics in Society)*, 181, 249–275.

MAZZA, J., H. VAN OPHEM, AND J. HARTOG (2013): "Unobserved heterogeneity and risk in wage variance: Does more schooling reduce earnings risk?" *Labour Economics*, 24, 323 – 338.

WORKING PAPERS

- Immigrant Key Workers: Their Contribution to Europe's COVID-19 Response. with Francesco Fasani, IZA discussion paper No. 16884. (R&R at the Journal of Economic Inequality)
- Enrolling in Bad Times: College Persistence and Labor Market Outcomes with Alena Bičáková, Matias Cortes, Kelly Foley and Peter McHenry
- Does Risk Matter? A Semiparametric Model for Educational Choices in the Presence of Uncertainty University of Manchester Working Paper 1225

Work in progress

- College Participation Over the Business Cycle: Composition and Behavioral Changes with Alena Bičáková, Matias Cortes, Kelly Foley and Peter McHenry
- The Long Run Effects of Migration Exposure on Attitudes Towards Migration with Mariapia Mendola and Marco Scipioni

OTHER PUBLICATIONS & REPORTS

- Bélanger, A., M. Christl, A. Conte, J. Mazza and E. Narazani, 2020. "Projecting the net fiscal impact of immigration in the EU." European Commission, JRC–EUR 30407.
- Fasani, F. and J. Mazza, 2020. "A Vulnerable Workforce: Migrant Workers in the COVID-19 Pandemic." European Commission, JRC–EUR 30225.
- Fasani, F. and J. Mazza. 2020, "Immigrant Key Workers: Their Contribution to Europe's COVID-19 Response." IZA Policy Paper No. 155.
- Di Pietro, G., F. Biagi, P. Costa, Z. Karpinski and J. Mazza, 2020. "The likely impact of COVID-19 on education: Reflections based on the existing literature and recent international datasets". JRC Working Papers JRC121071.
- Mazza, J., 2019. "The Effect of Non-Native Pupils on Natives' Learning: Evidence from the EU." J.R.C. Technical Report, Publication Office of the European Union.
- Conte, A. and J. Mazza, 2019. "Migrants and Welfare Dependency: Evidence from the EU." J.R.C. Technical Report, Publication Office of the European Union
- Biagi, F., S. Grubanov-Boskovic and J. Mazza, 2019. "Over-education of migrants: Evidence from the EU" J.R.C. Technical Report, Publication Office of the European Union
- Sulla, V., R. Munoz Moreno, C. Da Maia, L. Klapper, P. Van Oudheusden, M. U. Guven, J. Mazza, D. Nikitin, V. Polodoo, P. L. Randriankolona and T. E. Heleniak, 2016. "Mauritius –Inclusiveness of growth and shared prosperity." World Bank WP 90006.

GRANTS

- 2016-2018: The British Academy Small Grant #R119450 (£10,000) with Matias Cortes Caught in the cycle: the long term consequences of college major selection in a recession

Invited seminars & panels

Planned indicated with *

2021: Centro Studi Luca D'Agliano: 5th Annual Conference; DG EMPL–European Commission; Jean Monnet Workshop–University of Pisa; Central Bank of Romania.

2020: Migration Policy Institute.

2017: University of Utrecht (Economics); University of the Balearic Islands (Economics).

2013: Institute for Fiscal Studies.

2012: CERGE-EI - Prague (Economics); Ludwig Maximilians University, Münich (Economics).

Conferences & Workshops

2022: EEA-ESEM Congress.

2019: ZEW workshop on the Economics of Higher Education; 24th Annual SOLE Meeting.

2018: 30th EALE Conference; Royal Economic Society Conference.

2015: SOLE/EALE World Conference.

2013: Royal Economic Society Conference.

2011: Tinbergen Institute - Amsterdam; 4th Italian Congress of Econometrics and Empirical Economics.

2010: IX "Brucchi Luchino" Labour Economics Workshop, University of Padua.

2008: 20th EALE Conference.

2005: ASSA meeting.

Media Coverage

BBC; The Guardian; Newsweek; Il Corriere della Sera; La Repubblica; Algmeen Dagblad; De Pers; Rtl 4; The Times Higher Education.

Work experience

Consultant, The World Bank (2014)

Intern, Central Planning Bureau-The Hague, The Netherlands (2006)

TEACHING

- Utrecht University, Department of Economics

Causal Inference Methods for Policy Evaluation. Master level. 2024, 2025

Applied Microeconometrics. Undergraduate level. 2022, 2023, 2024

Data Science Lab for Economists. Undergraduate level. 2023

- University of Essex, Department of Economics

Applied Econometrics. Ph.D. level. 2018

Labour Economics. Undergraduate level. 2017, 2018

Economics for Business. Undergraduate level. 2016, 2017

- University of Manchester, Department of Economics

Introduction to Econometrics. Master level. 2013, 2014, 2015

Further Econometrics. Master level. 2013

Labour Economics. Undergraduate level. 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015

Introduction to Statistics. 2013

- University of Amsterdam, Department of Economics and Business

Labour Economics. Undergraduate level. 2009

Advising

Dissertation Committee

Giacomo Boffi, Leiden University (2024) Dissertation committee member

University service

Member, Departmental Research Board, Utrecht University (2024–)

Co-organizer, Departmental Seminar Series, Utrecht University (2024–)

Member, Applied Data Science Master Program Committee, Utrecht University (2023–)

Econometrics & Applied Economics workshop coordinator, Department of Economics, University of Manchester (2012–2016)

Brownbag workshop coordinator, Department of Economics and Business, University of Amsterdam (2007–2010)

OUTSIDE SERVICE

Journal refereeing: American Economic Journal: Economic Policy; The Economic Journal; European Economic Review; Labour Economics; Regional Science and Urban Economics; Oxford Economic Papers; Journal of Population Economics; The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy; The Manchester School.

OTHER INFORMATION

Languages: Italian (Native), English (Fluent), French, Spanish (Proficient), Dutch (Basic).