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CURRENT POSITION

Bocconi University, Department of Economics: Full Professor

EDUCATION

Harvard University, *Ph.D. in Economics*, Cambridge, MA. June 1999

Thesis: The economics of participation

Bocconi University, *Dottorato in Economia Politica*, Milan, Italy. July 1997

Thesis: Financial constraints in Sub-Saharan Africa

Bocconi University, *Laurea in Discipline Economiche e Sociali*, Milan, Italy. *Cum laude* and recommendation for publication. March 1993

Thesis: The political economy of trade liberalization

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Development Economics

Public economics

Political economics

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in international journals

“A Generalized Index of Fractionalization” (with W. Bossert and C. D’Ambrosio), forthcoming in *Economica*.

“Television and Divorce: Evidence from Brazilian Novelas”, (with A. Chong), *Journal of the European Economic Association Papers & Proceedings*, 7(2-3), 458-468, 2009.

“Diamonds Are Forever, Wars Are Not. Is Conflict Bad for Private Firms?”, (with M. Guidolin), *American Economic Review*, 97(5), 1978-93, 2007.

“Descent Rules and Strategic Transfers. Evidence from Matrilineal Groups in Ghana”, *Journal of Development Economics*, 83(2), 280-301, 2007.

“Ethnic Diversity and Economic Performance” (with A. Alesina), *Journal of Economic Literature*, 43(3), 762-800, 2005.

“Preferences for Redistribution in the Land of Opportunities” (with A. Alesina), *Journal of Public Economics*, 89 (5-6), 897-931, 2005.

“Kin Groups and Reciprocity: A Model of Credit Transactions in Ghana”, *American Economic Review*, 93(5), 1730-1751, 2003.

“Self-Help Groups and Income Generation in the Informal Settlements of Nairobi”, *Journal of African Economies*, 11(1), 61-89, 2002.

“Inequality and Group Participation: Theory and Evidence from Rural Tanzania”, *Journal of Public Economics*, 85(2), 235-273, 2002.

“Who Trusts Others?”, (with A. Alesina), *Journal of Public Economics*, 85(2), 207-234, 2002.

“Political Competition in Weak States” (with R.H. Bates), *Economics and Politics*, 13(2), 159-84, 2001.

“Participation in Heterogeneous Communities” (with A. Alesina), *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 115, 847-904, 2000.

“A Political Equilibrium Approach to Trade Liberalization in Developing Countries”, *Journal of International Trade and Economic Development*, 5(3), 287-318, 1996.

Articles in Italian journals

“L’economia dei conflitti nei paesi in via di sviluppo”, *Rivista Italiana degli Economisti*, 12(3), 39-53, 2007.

“Public Capital and Economic Performance: Evidence from Italy” (with F. Bonaglia and M. Marcellino), *Giornale degli Economisti e Annali di Economia*, 60(2), 221-44, 2000.

Reviews and Chapters in books

“Financial markets and conflict in the developing world”, in T. Besley and R. Jayaraman (eds.), *Institutional Economics of Development*, forthcoming.

“TFP, Costs, and Infrastructure: An Equivocal Relationship” (with M. Marcellino), in M. Artis, A. Banerjee and M. Marcellino (eds.), *The Central and Eastern European Countries and the European Union*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005.

“Solidarity in Heterogeneous Communities”, in Ph. Van Parijs (ed.), *Cultural Diversity versus Economic Solidarity*, Bruxelles: De Boeck, 2004.

Book Review of “Income Distribution and High Quality Growth” (edited by V. Tanzi and K. Chu), *The Economic Journal*, 110(461), F234-6, 2000.

“Exchange Allocation Mechanism Reform” (with G. Castillo and J. Nash), in J. Nash and F. Foroutan (eds), *Trade Policy and Exchange Rate Reform in Sub-Saharan Africa*, ch.4, National Centre for Development Studies, The Australian National University, 1997.

“Public Debt”, in R.E. Hall e J.B. Taylor, *Macroeconomics*, Milan: Hoepli, ch.14, 1995

Working Papers

“A Test of Racial Bias in Capital Sentencing” (with A. Alesina), mimeo, Bocconi University and Harvard University, 2009.

“Self-Help Groups and Mutual Assistance: Evidence from Kenyan Poor Neighborhoods” (with M. Fafchamps), mimeo, Bocconi University and Oxford University, 2009.

“Social Norms, Inheritance and Human Capital. Evidence from a Reform of the Matrilineal System in Ghana” (with S. Redaelli), mimeo, Bocconi University, 2008.

“Soap Operas and Fertility: Evidence from Brazil” (with A. Chong and S. Duryea), CEPR Discussion Paper 6785, 2008.

“Detecting Illegal Arms Trade” (with S. DellaVigna), NBER Working Paper 13355, 2007.

“Racial Segregation and Public School Expenditure”, (with A. Mele), CEPR Discussion Paper 5750, 2006.

“The Economic Effects of Violent Conflict: Evidence from Asset Markets Reactions” (with M. Guidolin), mimeo, Bocconi University, 2005.

“Firm value and political tension intensity in high conflict environments. Evidence from Angola” (with M. Guidolin), mimeo, Bocconi University, 2005.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Bocconi University, Department of Economics, 2006-2008

Director of Undergraduate Studies, programme in Economics and Social Sciences (CLES)

Bocconi University, Department of Economics, 2003-2006

Vice-Director of the Ph.D. programme in Economics

Bocconi University, Department of Economics, 1998-present

Taught courses in: Microeconomics (undergraduate), Development Economics (undergraduate), Development economics (graduate)

University of Namur, Department of Economics, Jan-Feb 2006

Visiting Professor, taught “Economie de la population et politiques agricoles”

Harvard University, Department of Economics, 1997/98

Teaching Fellow in Social Analysis 10 (undergraduate)

Bocconi University, Department of Economics, 1992/93 and 1993/94

Teaching Assistant in Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, and Economic Policy (undergraduate)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND AFFILIATIONS

Fellow, Innocenzo Gasparini Institute for Economic Research (IGIER), current.

