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BIO

Sex: Female

Citizenship: Italian

Date of birth: 10 May 1985

Status: Married, 1 daughter (compulsory career break: March-August 2017)

CURRENT POSITION

Assistant Professor, University of Bologna

Jun 2020-

PAST POSITIONS

Research Fellow, University of Bologna

Oct 2014-May 2020

Research Fellow, Brown University

Jan-May 2016

World Bank short-term consultant: Niger WASH-Pov diagnostic

Jan-Aug 2016

P.I.: Aude-Sophie Rodella (World Bank), The World Bank, Washington DC

Researcher/Consultant: Pathways for Resilience in Semi-arid Economies

Aug 2014-Feb 2015

Principal Investigator, Overseas Development Institute, London

Research Assistant for Prof. Peter van Bergeijk (ISS-EUR)

Jun 2012-Aug 2012

ISS-Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Hague, NL

EDUCATION

Ph.D Economic Policy, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart of Milan

Oct 2010-May 2014

Result: Excellent, awarded the label of *Doctor Europaeus*. Thesis:

Economics of natural disasters. From macro to micro evidence with a focus on developing countries

MA Development Studies (Economics), ISS-Erasmus University Rotterdam

Sep 2011-Dec 2012

Research paper *with distinction*

MA International Economic Integration, University of Pavia

Oct 2007-Jul 2010

Summa cum laude

Erasmus Program, Université de Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne

Oct 2008-Feb 2009

BA Economics, University of Pavia

Sep 2004-Nov 2007

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Economic History, Economic Growth and Development, Political Economy, Meta-Analysis

WORKING PAPERS AND PUBLICATIONS

Working papers

- ‘*Political Geography and Pre-Industrial Development: A Theory and Evidence for Europe 1000-1850*’ with M. Cervellati, G. Prarolo and P. Vanin. *CEPR Discussion Paper* No. DP13719. ISSN 0265-8003. [Link to Paper](#)
- ‘*Political History, Fiscal Compliance and Cooperation: Medieval Social Contracts and their Legacy*’ with P. Buonanno, M. Cervellati and G. Prarolo. *CEPR Discussion Paper* No. DP14214. ISSN: 0265-8003. [Link to Paper](#)
- ‘*Deep Determinants of Preferences over Political Institutions: Monarchy vs. Republic in 1946 Italy*’ with M. Cervellati. Mimeo.
- ‘*Weather variability and food consumption: Evidence from Rural Uganda*’ with A. Bedi. *ISS Working Paper* No. 585. ISSN: 0921-0210. [Link to the Paper](#)

Work in Progress

- ‘*Cultural Contagion and Populism: Evidence from Argentina*’.
- ‘*Historical Roots of Conflict in Europe: A Disaggregated Millennial Perspective*’ with M. Cervellati, G. Prarolo and P. Vanin.
- ‘*Political Geography and Historical Conflicts in Europe 1000-1950*’ with M. Cervellati, M. Onorato and P. Vanin.
- ‘*The Legacy of Inclusive vs. Extractive Institutions: Insights from Statutory Laws in Italy 1000-1800*’.
- ‘*Infrastructures and Information Flows in Early Modern England*’ with M. Cervellati, P. Masella and L. Tancetti.

Published papers

- Lazzaroni, S. and N. Wagner (2016) ‘Misfortunes never come singly: structural change multiple shocks and child malnutrition in rural Senegal’, *Economics and Human Biology* 23: 246-262. DOI:10.1016/j.ehb.2016.10.006.
- Van Bergeijk, P.A.G. and S. Lazzaroni (2015) ‘Macroeconomics of Natural Disasters: Strengths and Weaknesses of Meta- Analysis versus Review of the Literature’, *Risk Analysis* 35(6): 1050-1072. DOI: 10.1111/risa.12372.
- Lazzaroni, S. and P.A.G. van Bergeijk (2014) ‘Natural Disasters Impact, Factors of Resilience and Development: A Meta-Analysis of the Macroeconomic Literature’, *Ecological Economics* 107(11): 333-346. DOI: 10.1016/j.ecolecon.2014.08.015.

Policy reports

- Lazzaroni, S. and N. Wagner (2016) ‘Misfortunes never come singly: structural change multiple shocks and child malnutrition in rural Senegal’, *PRISE Policy Briefs*. London, UK: ODI. [Link](#)

GOOGLE SCHOLAR CITATION INDICES

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ORGANIZATION/PARTICIPATION TO RESEARCH GROUPS

PRIN 2017: Religious and Racial Discrimination Attitudes P.I.: Paolo Masella, University of Bologna	2019-present
PRIN 2015: The legacy of institutions for comparative development P.I.: Matteo Cervellati, University of Bologna	2016-present
PRIN 2012: A study on the determinants of crime and civil conflict P.I.: Matteo Cervellati, University of Bologna	2014-2016
Data Scraping Tools and Methods (PhD Economics course) Co-organizer with Giovanni Prarolo, University of Bologna	Jan 2016

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

EIEF grant 2015: Geography, demographic shock and political institutions P.I.: Giovanni Prarolo, University of Bologna (€10K)	Jun 2015-Jun 2016
Brown-Bologna Programme Grant, Brown University Awarded research scholarship (\$ 6.9K)	Jan-May 2016
PRISE Small Grants Programme, ODI London Principal Investigator (£5K)	Aug-Feb 2015
INESAD travel grant for conference participation, INESAD, Bolivia	Aug 2015
EAERE travel grant for conference invitation, Harvard School of Public Health	Oct 2013
Belpasso International Summer School grant, University of Catania	Aug 2013
PhD Fellowship, Catholic University of Milan	Oct 2010-Dec 2013
Erasmus scholarship, University of Pavia and University of Paris I	Sept 2008-Feb 2009

