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Curriculum vitae et studiorum

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Date and Place of Birth: April 9, 1968, Modena (Italy).

Nationality: Italian.

Education

1999 Ph.D. in Economics, Università di Roma "Tor Vergata".
Dissertation: *The Personal Expenditure Distribution in Italy, 1860-1960*.

1993 Laurea Degree in Economics, Università di Modena.
Thesis: *Household Budgets Data in Italy: 1860-1960*.

Current Academic Position

Full Professor of Economic History
Department of Economics and Finance (DEF), Università di Roma "Tor Vergata",
Roma, Italy.

Other Positions

Consiglio Nazionale dell'Economia e del Lavoro (CNEL)
Member, as an economic advisor (2017-2022), appointed by the President of the
Republic.

Publications

1) Books

Measuring Wellbeing. A History of Italian Living Standards. (2017). New York: Oxford University Press.

In ricchezza e in povertà. Il benessere degli italiani dall'Unità a oggi. (2011). Bologna: il Mulino.

2) Journal Articles

"House Prices in Italy, 1927-2012", *Rivista di Storia Economica*, (2016), 32, 3: 381-401. With L. Cannari and G. D'Alessio.

"On Historical Household Budgets", *Rivista di Storia Economica*, (2016), 32, 2: 137-176. With B. A'Hearn and N. Amendola.

"Looking Backward, Moving Forward", *Rivista di Storia Economica*, (2016), 32, 1: 3-16. With B. A'Hearn, G. Federico and A. Nuvolari.

"Italy's Modern Economic Growth, 1861-2011", *Enterprise and Society*, (2015), 16, 2: 225-48. With E. Felice.

"Italy's Growth and Decline, 1861-2011", *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, (2015), XLV (4): 507-48. With E. Felice.

"La salute degli italiani", *Politiche Sanitarie*, (2012), 12, 1-25. With V. Atella and S. Francisci.

"Sviluppo economico, benessere e disuguaglianza: Italia, 1861-2011", *Rivista di Storia Economica*, (2012), 28(1): 177-195.

"La vulnerabilità economica delle famiglie italiane", *Rivista di Politica Economica*, (2011), VII-IX, 167-181. With M. Rossi.

"Storie parallele: la salute e le altre dimensioni del benessere a confronto in 150 anni di differenze geografiche in Italia", *Epidemiologia e Prevenzione*, 35, 5: 2-12. With G. Costa.

"Il costo della vita al Nord e al Sud d'Italia, dal dopoguerra a oggi. Stime di prima generazione", *Rivista di Politica Economica*, (2009), IV-VI, 3-34. With N. Amendola and B. Al Kiswani.

"Height and the Normal Distribution: Evidence from Italian Military Data", *Demography*, vol. 46, 1: 1-25, (2009). With B. A'Hearn and F. Peracchi.

"Italian children at work, 1881-1961", *Giornale degli Economisti e Annali di Economia*, vol. 66, 3: 410-427, (2007). With G. Toniolo.

"Nutrition and Growth in Italy, 1861-1911. What Macroeconomic Data Hide", *Explorations in Economic History*, vol. 43: 438-464, (2006). With M. Coppola.

"Nutrizione e povertà in Italia, 1861-1911", *Rivista di Storia Economica*, vol. 19, 3: 383-401, (2003). With M. Coppola.

"Monetary union, institutions and financial market integration: Italy, 1862-1905", *Explorations in Economic History*, vol. 40, 4: 443-61, (2003). With G. Toniolo and L. Conte.

"Is the Kuznets Curve Still Alive? Evidence from Italy's Household Budgets, 1881-1961", *Journal of Economic History*, vol. 61, 4: 904-25, (2001). With N. Rossi and G. Toniolo.

"Quali lezioni dall'analisi della distribuzione della spesa familiare in Italia, 1881-1961?", *Rivista di Storia Economica*, n.s., 2, pp. 247-59, (2000).

"I bilanci familiari in Italia: 1860-1960", *Rivista di Storia Economica*, n.s., 1, pp. 9-95, (1994).

3) Contributed Chapters

"Il benessere degli italiani", in G. Toniolo (ed.), *L'Italia e l'economia mondiale dall'Unità a oggi*. Venezia: Marsilio (2013). With A. Brandolini.

"Standards of Living", in G. Toniolo (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of Italy and the World Economy since Unification*. New York: Oxford University Press (2013). With A. Brandolini.

