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CURRENT POSITIONS

MAR 2023 - PRESENT *University of Bologna, Department of Economics*
Research fellow, working on public sector, policy design and performance.
Tutor: Prof. Guglielmo Barone.

DEC 2020 - PRESENT *INPS - Italian Social Security Institute*
VisitINPS research program on social security administrative data.

EDUCATION

SEPT 2018-APR 2023 **Ca' Foscari University of Venice**
Department of Economics
PhD Candidate
Research Fields: Public and Urban Economics
Supervisors: Prof Agar Brugiavini, Dr Marco Di Cataldo
Examiners: Prof Henry Overman, Dr Guido De Blasio

SEPT 2021-APR 2022 **London School of Economics and Political Sciences**
Department of Geography and Environment
Visiting research student
Supervisor: Prof Olmo Silva

FEB 2018 **University of Siena**
Department of Economics and Statistics
MSc ECONOMICS
110/110 *summa cum laude*
Thesis: 'Local society and labour organisation: a comparative institutional approach'
Supervisor: Prof Ugo Pagano

JUL 2014 **University of Modena and Reggio Emilia**
Department of Economics
BA ECONOMICS AND FINANCE
110/110 *summa cum laude*
Thesis: 'Inequality in educational opportunities: evidence from Modena'
Supervisor: Prof Massimo Baldini

2012-2013 Erasmus at **Universidad Rey Juan Carlos, Madrid**

JUL 2011 **Liceo Classico 'M.Minghetti', Bologna** | Final Grade: 100/100

FURTHER EDUCATION

- JUNE 2022 **UEA - Urban Economic Association**
SEPT 2021 Summer School in Urban Economics
- OCT-DEC 2021 **LSE - Department of Geography and Environment**
Course on Applied Geographic Information Systems, using R and QGIS
- DEC 2020 **IRVAPP - Research Institute for Public Policies Evaluation**
Winter School on Advanced Methods for Impact Evaluation
- JAN-FEB 2018 **University of Siena**
Course of Policy Evaluation held by Bank of Italy's officials

TEACHING

- APR 2022 **Ca' Foscari University of Venice**
APR 2020 Microeconomics 2 (BA Economics)
Teaching assistant, proctoring, marking
- NOV 2020 **Ca' Foscari University of Venice**
Macroeconomics 2 (BA Economics)
Teaching assistant, proctoring

LANGUAGES

- ITALIAN: native
ENGLISH: fluent
SPANISH: fluent

IT SKILLS

- STATA: excellent
L^AT_EX: excellent
ARCGIS: excellent
PYTHON: intermediate
R: intermediate

RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

DEC 2021 - JUN 2022	<i>LSE - Department of Geography and Environment</i> Academic coordination of the Shifting landscapes Ph.D. Conference in Economics 2022.
MAY - SEPT 2021	<i>University of Sassari and Ca' Foscari University of Venice</i> Co-organization of the Ph.D. Conference in Economics 2021.
MAY - AUG 2018	<i>Euricse - European Research Institute on Cooperative and Social Enterprises</i> Training internship on community enterprises and common's management.
SEPT 2014 - MAR 2015	<i>Universidad Nacional de Quilmes, Buenos Aires, Argentina</i> Internship within the social incubation program "CREES - Construyendo Redes Emprendedoras en Economía Social y Solidaria". Collaboration with the project "Facultad Abierta" (UBA-Universidad de Buenos Aires), investigating the phenomenon of working-by-out firms.
MAR - JUN 2014	<i>CAPP - Center of Public Policies Analysis</i> Curricular internship studying intergenerational mobility through the dataset IcesMO3 - Survey on the socio-economic conditions of Modena's households.