Fellow, Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), current.

Affiliate, Bureau for Research in Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD), current.

Member, European Development Research Network (EUDN), current.

Member of the Council of the European Economic Association, 2007-2011.

Associate Editor of: Journal of the European Economic Association, B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, Journal of African Economies.

Refereed articles for: American Economic Review, B.E. Journals, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Journal, Economics and Politics, Economics Letters, European Economic Review, Games and Economic Behavior, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Law Economics and Organization, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Review of Economic Studies.

International Growth Centre, 2008-present

Research Program Director, “Governance, Accountability and Political Economy”

European Research Council, 2009-present

Member of the SH1 Evaluation Panel for the ERC Starting Grants

Inter American Development Bank, 2005-06

External Coordinator of the Research Project “Does Society Win or Lose as a Result of Privatization? Provision of Public Services and Welfare of the Poor”

Econometric Society, 2005

Member of the Program Committee for the 9th World Congress of the Econometric Society

Global Development Network, 2004

Member of the Selection Committee for the Global Development Awards 2004

The World Bank, Washington, D.C., Jul.-Sept. 1996

Summer Intern. PRD Macroeconomics and Growth Division. Research assistant for “Aid, policies and growth” by Craig Burnside and David Dollar.

Hoeppli, Milan, Italy, Sept.1993-Jul.1994

Editor of the 2nd Italian edition of Hall-Taylor, *Macroeconomics*

The World Bank, Washington, D.C., Jul.-Sept. 1993

Consultant. Trade Policy Division. Research project on foreign exchange allocation in Sub-Saharan Africa, with John Nash.

The World Bank, Washington, D.C., Oct.-Nov. 1992

Researcher. Development Policy Group. Empirical research on the political economy of trade liberalization

GRANTS, HONORS AND AWARDS

European Research Council (ERC) Starting Grant for “Conflict, Identity and Markets”, Principal Investigator, 2008-2012

European Commission FP7 Initial Training Network grant for “Actors, Markets, and Institutions in Developing Countries: A micro-empirical approach”, Network Coordinator, 2008-2012

PRIN Grant for “The effects of poverty and information on human trafficking in developing countries”, 2008-2010.

COFIN Project “Institutions, social norms and income distribution in developing countries,” Italian Ministry of Education, 2004

European Commission FP6 grant for Specific Targeted Research or Innovation Project “Polarization and Conflict”, 2003

Prize “Indennità di eccellenza nella ricerca”, Bocconi University, 2004

Prize “Indennità di eccellenza nella ricerca”, Bocconi University, 2001

Prize “Incentives to research”, Bocconi University, 2000

Harvard-MIT Research Training Group in Positive Political Economy Scholarship, 1996

Harvard University Scholarship, 1995 and 1997

D. Menichella Scholarship, Bank of Italy, 1994

Distinction in Economics, Bocconi University, 1993

I. Gasparini Award, Bocconi University, 1990

PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES in the last two years

ERID Conference on The Applications of Economic Analysis in Law, Duke, April 2009

Workshop on Globalization and Conflict, Paris, November 2008

Conference on Rethinking Ethnicity, Budapest, September 2008

EEA Annual Conference, Milan, August 2008

PAC-CEPR Conference on Conflict, LSE, March 2008

5th AFD-EUDN Conference, Paris, December 2007

SIE Annual Conference, Torino, October 2007

EEA Annual Conference, Budapest, August 2007

NBER Summer Institute, Cambridge MA, July 2007

Conference on Inequality, Namur, May 2007

CEPR-Swedish Development Network Conference, Stockholm, March 2007

INVITED SEMINARS in the last two years

University of Warwick, May 2009

Universidade Nova de Lisboa, February 2009

Harvard University, December 2008

Duke University, October 2008

University of Bologna, October 2008

New York University, April 2008

Universitat Pompeu Fabra, April 2008

University of Siena, March 2008

Oxford University, November 2007

Essex University, November 2007
University of Zurich, October 2007
Toulouse University, June 2007
Paris School of Economics, June 2007
Catholic University of Milan, January 2007

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

“Riccardo Faini” Conference on Development Economics , Gargnano, September 2007
PIER-IGIER Conference on “New Research on Human Capital Investment in Developing Countries”, Bocconi University, May 2006
Winter Meeting of the Polarization and Conflict Network, Bocconi University, December 2005
CSEF-IGIER Symposium on Economics and Institutions, Villa Orlandi, Capri, July 2005
The Role of Micro Institutions in Economic Development, Bocconi University, May 2000

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Cebu, Philippines, Jan. 2009-present. Survey design and fieldwork on former victims of human trafficking.
Nairobi, Kenya, Jul.-Aug. 1999. Survey design and fieldwork on self-help groups and income generation in informal settlements.
Centre for Social Studies, Calcutta, India, and **Centre for Women's Development Studies**, New Delhi, India, Jul.-Aug. 1995
Research on the topic: The Impact of Structural Adjustment in the 1990s on Women's Participation Rates
University and Development, Milan, Italy, 1991-92
Founding member. Organized seminars and conferences on the theme: Project Evaluation in Developing Countries.
Conservatorio "Dall'Abaco", Verona, Italy, Jun. 1991
Diploma in pianoforte
Lukanga, North Kivu, Zaire, Jul.-Aug. 1990
Voluntary worker for an Italian NGO

LANGUAGES

Fluent in Italian and English. Fair knowledge of French.