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CURRENT POSITIONS

Ca' Foscari University of Venice

2019-present Post-doctoral Research Fellow – 'Foscolo Europe' Grant holder (Unicredit top-up)
Department of Economics

London School of Economics (LSE)

2017-present Affiliate Post-doctoral Researcher and lecturer
Department of Geography & Environment

EDUCATION

London School of Economics (LSE)

2013-2018 PhD in Economic Geography
Advisors: Prof Andrés Rodríguez-Pose & Prof Riccardo Crescenzi
Awarded without corrections

2011-2012 MSc in Local Economic Development
with Distinction and price for best overall performance

University of Bologna

2008-2010 Laurea Magistrale in Development Economics
110/110 cum laude

2005-2008 Laurea Triennale in Social and Political Sciences
110/110 cum laude

CURRENT TEACHING / SUPERVISION

Italian teaching certificates (*ASN seconda fascia*): SECS-P/02, SECS-P/06

Ca' Foscari University of Venice

2021-present Geocoding course for PhD students
2020-present Advanced Public Economics - Lecturer
2020-present PhD supervision: Giulia Romani, Elena Renzullo
2021-present MSc students Dissertation supervision

London School of Economics (LSE)

2016-present Methods in Spatial and Social Analysis (half-unit: Principles of Statistics) - Lecturer

University of Rotterdam

2022-present Guest lecturer (MSc course)

PAST TEACHING / SUPERVISION

Ca' Foscari University of Venice

2020 Topics and methods in applied microeconomics - workshop for PhD students

London School of Economics (LSE)

2017-2019 MSc students Dissertation supervision

2015-2017 Techniques of Spatial Economic Analysis - Class teacher

2015-2016 Methods in Spatial and Social Analysis (half-unit: Principles of Statistics) - Class teacher

2014-2016 GIS course for graduate and research students - Teaching assistant

Sapienza University of Rome

2020 Guest lecturer (BA course)

Roma Tre University – Centro Rossi-Doria

2019 International School for advanced training: Public Policy Impact Assessment (PhD course)

PUBLICATIONS

Splitting up or dancing together? Local institutional structure and the performance of urban areas
Economic Geography, forthcoming. (with L. Ferranna, S. Magrini and M. Gerolimetto)

Organised Crime, Captured Politicians, and the Allocation of Public Resources
Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization, 38(3): 774-839. 2022. (with N. Mastrorocco)

How 'smart' are Smart Specialisation strategies?
Journal of Common Market Studies, 60(5): 1272-1298. 2022. (with V. Monastiriotis and A. Rodríguez-Pose)

FDI inflows in Europe: does investment promotion work?
Journal of International Economics, 132, 103497. 2021. (with R. Crescenzi and M. Giua)

It's not about the money. EU funds, local opportunities, and Euroscepticism.
Regional Science and Urban Economics, 84, 103556. 2020. (with R. Crescenzi and M. Giua)

Regional needs, regional targeting and regional growth: an assessment of the impact of EU funds in UK regions.
Regional Studies, 54 (1): 35-47. 2020. (with V. Monastiriotis)

Internationalised at work and localistic at home: the 'split' Europeanisation behind Brexit.
Papers in Regional Science, 97 (1): 117-132. 2018. (with R. Crescenzi and A. Faggian)

The impact of EU Objective 1 funds on regional development: Evidence from the U.K. and the prospect of Brexit.
Journal of Regional Science, 57 (5): 814-839. 2017.

What drives employment growth and social exclusion in the regions of the European Union?
Regional Studies 51 (12): 1840-1859. 2017. (with A. Rodríguez-Pose)

Government quality and the economic returns of transport infrastructure investment in European regions.
Journal of Regional Science 56 (4): 555-582. 2016. (with R. Crescenzi and A. Rodríguez-Pose)

Quality of government and innovative performance in the regions of Europe.
Journal of Economic Geography 15 (4): 673-706. 2015. (with A. Rodríguez-Pose)

BOOK CHAPTERS / BOOK REVIEWS

Il ruolo delle agenzie regionali di attrazione di investimenti esteri. In L. Iapadre 'Rapporto CER-CNEL' 2022 (with R. Crescenzi e M. Giua)

Criticità finanziaria e scioglimento dei consigli comunali per infiltrazione mafiosa: un approccio quantitativo. In: 'Rapporto Ca' Foscari sui comuni 2020. Il governo locale: modelli ed esperienze in Italia e in Europa', Castelvecchi, 2020. (with G. Romani)

Book review of: Fedeli, V., Lenzi, C., Briata, P., and Pedrazzini, L. (2019) 'EU Regional and Urban Policy: Innovations and Experiences from the 2014-2020 Programming Period'. *Scienze Regionali. Italian Journal of Regional Science*, 1/2021, pp. 149-151.