HONORS AND AWARDS

BCDE 2014 Best Development Economics Paper, Universidad Privada Boliviana	Aug 2015
PhD thesis award of <i>Doctor Europaeus</i> , Catholic University of Milan	May 2014
Professor Hans Opschoor Prize for best research paper, ISS-Erasmus University	Dec 2012

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor (Undergraduate): Development Economics and Financial Markets University of Bologna	a.y. 2019-2020
Instructor (PhD Economics): Disaggregated data with ArcGIS and Python University of Bologna	a.y. 2015/16-2016/17
Introductory class on “Development Economics” for high school students University of Bologna	a.y. 2014/15-2015/16
Teaching Assistant (Undergraduate): Macroeconomics (undergraduate) University of Bologna - Forli Campus	spring 2015
Invited Lecture (Graduate): Economic Analysis of Households in Developing Countries ISS, Erasmus University Rotterdam	Dec 2012

SUMMER/WINTER SCHOOLS AND FURTHER COURSES

Digital Humanities Oxford Summer School University of Oxford	3-7 Jul 2017
14th Summer School in International and Development Economics Centro Studi Luca D'Agliano, Gargnano, Italy	8-11 Sep 2015
JPAL101x: Evaluating Social Programs MIT, online learning	Nov 2014
Belpasso International Summer School on Environmental Economics University of Catania and FEEM, Belpasso, Italy	1-7 Sep 2013
Structural Change Real Financial Interactions and Development University of Pavia, Pavia	13-21 Jun 2011
Development and International Cooperation ISPI, Milan	Oct 2009-Jan 2011
Understanding and Managing Globalization and Transition CARIPLO and University of Pavia, Pavia	Mar-May 2009

INSTITUTIONAL AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Organization of Conferences/Workshops/Reading Groups

- Spring Meeting of Young Economists (Chair), University of Bologna 4-6 Jun 2020
- 1st Economic History Workshop 2019, University of Bologna 2-3 Sep 2019
- ASREC Conference 2017 (Program Chair: Giovanni Prarolo), University of Bologna 9-11 Sep 2017
- Political Economy and Development Reading Group, University of Bologna Oct 2015-present

University Service

- Representative of Research Fellows, Department of Economics, University of Bologna a.y. 2018/2019
- Representative of Research Fellows, Department of Economics, University of Bologna a.y. 2015/2016
- Teaching and Learning Committee Student Representative, ISS-Erasmus University 2011/2012

Activity as Referee

- *China Economic Review; Ecological Economics; Economic Modelling; Economics Research International; Environment, Development and Sustainability; Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization; Journal of Economic Growth; Journal of Economic Surveys; Journal of Peace Research; Papers in Regional Science.*

PRESENTATIONS TO CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

Spring Dondena Research Seminars, Bocconi University, 2020 (scheduled); 1st Political Economy Workshop, University of Bologna, 2020; 2nd Workshop on Formal and Informal Institutions for Growth and Development, Université de Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne, 2019; Culture, Institutions and Economic Development Conference, Matera, 2019; ASREC Europe 2019, Lund University, 2019; 1st Economic History Workshop, University of Bologna, 2019; (*Discussant*) Political Economy Galatina Summer Meeting, 2019; Workshop on Political Economy 2017, Free-University of Bozen-Bolzano, Brunek-Brunico, 2017; ICEG 2017, University of Naples Parthenope, Naples, 2017; ASREC Europe 2017, University of Bologna, 2017; SIOE 2017, Columbia University, New York, 2017; Culture Diversity and Economic Development Workshop, Groeningen, 2017; Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Barcelona GSE, 2017; Macroeconomics Lunch Seminar, UCLouvain, 2017; EEA-ESEM, Geneva, 2016; Petralia Applied Economic Workshop, 2016; (*Discussant*) Workshop on Social Economy for Young Economists, University of Bologna, 2016; Macro Lunch Seminar, Brown University, 2016; PRISE Workshop, London School of Economics, 2015; Internal seminar, University of Bologna, 2015, 2017; ENRMDTE2014, CERDI and University of Auvergne, 2014; BCDE 2014, Universidad Privada Boliviana, 2014; EDEM Seminar Series, ISS-Erasmus University Rotterdam, 2013; (*Invited*) Harvard School of Public Health, 2013; Belpasso International Summer School, 2013; MAER-Net, University of Greenwich, 2013; Second AIEAA Conference, University of Parma, 2013; 5th EAAE Phd Workshop, KU Leuven, 2013; CSAE, Oxford University, 2013.

SKILLS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Softwares

- Operating Systems: Microsoft, Mac OS
- Programming languages: Python, SPARQL
- Statistical softwares: Stata, R
- GIS softwares: ArcGIS, QGIS
- Data scraping: Scrapy (Python)
- Optical Character Recognition: Tesseract (Python)
- Text softwares: Standard MS Office packages, LaTeX

Languages

- Italian (native)
- English (fluent)
- French (intermediate)

Additional Information

- Executive Board Member: NGO Amici della Guinea Bissau, Secretary (Sep 2014-Sep 2016)
- Long-Term Volunteering with children (CAG)
- Interests: reading, swimming

REFERENCES

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