"Nel secolo breve il lungo balzo del benessere", in L. Paolazzi (ed.), *Libertà e benessere in Italia*. Roma-Bari: Laterza (2011). With G. Toniolo.

"Evaluation of the Welfare Impact of Higher Energy Prices in Madagascar", in D. Go and J. Page (eds.), *Africa at a Turning Point? Growth, Aid External Shocks*. Washington: World Bank (2008). With N. Andriamihaja.

"Regional Poverty in Croatia, 2002-2004", in Ekonomski Institut Zagreb (ed.), *Social Policy and Regional Development. Conference Proceedings*. Zagreb: IEZ (2007). With D. Nestić.

"Il benessere dell'Italia liberale (1861-1913)", in P. Ciocca and G. Toniolo (eds.), *Storia Economica d'Italia*. Roma-Bari: Laterza, (2003).

"The Euro and Europe's Single Market: Lessons from Italy's Monetary Unification (1862-1880)", in P.A. David and M. Thomas (eds.), *The Economic Future in Historical Perspective*, Oxford University Press, 315-38. (2003). With L. Conte and G. Toniolo.

"Fare o comprare? Un caso di studio", in V. Visco Comandini (ed.), *La privatizzazione dei servizi pubblici locali*. Giuffrè: Milano, 83-125. (2000). With C. Baldi.

4) Other Publications

"Misurare la povertà", in *Atlante Geopolitico Treccani 2016*.

“Presentazione dell’edizione italiana”, di *La grande fuga*, di Angus Deaton (2015), Bologna il Mulino: 7-12.

“Il benessere degli italiani”, *il Mulino*, (2011), 40, 458, 973-81.

“Setting a Poverty Line for Iraq”, in *Confronting Poverty in Iraq*, World Bank and Iraq Poverty Reduction Strategy High Committee, (2011), 199-230. With N. Amendola.

“Constructing a Welfare Indicator for Poverty Analysis in Iraq”, in *Confronting Poverty in Iraq*, World Bank and Iraq Poverty Reduction Strategy High Committee, (2011), 134-158. With N. Amendola.

“Consumer Price Indices and Poverty in Iraq, 2007”, in *Confronting Poverty in Iraq*, World Bank and Iraq Poverty Reduction Strategy High Committee, (2011), 157-198. With N. Amendola.

“The impact of the Public Distribution System on Living Standards – Some Microsimulations”, in *Confronting Poverty in Iraq*, World Bank and Iraq Poverty Reduction Strategy High Committee, (2011), 562-596. With N. Amendola, S. Razzaz, and M. Sorrentino.

“Poverty Estimation: Methods and Measurement Issues”, background paper #1, in *Croatia Living Standards Assessment*, World Bank Report, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Unit – Europe and Central Asian Region, (2006). With D. Nestić.

“A Poverty Profile for Croatia 2004”, background paper #3, in *Croatia Living Standards Assessment*, World Bank Report, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Unit – Europe and Central Asian Region, (2006).

Republic of Yemen Poverty Update, World Bank Report no. 24422-YEM, Middle East and North Africa Human Development Sector, (2002). With S. Razmara, M. Ravallion, D. van de Walle, N. Mohammed and Y. Takako.

Kingdom of Morocco Poverty Update, World Bank Report no. 21506-MOR, Middle East and North Africa Human Development Sector, (2001). With S. Razmara.

Working Papers

“No country for young people. Poverty and Age in Italy, 1948-2018.”, *HHB Working Paper*, 9, May 2018. With M. Baldini (U. di Modena e Reggio Emilia) and G. Mancini (U. Roma Tor Vergata).

“On Historical Household Budgets”, *Institute for New Economic Thinking Research Paper*, 45, May 2016. With B. A’Hearn and N. Amendola.

“Durable Goods and Poverty Measurement”, *World Bank Policy Research Papers*, no. 7105. November 2014. With N. Amendola.

“Italy’s Growth and Decline, 1861-2011”, *CEIS Working Paper*, 293, University of Rome. With E. Felice.

“Italy’s Modern Economic Growth, 1861-2011”, *Quaderni del Dipartimento di Economia Politica e Statistica*, 663, Università degli Studi di Siena. With E. Felice.

"The Well-Being of Italians: A Comparative Historical Approach", *Economic History Working Papers*, 19, Bank of Italy. With A. Brandolini.

"Growth, Inequality and Poverty in Madagascar, 2001-2005", *Africa Region Working Paper Series No. 113*, *The World Bank*, April 2008. With N. Amendola.