Le agenzie di promozione degli investimenti diretti esteri in Italia e in Europa: funzionano davvero? Dove? In: 'L'Italia nell'economia internazionale: rapporto ICE 2018 – 2019'. Italian Trade Agency, Ministry of Economic Development, Rome, 2019. (with R. Crescenzi and M. Giua)

Public Policies for Economic Development in Europe: The Conditioning Role of Local Government Institutions. In: P. Lattarulo, A. Omizzolo, F. Palermo, V. Provenzano, T. Streifeneder, 'Le regioni d'Europa tra identità locali, nuove comunità e disparità territoriali', Franco Angeli, 2019.

Institutions and the Thirst for 'Prestige' Transport Infrastructure. In: J. Glückler, R. Suddaby, R. Lanz, 'Knowledge and Institutions', Springer, 2018. (with A. Rodríguez-Pose and R. Crescenzi)

WORKING PAPERS / WORK IN PROGRESS

Localised Effects of Re-allocated Real-estate Mafia Assets (with F. Boeri and E. Pietrostefani)

Rational cuts? The local impact of closing undersized schools (with G. Romani)

Work in progress:

EU Money and Mayors: Does Cohesion Policy affect local electoral outcomes? (with E. Renzullo)

Investment promotion policy: the case of UK Local Enterprise Partnerships (with R. Crescenzi, N. Driffield and M. Giua)

Investment promotion and local spillovers (with R. Crescenzi, M. Giua and J. Alvarez-Vilanova)

Knowledge economy, internal migration, and the effect on local labour markets (with A. Brugiavini, G. Romani)

OTHER ARTICLES (REPORTS, BLOG ENTRIES, NON-PEER REVIEWED, MEDIA)

Dai beni confiscati alla rigenerazione urbana (lavoce.info)

How 'smart' are smart specialization strategies? (Industrial Analytics Platform UNIDO.org Blog)

Nei comuni infiltrati dalle mafie boom di spesa per edilizia e rifiuti (cfnews, Ca' Foscari University)

Young Scholar Interview: Marco Di Cataldo (RSAI Newsletter, November 2021)

'Levelling up' in the UK: what works across the continent? (Bennet Institute for Public Policy, Cambridge University)

Eurosceptic votes are less likely when EU interventions visibly boost local job markets (LSE Business Review)

Money can't buy love for Europe but success certainly can (LSE Brexit Blog)

What should replace EU regional development funds after Brexit? (LSE Brexit Blog)

Governments strive to attract investment, but so far there's no evidence of what works (LSE Business Review)

How can policymakers attract global investments? (VoxEU CEPR's Policy Portal)

What policies work for FDI? (LSE GILD Blog)

Understanding the Brexit vote: interplay between economic internationalisation and cultural openness (LSE Brexit Blog)

What's the future of cohesion policy post 2020? (COHESIFY Blog)

For Europe, Infrastructure Is the Wrong Priority (Bloomberg View)

The impact of EU development funds in poorer UK regions and the prospect of Brexit (LSE SERC Blog)

Government quality and the economic returns of transport infrastructure investment (VoxEU CEPR's Policy Portal)

Drivers of employment generation and social inclusion in the EU (VoxEU CEPR's Policy Portal)

Poorer regions have benefited from EU Cohesion Policy and would lose out from Brexit (LSE EUROPP Blog)

The Role of Government Institutions for Smart Specialisation and Regional Development (S3 Policy Brief Series)

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

Invited talks:

