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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 2018 - Senior Lecturer in Economics - Queen's University Belfast
- 2011 - 2018 Lecturer in Economics - Queen's University Belfast

EUCATION

- 2005 - 2009 PhD in Economics; University of Nottingham,
Subjects: Political Economy, Development Economics, and Civil Wars
Examiners: Prof. Oliver Morrissey and Prof. Ola Olsson
Dissertation: Civil Wars and Economic Development
- 2004 -2005 MSc in Economics; University of Essex
Subject: Economics
- 2002- 2003 MA in European Studies and Economics; University of Bari
Subject: Economics and European Institutions
- 1996 – 2001 Laurea in Economics; University of Bari
Subject: Economics

TEACHING

- 2018 - 2019 Undergraduate Teaching: Applied Econometrics (ECO3015) and Economics History (ECO3020)
Postgraduate Teaching: Applied Econometrics (ECO7011)
- 2016 - 2017 Undergraduate Teaching: Applied Econometrics (ECO3015)
Postgraduate Teaching: Applied Econometrics (ECO7011)
- 2015 - 2016 Undergraduate Teaching: Applied Econometrics (ECO3015) and Principles of Economics (ECO1001)
Postgraduate Teaching: Applied Econometrics (ECO7011)
- 2012 – 2015 Undergraduate Teaching: Applied Econometrics (ECO3015) and Principles of Economics (ECO1001)
- 2011 – 2012 Undergraduate Teaching: Applied Econometrics (ECO3015)
- 2008 - 2009 GTA at the University of Nottingham (Macroeconomic Theory, Industrial Organization, Quantitative Economics II)
- 2007 - 2008 GTA at the University of Nottingham (Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory, Industrial Organization)
- 2006 - 2007 GTA at the University of Nottingham (Industrial Organization)

VISITING

2016 - University of Modena
2013 - Brown University
2012 - University of Gothenburg
2011 - University of Modena

FELLOWSHIPS

2012 - High Education Academy
2012 - QUCEH (Queens University Centre for Economic History)
2016 - CHaRMS (Centre for Health Research at the Management School)
2017 - GLO (Global Labor Organization)

PUBLICATIONS

- “Geographical Influences on Long-Run Development” (with Michael Bleaney) *Journal of African Economies*, 2010, 19 (5): 635-656
- “How Different are the Correlates of Onset and Continuation of Civil Wars?” (with Michael Bleaney), *Journal of Peace Research*, 2011, 48:145-155
- “Biogeographical Conditions, the Transition to Agriculture and Long-Run Growth” (with Michael Bleaney) *European Economic Review*, 2011, 55(7): 943-954
- “The Racial Gap in Education and the Legacy of Slavery” (with Graziella Bertocchi) *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 2012, 40(4): 581-95
- “Slavery, Education, and Inequality” (with Graziella Bertocchi) *European Economic Review*, 2014, 70: 197-209
- “State History, Historical Legitimacy and Ethnic Fractionalization” (with Michael Bleaney), *European Journal of Political Economy*, 2016, 43 . pp. 159-170
- “Size Matters: The Effect of the Scramble for Africa on Institutions and Development” *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, 2017, 79(3): 291-318
- “Ethnic Diversity and Conflict” (with Michael Bleaney), *Journal of Institutional Economics*, 2017, 13(2): 357-78
- “De Jure and de Facto Determinants of Power: Evidence from Mississippi” (with Graziella Bertocchi), *Constitutional Political Economy*, 2017, 28(4):321-345
- "Origins of the Sicilian Mafia: The Market for Lemons" (with Alessia Isopi and Ola Olsson); *Journal of Economic History*, 2017, 77(4): 1083-1115

REVISED AND RESUBMITTED

- The Long-Term Determinant of HIV: The Slave Trade, Sexual Behavior, and HIV (with Graziella Bertocchi), *Journal of Development Economics*

PAPERS UNDER SUBMISSION

- Youth Enfranchisement, Political Responsiveness, and Education Expenditure: Evidence from the U.S (with Graziella Bertocchi, Francesco Lancia, and Alessia Russo), *American Economic Journal, Economics Policy*

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Are Large or Small Ethnic Groups More Likely to be Involved in Conflict? Evidence from Africa (with Michael Bleaney)
- Gender Reforms and Female Leadership (with Francesco Lancia and Alessia Russo)
- Bitter Sugar: Slavery and the Black Family (with Graziella Bertocchi)

