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Current position

Assistant professor of Economics at the Department of Management, Economics, and Quantitative Methods, University of Bergamo

Research interests

Public Finance • Political Economy
Applied Microeconometrics • Machine Learning

Education

- 2010-2014 PhD in Economics, Università della Svizzera italiana, Lugano
- 2014 Visiting research student, McMaster University, Hamilton
- 2013 Visiting research student, University of Toronto, Toronto
- 2011-2012 Swiss Program for Beginning Doctoral Students in Economics, Study Center Gerzensee
- 2007-2009 MSc in Economics, Catholic University of Milan
- 2004-2007 BSc in Economics, Catholic University of Milan

Experiences

- 2019- Assistant professor, University of Bergamo
- 2019- Research Fellow, Center for Law and Economics - ETH Zurich
- 2016- Research associate, Institut d'Economia de Barcelona - UB Barcelona
- 2018-2019 Post-doctoral Fellow, ETH Zurich
- 2015-2017 Swiss National Science Foundation post-doctoral fellow, Institut d'Economia de Barcelona (UB) and Institut d'Anàlisi Econòmica (CSIC), Barcelona
- 2010-2014 Research and teaching assistant, Università della Svizzera italiana, Lugano

Research

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2020 G. Daniele, S. Galletta and B. Geys “Abandon Ship? Party Brands and Politicians’ Responses to a Political Scandal”, forthcoming in *Journal of Public Economics*
- 2020 S. Galletta, “Direct Democracy, Partial Decentralization and Voter Information: Evidence from Swiss Municipalities”, forthcoming in *International Tax and Public Finance*
- 2018 F. Cavalcanti, G. Daniele and S. Galletta “Popularity shocks and political selection”, *Journal of Public Economics*
- 2017 S. Galletta, “Law enforcement, municipal budgets and spillover effects: Evidence from a quasi-experiment in Italy”, *Journal of Urban Economics*

- 2017 S. Galletta and A. Redonda, "Corporate Flat Tax Reforms and Businesses' Investment Decisions. Evidence from Switzerland", *International Tax and Public Finance*
- 2016 S. Galletta, "On the determinants of happiness: a Classification And Regression Tree (CART) approach", *Applied Economics Letters*
- 2015 S. Galletta and M. Jametti, "How to Tame Two Leviathans? Revisiting the effect of direct democracy on local public expenditure in a federation", *European Journal of Political Economy*
- 2015 S. Galletta, M. Jametti and A. Redonda, "Highway to Economic growth? Competition in public works tenders in the Democratic Republic of Congo", *South African Journal of Economics*

CURRENT WORKING PAPERS

"A Machine Learning Approach to Analyzing Corruption in Local Public Finances" with E. Ash and T. Giommoni

"Estimating the Severity of COVID-19: Evidence From the Italian Epicenter" with P. Buonanno and M. Puca

"Causal Effects of Judicial Sentiment: Methods and Application to U.S. Circuit Courts", with E. Ash and D. Chen

"How Cable News Reshaped Local Government", with E. Ash

"Decision-making Institutions and Voters' Preferences for Public Policies"

PROJECTS - GRANTS

- 2019-2020 "The effect of media on voting behavior" - PI (SwissNSF No. 190262)
- 2018-2019 "Citizens' preferences and direct democracy" - PI (SwissNSF No. 177718)
- 2016-2017 "Political scandals and spillover effects" - PI (SwissNSF No. 167635)
- 2015-2016 "The Incentive Effects of Formula-based Equalization Schemes" - PI (SwissNSF No. 158603)
- 2010-2016 "The Swiss Confederation: A Natural Laboratory for Research on Fiscal and Political Decentralization" - Collaborator (SwissNSF No. 130648/147668)
- 2010-2013 "Partial Fiscal Decentralization" - Collaborator (SwissNSF No. 130443)

Conferences and seminars

ASSA San Diego, Political Economy Workshop Bologna, Advances in Economics Winter Symposium Bergamo, Media and Digitization Meeting UZH Zürich, Workshop on the Causes and Consequences of Populism Bocconi-Milan, Swiss Workshop on Local Public Finance and Regional Economics USI-Lugano, Workshop on Political Economy IEB-Barcelona, Workshop on Political Economy ETH-Zürich, Workshop on the Economics of Organized Crime Bocconi-Milano, Petralia Workshop, Seminar at IAE-CSIC Barcelona, SIEP Padova, Seminar at Università di Ferrara, ASSA Chicago, SSES Lausanne, Workshop on Political Economy & Fiscal Federalism Barcelona, Petralia Workshop Siracusa, SEA Lugano, Seminar at JRC Ispra, ZEW PFC Mannheim, Economics of Organized Crime Bergamo, SSES Lugano, IIPF Lake Tahoe, SIEP Lecce, Seminar at IAE/UAB Barcelona, Seminar at KOF-ETH Zürich, YSEM Zürich, EPCS Groningen, SIEP Ferrara, CESifo Dresden, Seminar at IEB Barcelona, IIPF Lugano, CPEG Ottawa, CIRANO Fiscal Rules Montreal, CAE Montreal, PCS New Orleans, Seminar at McMaster University Hamilton, SIEP Piava