"Italian Children At Work, 1881-1961", *Understanding Children's Work Research Report*, October 2007. With G. Toniolo.

"An Evaluation of the Welfare Impact of Higher Energy Prices in Madagascar", *Africa Region Working Paper Series No. 106*, *The World Bank*, June 2007. With N. Andriamihaja.

"Living standards and the distribution of heights: Italy, 1855-1910", *Center for Health and Wellbeing Working Papers*, Princeton University, April 2007. With B. A'Hearn and F. Peracchi.

"Nutrition and Growth in Italy, 1861-1911. What Macroeconomic Data Hide". *Working Paper 04-31*, Economic History and Institutions Series, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, September 2004. With M. Coppola.

"Monetary Union, Institutions and Financial Market Integration, Italy 1862-1905", *CEPR Discussion Paper*, 3684, January 2003 (with G. Toniolo and L. Conte).

"Is the Kuznets Curve Still Alive? Evidence from Italy's Household Budgets, 1881-1961", *CEPR Discussion Paper*, 2140, May 1999 (with N. Rossi and G. Toniolo).

Other writings

2013

Così è la povertà (se vi pare).

<http://lettura.corriere.it/debates/un-termometro-unico-per-misurare-e-combattere-la-poverta-in-italia/>

2012

Disuguaglianza e povertà, serve una rivoluzione copernicana.

<http://www.italiafutura.it/dettaglio/115316/disuguaglianza-e-poverta-serve-una-rivoluzione-copernicana>

La linea (di povertà) è mobile.

<http://www.lavoce.info/articoli/pagina1003316-351.html>.

With N. Amendola.

2011

Chi invita i poveri al ristorante?

<http://www.lavoce.info/articoli/pagina1002642-351.html>.

With N. Amendola.

Le tre povertà degli italiani.

<http://www.lavoce.info/articoli/pagina1002602-351.html>.

With N. Amendola and M. C. Rossi.

Un futuro di benessere. Alle nostre spalle.

http://www.formiche.net/dettaglio.asp?id=27005&id_sezione

Research in Progress

The Historical Household Budgets (HHB) Project.

Principal Investigator.

Details are available here: <http://hhbproject.com>

Multidimensional poverty.

With E. Savaglio (U. di Chieti-Pescara), V. Peragine (U. Bari) and S. Vannucci (U. Siena).

Poverty and gender inequality in a changing rural world, Italy 1880s-1930s

With B. A'Hearn (U. of Oxford) and G. Mancini (U. Roma Tor Vergata).

On the use of composite indices in economic history. Lessons from Italy, 1861-2016.

With N. Amendola (U. di Roma Tor Vergata) and G. Gabbuti (U. of Oxford).

Poverty and inequality in francophone Africa, 1960s-2010s.

With S. A. Boukaka (U. Roma Tor Vergata) and G. Mancini (U. Roma Tor Vergata).

On economic and statistical miracles: poverty and inequality in post-WWII Italy.

With G. D'Alessio (Bank of Italy) and L. Cannari (Bank of Italy).

La grande illusione. Il benessere degli italiani, 1861-2016

Monografia per i tipi della casa editrice Laterza.

Con N. Amendola (U. Roma Tor Vergata)

Editorial Boards

I am a member of the editorial board of the publisher *Il Mulino*, and co-editor of the *Rivista di Storia Economica*.

Participation in Research Projects

Istruzione e lavoro minorile in Italia, 1861-2001.

Università di Roma "Tor Vergata" (Oct 2005 to Oct 2007)

Project director: G. Toniolo.

Italian Historical Statistics, 1861-2000: An On-Line Database.

Università di Roma "Tor Vergata" (Oct 2003 to Oct 2005)

Project director: G. Toniolo.

Growth, welfare, and consumption in Italy, 1861-2000.

Università di Roma "Tor Vergata" (Oct 2000 to Oct 2002).

Project director: G. Toniolo.

Household budgets data as a source for the reconstruction of the personal income distribution in Italy: 1861-1991.

Università di Siena (Nov 1999 to Nov 2001).

The convergence of wages and living standards after Italy's monetary unification (1862-1914).

Università di Roma "Tor Vergata" (Oct 1998 to Oct 1999).

Project director: G. Toniolo.

Patterns of consumption in a life-cycle framework.

The Institute for Fiscal Studies, 7 Ridgmount Street, London WC1E 7AE (Oct 1994 to Oct 1995).

