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Employment

Lecturer (Assistant Professor), University College London, July 2015-present
Research Fellow, Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS), July 2015-present
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of Economics, University College London, July 2012-July 2015
Research Affiliate, Centre for Microdata Methods and Practice (CeMMAP), July 2012-July 2015
Research Affiliate, Centre for the Evaluation of Development Policies (EDePo) at the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS), July 2012-2015

Education

Ph.D., Economics, University of Pennsylvania, 2012. Committee: Ken Wolpin (Chair), Petra Todd, Holger Sieg.
First year in the Ph.D. program in Economics at Bocconi University, 2005
M.Sc., Economics, Bocconi University, 2004
Laurea (B.A.), Economics, *Summa Cum Laude and Recommendation for Publication*, Luiss University, 2003
Erasmus Exchange Program, University of Exeter, 2001
European Baccalaureate, European School of Varese, 1998

Short-term Visiting Positions

EIEF, July 2017
Federal Reserve Bank of New York, May-August 2010
IGIER, Bocconi University, July 2013
New York University, Department of Economics, May-June 2014

Research and Teaching Fields

Labor Economics, Economics of Education, Applied Microeconometrics, Development Economics

Teaching Experience

Upenn: Statistics for Economists (Instructor, average student rating 3.5/4, 2008), Political Economics (TA, 2008 and 2009), Development Economics (TA, 2009), Teaching Certificate from the Center for Teaching and Learning (2010)
UCL: Topics in Applied Economics, M.Res. elective, equivalent of a Ph.D. elective (Instructor, 2013-present), Statistical Methods in Economics, core undergraduate (Instructor, 2015-present), M.Sc. thesis supervision

Grants and Fellowships

Jacobs Foundation Grant for Young Scholars (with Fabian Kosse), 2017-2019
ESRC Future Research Leaders 2017-2019, Economic and Social Research Council
CSWEP Summer Research Fellowship, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, 2010
Fondazione IRI Fellowship, 2005-2007
Fondazione Einaudi Fellowship (declined), 2005
Bocconi University Economics Department, 2004-2005
Fondazione Invernizzi Fellowship, Bocconi University, 2003-2004

Publication

“Teacher Quality in Public and Private Schools Under a Voucher System: The Case of Chile”, (with J. Behrman, P. Todd and K. Wolpin)
Journal of Labor Economics, 2016, vol. 34, no. 2

Working Papers

“Heterogeneous Peer Effects and Rank Concerns: Theory and Evidence” HCEO Working Paper 2017-006, CESifo WP 6331
“Teacher Labor Markets, School Vouchers and Student Cognitive Achievement: Evidence from Chile”
“On the Nature of Social Interactions in Education: An Explanation for Recent Evidence”

Work in Progress

“Non-Cognitive Skills and the Gender Gap in Career Dynamics” (with S. Cattan)

“Equal Opportunities in Access to Higher Education: Evidence from the Randomization of a National Policy” (with F. Kosse and R. Rajan)

Articles in Edited Volumes (not peer reviewed)

“Voting”, with A. Penta, J. Pogach, A. Sandroni and D. Selman, in *Encyclopedia of Complexity and System Science*, 2009, Springer.

Conference Presentations and Invited Seminars

2010: New York Federal Reserve Bank brown bag (x2); **2011**: European Meeting of the Econometric Society (University of Oslo), Doctoral Workshop in Economic Theory and Econometrics (Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance), International Workshop on Applied Economics of Education (Magna Graecia University), People and Organizations Conference (The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania), UPenn; **2012**: Washington University in St. Louis, Sciences-Po, Bocconi University, UCL, Pompeu Fabra, Arizona State University, UC Santa Cruz, Yeshiva, Toulouse School of Economics, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Compass Lexecon, Charles River Associates, Bates White, NEUDC (also discussant, Dartmouth College); **2013**: University of Wisconsin–Madison, University of Maryland, University of Edinburgh, University of Cambridge; **2014**: New York Federal Reserve Bank brown bag, North American Summer Meetings of the Econometric Society (University of Minnesota), International Workshop on Applied Economics of Education (Magna Graecia University), Ce2 Workshop (also discussant, Warsaw), UPenn, Oxford Development Economics Workshop (Oxford University), CSEF, Royal Holloway, Uppsala, SAEe (Palma de Mallorca); **2015**: World Bank, CEMFI, UCLA, Cornell, UCL, Bristol, Chicago Fed, Queen’s, University of Virginia, Rochester, Sciences Po, University of Surrey, LSE, EDePo conference (discussant), Interactions Workshop (University of Chicago), University of Sussex; **2016**: CORE (Université Catholique de Louvain), University of Sydney, Jacobs Foundation Conference on Education Policy (commentator), University of Essex, SITE (Stockholm School of Economics), CESifo Economics of Education Conference (Munich, also discussant), CEP at the London School of Economics, **2018** (scheduled): Università Cattolica Milan, University of Birmingham, Lund University, Oxford University, UCL Institute of Education, Stockholm School of Economics, Sao Paulo School of Economics, PUC-Rio, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Washington University in St. Louis, Toulouse School of Economics.

Professional Affiliations

Member of the Human Capital and Economic Opportunity Global Working Group (HCEO), Markets Network

Research Affiliate in the Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) Labour Economics programme

CESifo Affiliate

Referee Services

American Economic Journal – Policy, Economica, Education Economics, European Economic Review, International Economic Review, International Review of Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Labor Economics, Macroeconomic Dynamics, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Dynamics, Review of Economic Studies.

Other Services

Co-organiser of: Applied Micro seminar series at UCL 2015-present, Structural Breakfast (student seminar series at UCL) 2017-present, cemmap conference “Econometrics for public policy: methods and applications”, London, April 15th 2016

Conference Programme Committee Member: Royal Economic Society 2016-2019, EEA 2017-2018

Ph.D. thesis supervision (committee member): Sanghmitra Gautam (Washington University in St. Louis)

Computer Skills

Fortran, Matlab, R, Stata, Unix, parallel processing