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Current Appointments and Qualifications

Jan 2026 – Present: Associate Professor; Dep. of Economics, University of Bergamo

Jan 2023 – Dec 2025: Senior Assistant Professor (RtdB); Dep. of Economics, University of Bergamo

Italian National Scientific Qualification for Full Professor (Professore di I Fascia) in Economic Policy (13/A2) and Public Economics (13/A3).

Italian National Scientific Qualification for Associate Professor (Professore di II Fascia) in Economics (13/A1); Economic Policy (13/A2); Public Economics (13/A3) and Econometrics (13/A5).

Oct 2018 – present: Research affiliate; ECASE, Erasmus School of Economics Rotterdam

Jan 2018 – present: Research affiliate; Health, Econometrics and Data Group, University of York.

Past Appointments

Sep 2021 – Dec 2022: Assistant Professor (RtdA); Dep. of Economics and Management, University of Padova

Oct 2018 – Aug 2021: Postdoctoral Researcher; Erasmus School of Economics Rotterdam

Nov 2020 – Sep 2021: Research Fellow; Tinbergen Institute

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Salerno, May 2019

Thesis: “The multifaceted aspects of inequality: health and labour market issues”

M.Sc. Health Economics, University of York, 2017 (*74, Distinction*)

M.A. Economics, “La Sapienza” University of Rome, 2014 (*110/110 cum laude*).

B.Sc. Economics, “La Sapienza” University of Rome, 2011

Research Interests

My research interests lie in the field of Health Economics and Applied Microeconometrics, with a major focus on health behaviours, health policy evaluation, income inequalities and wage determination. I am also interested in Labour and Sport economics.

Research

Publications

1. Robot adoption and occupational health. (with M. Filomena). *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*. 2025.
2. Health's Kitchen: TV, *Edutainment* and Nutrition. (with V. Carrieri). *Journal of Human Resources*. 2025.
3. Healthy ageing for all? A health growth incidence curve approach. (with V. Carrieri, A. Jones and M. Speziali). *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*. 2025.
4. This Must Be the Place: Local Amenities and Superstars Wages. (with M. Filomena). *Empirical Economics*. 2024. 68, 213-235.
5. Who supports liberal policies? A tale of two referendums in Italy (with L. Madio). *Economics Letters*. 2023. 232, 111338.
6. Online health information seeking and Covid-19 vaccine hesitancy: Evidence from 50+ Europeans (with G. Weber). *Health Policy*. 2023. 138, 104942.
7. Racial bias in newspaper ratings of professional football players. (with J. Van Ours). *European Economic Review*. 2022. 141, 103980.
8. WHO and for how long? An empirical analysis of the consumers' response to red meat warning. (with V. Carrieri). *Food Policy*. 2022. 108, 102231.
9. More goals, fewer babies? On national teams' performance and birth rates. (with L. Fumarco). *Economics Letters*. 2021. 208, 110086.
10. The transfer system in European football: a pro-competitive no-poaching agreement? (with S. Hoey & T. Peeters). *International Journal of Industrial Organization*. 2021. 75, 102695.
11. Do-it-Yourself medicine? The impact of (unintended) light cannabis liberalization on drug prescriptions in Italy. (with V. Carrieri and L. Madio). *Journal of Health Economics*. 2020. 74, 102371.
12. Death by austerity? The impact of cost containment on avoidable mortality in Italy. (with E. Van Doorslaer & E. Arca). *Health Economics*. 2020. 29, 1500-1516.
13. Productivity shocks and labour market outcomes for top earners: evidence from Italian Serie A. (with V. Carrieri & A.M. Jones). *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*. 2020. 82 (3), 549-576.
14. Light cannabis and organised crime. Evidence from (unintended) liberalization in Italy. (with V. Carrieri & L. Madio). *European Economic Review*. 2019. 113, 63-76.
15. Vaccine Hesitancy and (Fake) News: Quasi-experimental Evidence from Italy. (with V. Carrieri & L. Madio). *Health Economics*. 2019. 28, 1377-1382.
16. What makes you 'super rich'? New evidence from an analysis of football players' wages. (with V. Carrieri & M. Raitano). *Oxford Economic Papers*. 2018. 70 (4), 950-973.