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

SEPTEMBER 2020	AISRe Annual Conference
MARCH 2021	6th Ca' Foscari - Groningen PhD Exchange Seminar Series
APRIL 2021	UEA European Meeting
AUGUST 2021	ERSA Annual Conference
OCTOBER 2021	UEA North American Meeting
DEC 2021	VisitINPS internal seminar
MARCH 2022	LSE Geography and Environment Department seminar
MAY 2022	Ca' Foscari internal seminar
JUNE 2022	6th Global Conference on Economic Geography
JULY 2022	BoMoPaV Economics Meeting
AUGUST 2022	EEA/ESEM - 37th Congress
SEPTEMBER 2022	AISRe Annual Conference
SEPTEMBER 2022	SasCa PhD Conference
SEPTEMBER 2022	10th Side Workshop for PhD students in Econometrics and Empirical Economics
SEPTEMBER 2022	AIEL 37th National Conference of Labour Economics
OCTOBER 2022	UEA North American Meeting
DECEMBER 2022	Fifth Visitinps workshop
MAY 2023	UEA European Meeting
MAY 2023	University of Bologna, Department of Economics internal seminar
JUNE 2023	Bank of Italy, Bologna, Economic seminar
AUGUST 2023	EEA/ESEM - 38th Congress
NOVEMBER 2023	Inequality in Rome Seminar Series, University of Roma Tre

WORKING PAPERS

Di Cataldo, M. & Romani, G., 2023. Rational cuts? The local impact of closing undersized schools.

The paper investigates the demographic and income effects of rationalisation policies in the field of public schooling by focusing on the Italian context (2010-2019). We assess whether school closures have an impact on households' residential choices, on top and beyond pre-existing negative population trends which motivate school closures. We address endogeneity by combining a two-way-fixed-effects estimation with an instrumental variable approach, constructing the IV on the basis of institutional thresholds for school sizing adopted by some Italian Regions. We find evidence that schooling rationalisation policies, by fostering depopulation of peripheral areas, has an influence on the spatial distribution of households and income, thus affecting territorial disparities.

Brugiavini, A., Di Cataldo, M. & Romani, G., 2023. Knowledge economy, internal migration, and the effect on local labour markets.

Human-capital intensive activities tend to concentrate in space and may generate significant multiplicative effects at the local level. This paper assesses how the relative growth of knowledge-intensive jobs and the inflow of workers in knowledge sectors affect wage, employment, and probability of outmigration of local workers in other sectors. We focus on Italy during the 2005-2019 period, taking advantage of matched employer-employee administrative data covering the universe of social-security-paying workers. To address identification concerns, we implement a two-step procedure combined with an IV strategy. We find evidence that the growth in knowledge-intensive jobs and related migrations have multiplicative effects on local employment, and they reduce the probability of outmigration.

Buscemi, T. & Romani, G., 2024. Allocation of authority and tactical redistribution of public investments: A historical quasi-experiment.

Devolution of authority over public investments can lead to agency problems and trigger tactical redistribution between different tiers of government. We test this hypothesis in the context of the Cassa per il Mezzogiorno: a massive development programme for Southern Italy (1950-1984). By 1971, the authority over funds allocation was transferred from a centralised committee to the newborn regional governments. We combine unique historical data on local administrators with detailed information on projects, and find that, after devolution, municipalities aligned with the regional government were assigned a higher number of projects, without producing any positive impact on long-run economic outcomes.

BOOK CHAPTERS & REPORTS

Brugiavini, A., Di Cataldo, M. & Romani, G., 2022. Economia della conoscenza, migrazioni interne e gli effetti sui mercati del lavoro locale. In: XXI RAPPORTO ANNUALE INPS. Valutare con i dati amministrativi: progetti visitinps scholars.

Di Cataldo, M. & Romani, G., 2020. Criticità finanziaria e scioglimento dei comuni per infiltrazione mafiosa: un approccio quantitativo in Degni, M. (ed.) Rapporto Ca' Foscari sui comuni. Il governo locale: modelli ed esperienze in Italia e in Europa. Castelvecchi ed.