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Undergraduate Studies:

B.Sc. Economics, *summa cum laude*, Bocconi University, Milan, Italy, 2002

Graduate Studies:

M.Sc. Economics, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain, 2004

PhD Economics, University College London, 2004 to present

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Teaching and Research Fields:

Primary fields: Labour Economics, Applied Microeconomics
Secondary fields: Migration, Microeconometrics

Teaching Experience:

Fall 2007	Quantitative Economics and Econometrics, University College London, teaching fellow for Professor Pedro Carneiro
Fall 2006	Quantitative Economics and Econometrics, University College London, teaching fellow for Professor Pedro Carneiro
Fall 2005	Macroeconomic Theory and Policy, University College London, teaching fellow for Professor Liam Graham
Spring 2003	Public Finance, Bocconi University, teaching fellow for Professor Carlo Devillanova

Research Experience and Other Employment:

May 2007 - present	IZA Research Affiliate
Sept. 2005- present	CRAM (Center for Research and Analysis of Migration), UCL, Research Officer
Oct. 2002 – Sept.2003	Econpubblica, Bocconi University, Research Assistant

Professional Activities

Referee for *British Journal of Industrial Relations*, *Labour Economics*

Conference Presentations and Invited Seminars: November 2008 DEAS seminars in Economics, University of Milan, Italy; September 2008 Italian Labour Economists Association, Brescia, Italy; August 2008 European Economic Association Conference, Milan, Italy; August 2008 Nordic Migration Workshop, Helsinki, Finland; July 2008 Work Pensions and Labour Economics Conference, Sheffield, UK; June 2008 European Society of Population Economics Conference, London, UK; May 2008 Departmental Seminar Università del Piemonte Orientale, Novara, Italy; June 2007 European Society of Population Economics Conference, Chicago USA; May 2007 ISFOL –Sapienza seminar La Sapienza University, Rome, Italy; January 2007 ENTER Jamboree, Mannheim University, Germany.

Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships:

2008	UCL Departmental Teaching Assistant Awards – Honourable Mention
2005-2008	ESRC Studentship
2004-2005	WM Gorman Graduate Research Scholarship, UCL Economics Department
2003-2004	Pompeu Fabra University Graduate Scholarship
2003	“Roberto Franceschi” prize for undergraduate dissertation

Languages:

Italian (native), English (fluent), Spanish (good)

Publications:

“**The Labour Market Impact of Immigration**” (with Christian Dustmann and Albrecht Glitz), *Oxford Review of Economic Policy*, vol. 24 no. 3, autumn 2008.

Research Papers:

“Immigration and Prices in the UK” (Job Market Paper)

This paper uses regional RPI and CPI indices for over 300 items to investigate the effect of immigration on prices of goods and services in the UK between 1995 and 2006. My results show that immigration had significant but quantitatively limited effects on prices, and that the effects were different for services and tradable goods. Immigration contributed to reduce price growth of services in sectors with a high concentration of low-wage workers such as restaurants, bars, and take-away food through its effects on labour supply. Conversely there is some evidence that immigration increased the price of low-value grocery goods via demand-side effects.

“The Effect of Immigration along the Distribution of Wages” (with C. Dustmann and I. Preston)

CReAM Discussion Paper No.03/08 (*submitted*)

This paper analyses the effect immigration has on wages of native workers. Unlike most previous work, we estimate wage effects along the distribution of wages. We derive a flexible empirical strategy that does not rely on pre-allocating immigrants to particular skill groups. In our empirical analysis, we demonstrate that immigrants downgrade considerably upon arrival. As for the effects on native wages, we find that immigration depresses wages below the 20th percentile of the wage distribution, but leads to slight wage increases in the upper part of the wage distribution. The overall wage effect of immigration is slightly positive. The positive wage effects we find are, although modest, too large to be explained by an immigration surplus. We suggest alternative explanations, based on the idea that immigrants are paid less than the value of what they contribute to production, generating therefore a surplus, and we assess the magnitude of these effects.

Research in Progress:

“The economic impact of emigration: labour market effects of Polish emigration”

Research Reports:

“A Study of Migrant Workers and the National Minimum Wage and Enforcement Issues that Arise” (with C.Dustmann and I. Preston), prepared for the Low Pay Commission Report 2007