- Strangers and Foreigners: Trust and Attitudes toward Citizenship in Sub-Saharan Africa (with Graziella Bertocchi and Gian Luca Tedeschi)
- When Opposites Detract: The Educational Impact of Christian Missions in Matrilineal Societies Across Africa (with Ryan Kee)
- Cultural Persistence: Evidence from Dialects from Puglia
- The Effect of the Supply Politicians on the rise of Populist Parties

BOOK REVIEW AND BOOK CHAPTER

- Dennis M.P. McCarthy, “*An Economic History of Organized Crime: A National and Transnational Approach*”. New York: Routledge, 2011; *EH.Net* (September 2012)
- Econometric Identification (with Matthias Blum) in Blum, Matthias, and Christopher L. Colvin (Eds.), *An Economist's Guide to Economic History*; Palgrave Macmillan, 2018.

MEDIA

- La Mafia Nasce dai Limoni, Dicono gli Studiosi di Economia, *Business Insider (Italia)*, 15/04/2018
- Il Business degli Agrumi che Battezzo' la Mafia, *La Repubblica (Palermo)*, 06/04/2018
- Sicilian Mafia Grew from Boom in Citrus Production in early 1800s, *Market Business News*, 11/02/2018
- Zest for Lemons Factor in Birth of Mafia, Queen's Academic Find, *Belfast Telegraph*, 08/02/2018
- Citrus Fruits, Scurvy and the Origins of the Sicilian Mafia, *The Conversation*, 07/02/2018
- Queen's Research Suggests the Mafia Arose to Power from Lemon Sales in the 1800s, *Science Newsline*, 07/02/2018
- When Life Gives you Lemon.....Become an Organised Crime Syndicate, *The Daily Mail Online*, 01/2018
- Lemon Gave Mafia Taste for Sharp Practices, *The Times*, 01/2018
- How a 19th-Century Lemon Craze Gave Rise to the Infamous Sicilian Mob, *Washington Post*, 01/2018
- Origins of the Sicilian Mafia: The Market for Lemons, *Cambridge Core Blog*, 01/2018
- Research Links Rise of the Sicilian Mafia with Lemons, *New York State Society of CPAs*, 01/2018
- Lemons and the Origins of the Sicilian Mafia, *An Africanist Perspective*, 01/2018
- How Lemons Shaped One of the World's Largest Criminal Organization, *IFL Science*, 31/01/2018
- Here's How Lemons Created the Mafia, *Daily Hunt*, 31/01/2018
- Here's How Lemons Created the Mafia, *Deccan Chronicle*, 31/01/2018
- The Impact of Increased Youth Turnout on Fiscal Policy: Evidence from the US, *Vox*, 12/2017
- How is the Slave Trade Linked to the Spread of HIV in Africa, *World Economic Forum*, 03/2015
- The Spread of HIV among Young African Women: Its Roots in the Slave Trade, *RES Media Briefing*, 04/2015
- The Surprising Reason why Inequality is so Great in the US, *History New Network*, 12/12/2014
- Is There an American Dream for Black Children, *Huffington Post*, 22/09/2014
- Facts vs. the GOP: Why American is Living through a New Era of Segregation, *Salon*, 14/09/2014
- It's the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act - Race still Matters, *Boston Review*, 02/07/2014
- Slavery's Legacy: Race-Based Economic Inequality, *Pacific Standard*, 19/06/2014
- Slavery, Education and Inequality in *Historically Black*, *National Affairs*, 17/06/2014
- Origins of the Sicilian Mafia Lay in the Market for Lemons, *RES Media Briefing*, 04/2014
- Slavery's Effects on Education: Parallelism in the United States and Benin, *Vanderbilt University News*, 23/09/2013
- Where Are We in the Shadow of the Great Emancipator, *The Jeffersonian*, 20/02/2013
- De Jure and de Facto Determinants of Power: Evidence from Mississippi, *Vox*, 22/07/2012
- The Market for Lemons and the Start of the Mafia, *Forbes*, 13/05/2012
- Bitter Origins of the Sicilian Mafia, *Vox*, 13/05/2012
- Creations of History, *Stumbling and Mumbling*, 01/02/2011
- The Historical Roots of Inequality, *Vox*, 14/10/2010