Book chapters

1. “Salute e Sanità”. In Guido de Blasio, Antonio Nicita, Fabio Pammolli (eds.). *Evidence-based policy. Politiche pubbliche basate sull'evidenza scientifica per un'Italia migliore*, 2021, Il Mulino, Bologna. (with V. Carrieri and F. Pammolli)

Working Papers

- Robots and workplace injuries. (with M. Filomena). *R&R Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*.
- Too Much Too Young: Relative Age and Adolescent Risky Behaviours (with L. Fumarco). Submitted.
- Influence of Within-Class Age Differences on Adolescents' Eating Behaviors. (with L. Fumarco and S. Hartmann) - *R&R Economics of Education Review*
- Labor market dynamics in a highly competitive industry. (with J. van Ours) – *R&R Labour Economics*

Selected Work in Progress

- Mafia penetration and worker health
- Newsworthy Workplace Deaths (with V. Carrieri and M. Filomena)
- Allergies at work

Conferences and Invited Seminars

- 2025 World Labor Conference hosted by Society of Labor Economists (SOLE) – (Toronto, Canada); ECASE workshop (Rotterdam); AIEL-Italian Labour Economics Association Conference (Milano).
- 2024 Second Italian Workshop on the Health Economics of Risky Health Behaviours - HERB (Bologna); DSE winter workshop (Bergamo); AIEL-Italian Labour Economics Association Conference (Napoli).
- 2023 EALE conference (Prague); AIEL-Italian Labour Economics Association Conference (Genova); ECASE workshop (Rotterdam); First Italian Workshop on the Health Economics of Risky Health Behaviours - HERB (Bologna).
- 2022 JRC Ispra; AIEL-Italian Labour Economics Association Conference (Salerno); University of Ancona; Masaryk University Brno; HSE Moscow; Organizational Economics Workshop (Padova); IWAE (Catanzaro).
- 2021 University of Padova; Tor Vergata University of Rome; University of Alicante; University of Bristol; University of Verona; ROSES; University of Padova; Italian Health Economics Society (Bocconi - Milan).
- 2020 European Health Economics Association Conference (online); Erasmus School of Economics; University of Sheffield; VERB (Virtual Seminar on the Economics of Risky Health Behaviors)
- 2019 NHESG (Reykjavik); European Workshop on Econometrics and Health Economics (Leuven); Football Economics Workshop (Reading); Italian Health Economics Society (Pisa); Risky Health Behaviors Workshop (Hamburg)
- 2018 Food and Health Economics Workshop 2018 (Toulouse); Italian Workshop of Econometrics and Empirical Economics (Milan); European Health Economics Association Conference (Catania); Italian Health Economics Society (Naples), Erasmus University Rotterdam
- 2017 Scottish Economic Society (Perth); Italian Health Economics Society (Pavia); Italian Economic Association (Cosenza)
- 2016 Young Economists Meeting (Brno); Health Econometrics Workshop (Bari)

Responsibilities

Department committees:

- Member of the Ethics, Responsibility and Sustainability (ERS) committee (2021- 2022) – Uni. of Padova
- Member of the Multifunctional Economics and Management Laboratory (LEM) committee (2021-2022) – Uni. of Padova

Seminar series organizer:

- Health Economics research group (ESE)
- Erasmus Centre for Applied Sports Economics (ECASE)
- Co-organizer of Economics department seminars (2023 – present) – University of Bergamo
- Co-organizer of DSE winter workshop 2024 – University of Bergamo

Workshop organizing committee:

- Annual ECASE workshop (Rotterdam)

Teaching Experience

Lecturer, University of Bergamo

Advanced Econometrics	2024-present
Labour Economics	2023-present
Economic Policy	2023-2024

Lecturer, University of Padova

IO and Antitrust	2022
Principi di Economia – Parte A	2021-2022
Personal Finance – Introduction to Stata	2021-2022
Economics for Management	2021

Lecturer, Erasmus School of Economics, Erasmus University Rotterdam

Economics of Governance (postgraduate)	2021
Sports Economics (undergraduate)	2021
Economics of Governance (postgraduate)	2020
Sports Economics (undergraduate)	2020
Research Project (undergraduate)	2019
Sports Economics (postgraduate)	2019
<i>Lecturer</i> , Department of Economics and Statistics, University of Salerno	2018
Public Economics (undergraduate)	

Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics and Statistics, University of Salerno

Microeconomics (undergraduate)	2016
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Honors, Scholarships, and Awards

Top Downloaded Paper, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics (2018-2019);

Top Downloaded Paper, Health Economics (2018-2019);
MIUR 3-year Doctoral Grant (2015-2018);
Master's degree award, Italian State Railway (2015);
Erasmus scholarship, Corvinus University of Budapest (2013-2014).

Refereeing Activity

Journals: Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Economics and Human Biology, Health Economics, Health Policy, Italian Economic Journal, European Sport Management Quarterly, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, PlosOne, Journal of Economic Behaviour and Organization, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Sports Economics, Sports Economic Review; Vaccine.

Grants: Israel Science Foundation

Others

Knowledge of Programming and Statistical Packages

STATA, R, Eviews, L^AT_EX, Office.

Languages

Italian (native), English (proficient).

References

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