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EDUCATION**London School of Economics and Political Science**

PhD in Economics, August 2003. Thesis: “Public policy and private interests in representative democracies”

Università degli Studi di Salerno

Doctorate in Public Economics, February 1998.

DELTA – (EHESS-ENSAE-ENS-Ecole Polytechnique), Paris

Master degree: “Analyse et Politiques Economiques” *with distinction*, September 1995

Università Commerciale L. BOCCONI, Milan

Diploma di Laurea (B.Sc.) *summa cum laude* in Economics

CURRENT ACADEMIC POSITION

Royal Holloway University of London, Economics Department, Lecturer from September 2001 (tenured since September 2005)

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

STICERD, London School of Economics 2001-

PAST ACADEMIC POSITIONS AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Essex, Economics Department, Visiting Scholar (October-December 2007)

MIT Political Science Department, Visiting Scholar (January, 2006)

University of Sao Paulo, Visiting Scholar (July-August, 2004)

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Visiting Scholar (September 2003)

London School of Economics and Political Science, Economics Department, Lecturer (Oct 2000 – Aug. 2001)

STICERD (LSE) Research Assistant (Sept 1996- July 1997)

French Ministry of the Economy, Research Department, Intern, (Feb-Mar.1996)

DELTA, Research Assistant (July-Aug. 1995)

Università Commerciale L. BOCCONI, Teaching Assistant, (Sept 1993 – July 94)

IGIER, Research Assistant, (Sept 1993 – July 94)

PUBLICATIONS

- Who’s against a Common Market? (2008), *joint with Giovanni Facchini, Journal of the European Economic Association*, forthcoming

- Allocating the US Federal Budget to the States: The Impact of the President (2006) , *joint with Valentino Larcinese and Leo Rizzo, Journal of Politics* 68 (2): pages 447-456.
- Reform, Lobbies and Welfare: a common agency approach (2005), *Public Choice*, 125, 3-4: pages 305-337.
- Fiscal Decentralization, inequality and bailout: lessons from Brazil's debt crisis (2006), joint with Giovanni Facchini, *Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance*, forthcoming

WORKING PAPERS

- Do Small States Get more Federal Monies? Myth and Reality about the US Senate Malapportionment (2007), *joint with Valentino Larcinese and Leo Rizzo*, revise and resubmit *American Economic Review*
- Bicameralism and Corruption (2007), revise and resubmit *European Economic Review*
- Testing the Swing Voter Hypothesis Using Federal Spending in the US States (2006), *joint with Valentino Larcinese and James M. Snyder Jr.*
- The Value of Time: Bicameralism and Accountability with Motivated Legislators (2005), *joint with Giovanni Facchini, Royal Holloway Discussion Paper Series, dpe05/04.*
- Party polarization and electoral accountability (2003), *Royal Holloway Discussion Paper Series, dpe03/013*
- Local Finance Responsiveness to Federal Transfers: the Role of Debt, (2007), *joint with Umberto Galmarini and Leo Rizzo*
- Reputation, Elections and Delayed Reforms (work in progress), *joint with Silvia Sonderegger*

JOURNAL REFEREE and OTHER PROFESSIONAL DUTIES

- Royal Economic Society Conference: Programme Committee Member, 2006-2008
- Referee for: *American Economic Review, Constitutional Political Economy, Economic Journal, Economic Theory, European Economic Review, Journal of Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Public Choice, Review of Economics Studies, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Rivista di Politica Economica, Southern Economic Journal*
- Undergraduate Admission Director: Royal Holloway University of London, 2001-2003, 2006-
- Postgraduate Admission Director: Royal Holloway University of London, 2006-

CONFERENCES and INVITED SEMINARS

2008

Midwest Meeting of Political Science (Chicago), PSPE Conference "Designing Democratic Institutions (London School of Economics and Political Science)

2007

Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association (Chicago), Università degli Studi di Milano, SAET confence (Kos), University of Cambridge

2006

Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association (Boston), Brazilian Econometric Society Meeting (Bahia), STICERD (LSE), University of Birmingham

2005

University of Bristol, University of Warwick, EBRD (London), University of Southern Illinois at Carbondale, Public Economics w-end (Essex), Midwest Economic Theory Meeting (Vanderbilt), Midwest Political Science Meeting (Chicago), Workshop on Heterogeneous Agents and Organizations (CORE), SAET conference (Vigo), Conference on Regulation Competition and Income Distribution: Latin American Experience (Paraty, Brazil).

2004

SOAS Economics Seminars (London), Ente per gli Studi Monetari e Bancari L. Einaudi (Rome), Università degli Studi di Ferrara, Latin American Meeting of the Econometric Society (Santiago), University of Sao Paulo, Fundacao Getulio Vargas, APSA meeting (Chicago), Public Economic week-end (Essex), STICERD (LSE).

2003

Summer meeting of the North American Econometric Society (Chicago), Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory (Rodhos), Università "La Sapienza" (Rome), Università di Siena, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, STICERD (LSE), Universidad Carlos III (Madrid).

2001

Annual Meeting American Economic Association (New Orleans), University of Colorado (Boulder), University of Essex, University of Exeter, University of Oxford, Royal Holloway University of London, SITE Summer Workshop in Political Economy and Public Finance (Stanford)

2000

LACEA Meeting (Rio de Janeiro), World Congress of the Econometric Society (Seattle), PET, II (Warwick), Royal Economic Society Conference (St Andrews).

1997-1998

EEA/ESEM, (Berlin).

AWARDS AND HONOURS

2001-2002	CNR Grant for research abroad
2003-2004	Royal Economic Society Grant for visiting abroad
1997- 2000	Marie Curie Fellowship Grant, TMR, European Union
1994- 1997	Post-graduate Scholarship from Italian Ministry of Research