- 2022 – online Italian Journal of Regional Science, Special Issue on the Geography of discontent, papers' discussant
- 2022 – online INRAE Economic Geography seminar
'Rational cuts? The local impact of closing undersized schools'
- Venice 2022 IUAV workshop on Smart Specialisation Strategy in the Veneto region
Roundtable contributor
- Venice 2021 Convegno Nazionale di contabilità pubblica
'Dataset di appalti e opere pubbliche: problematiche e prospettive di ricerca'
- 2021 – online Ca' Foscari Economics Tuesday Talks
'Infiltrazioni criminali e pandemia: dinamiche e fragilità imprenditoriali'
- 2020 – online WIRE Conference panel, University of Split
'The rise of discontent in the EU. What can EU policy do about it'
- Ispra 2019 European Commission JRC seminar – Ispra center
'Out of the darkness: Re-allocation of confiscated real estate mafia assets'
- Milan 2019 The revenge of the places that don't matter: seminar and round table – Polytechnic of Milan
'EU funds, local dynamism, and the Brexit vote'
- Cardiff 2019 Brexit! The Urban and Regional Implications – Cardiff University
'EU funds, local dynamism, and the Brexit vote'
- London 2019 National Institute for Economic and Social Research (NIESR)
'Jobs: Causes and Consequences of Brexit'
- Venice 2019 Department of Economics seminar – Ca' Foscari University of Venice
'Organised Crime, Captured Politicians, and the Allocation of Public Resources'
- London 2018 Keynote speaker – Regional Studies Association (RSA) Winter Conference
'EU regional policy in the UK: Impact assessment, prospects of Brexit, and implications for future Cohesion Policy'
- Bolzano 2018 Associazione Italiana Scienze Regionali (AISRe) Annual Congress
'Regional and local development in Europe: Public policies, investment strategies, institutions'
- Rome 2018 Challenges in the Evaluation of Regional and Urban Policies (CERUP) Conference
'EU funds, local dynamism, and the Brexit vote'
- London 2018 European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) Workshop on Localisation and Productivity – papers' discussant
- London 2018 LSE-ERC workshop on 'Multinationals, innovation and institutions in Europe'
'FDI inflows and impact in European regions: What role for investment promotion agencies?'

Brussels 2017 European Week of the Regions and Cities Master Class (European Commission)
'Regional needs, regional targeting and regional growth: EU investment strategies in the UK regions'

Other seminars and conferences:

Urban Economics Association (UEA) Congress; AQR Barcelona Workshop on Regional and Urban Economics; European Meeting of the Urban Economics Association (EMUEA); European Economic Association (EEA) Conference; Associazione Italiana Scienze Regionali (AISRe) Congress; Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG); European Regional Science Association (ERSA) Congress; RSA Winter Conference; SMARTER Conference on Smart Specialisation and Territorial Development; European Political Science Association (EPSA) Conference; Regional Science Association International (RSAI) – British & Irish Section; Geography of Innovation Congress; North American Regional Science Congress (NARSC)

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Diploma d'onore 'Giorgio Leonardi' 2018 for best PhD Thesis in Regional Science – awarded by AISRe
CERUP 'Young Investigator Training Programme' Scholarship – visiting period at GSSI, L'Aquila (2018)
'Early career best paper' prize, 45th RSAI-BIS Conference, Newquay (2016)
LSE Full Studentship for PhD students, LSE (2013-2017)
'MSc Local Economic Development Best Overall Performance' prize, LSE (2012)
'Homo Sapiens Sapiens' Scholarship for excellent students, IMPDAP, (2010 and 2011)

ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Referee for: *Economic Journal, Economica, Regional Science & Urban Economics, Papers in Regional Science, Journal of Economic Geography, Journal of Regional Science, Environment and Planning A, Journal of Common Market Studies, Economic Systems, Economia Politica, Regional Studies, Annals of Regional Science, Cambridge Journal of Regions Economy and Society, Economic Geography, European Urban and Regional Studies, BE Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy*

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCES

2021-present	Consultant for World Bank Group
2018	Consultant for Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (UK)
2013-2015, 2016-2017	Research Assistant (LSE, Department of Geography and Environment, London, UK)
2012-2013	Economic Development Consultant (Shared Intelligence Ltd, London, UK)
2006-2008	Volunteering (Harambe - Intercultural Association for Cooperation, Bologna, Italy)

LANGUAGES

Italian (native), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), French (basic)

COMPUTER SKILLS

STATA, Eviews, R, ArcGIS, QGIS, GeoDa, LaTeX