Project Director: Richard Blundell.

Living standards: Interpersonal Comparisons.

Università di Venezia "Ca' Foscari" (Feb 1993 to Aug 1994).

Project directors: Nicola Rossi and Gianni Toniolo.

Personal Income Distribution: Theory and Estimation.

Università di Modena (Sep 1992 to Feb 1993).

Project Director: Nicola Rossi.

Teaching Experience

Lectures on Welfare, Poverty and Inequality Measurement.

Master in Development Economics and International Co-operation, Università di Roma "Tor Vergata" (2003-2015); Ph.D. in International Economics, Università di Roma "Tor Vergata" (2011); Master in Economic Development, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (2004-2017).

Economic History

- Undergraduate second year, Università di Roma "Tor Vergata" (2007-2017)

- Teaching Assistant, Free University of Bozen-Bolzano (1999, 2000).

Applied Econometrics with Stata.

MEI/Ph.D. in Econometrics and Empirical Economics, Università di Roma "Tor Vergata" (2001-2008).

A History of the International Economy, 19th – 20th Century.

Undergraduate first year, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (2004).

Demand Analysis: Theory and Estimation.

Master in Economia della concorrenza e della regolazione delle public utilities, Università di Roma "Tor Vergata" (2002-2009).

Quantitative Methods for Economists

Master in Economia della concorrenza e della regolazione delle public utilities, Università di Roma "Tor Vergata" (2002-2009).

Topics in Applied Economics

Doctorate in Economics, Università di Siena (1999, 2000).

Topics in Applied Econometrics

Doctorate in Economics, Università di Roma "Tor Vergata" (1996, 1997, 1998).

Research Grants and Awards

2018

The RuLIS Project
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
<http://fenix.fao.org/demo/rlm/>
Principal Advisor
80,000 USD

2015-2018

The Institute of New Economic Thinking
<http://ineteconomics.org/grants-research-programs/grants/living-standards-inequality-and-poverty-around-the-world-1815-2015-a-new-household-budget-approach>
Principal Investigator
130,000 USD

2014

Fondazione Roma, "*Historical Household Budgets*"
Principal Investigator
20,000 EUR

2008-2011

Abbott Pharmaceutical, "*For Richer and for Poorer: Well-being in Italy from Unification to the Present Day (1861-2011)*".
200,000 EUR

2004

Explorations Prize in Economic History for the best article published in *Explorations in Economic History*. The article was co-authored by G. Toniolo and L. Conte.

Seminars and Conferences

I have presented papers at the following venues: Accademia dei Lincei, Bank of Italy, Yemeni Central Statistical Organization (Sana'a), Duke University, 2002 EHA Annual Meeting (St. Louis, Missouri), 1999 European Historical Economics Society (Lisbon), European University Institute, Lund University, Oxford University, Palazzo delle Esposizioni (Roma), S.A.Di.Ba. (Perugia), Scuola Superiore di Catania, Scuola Superiore S. Anna di Pisa, Social Science History Association (Baltimore, USA), Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Università Bocconi, Università di Bologna, Università di Brescia, University of North Carolina, Università Ca' Foscari di Venezia, Università di Lecce, Università degli Studi di Milano Bicocca, Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia, Università di Napoli Federico II, Università di Pescara, Università di Pisa, Università di Siena, University of Sussex, Università di Torino, Universitat de Barcelona, Universitat Pompeu Fabra.

Refereeing

Papers refereed for the *Bulletin of Economic Research*, *Economic History Review*, *Economic Notes*, *Development Southern Africa*, *Economica*, *Energy Policy*, *European Economic History Review*, *Explorations in Economic History*, *Food Policy*, *Giornale degli Economisti e Annali di Economia*, *Journal of Income Inequality*, *Investigaciones de Historia*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Review of Income and Wealth*, *Rivista Italiana degli Economisti*, *Rivista di Politica Economica*, the World Bank *Social Protection Discussion Paper Series*, *World Development*.

Other external activities

The World Bank, 1818 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20433.

Consultant on welfare, inequality and poverty analysis.

I have provided technical assistance in the area of poverty and vulnerability measurement to a number of countries, including Armenia, Bolivia, Botswana, Croatia, Egypt, Georgia, Iraq, Madagascar, Maldives, Morocco, Namibia, Pakistan, Seychelles, Somaliland, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Tanzania and Yemen. I have delivered training courses on poverty measurement and analysis to technical staff in Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Namibia, Serbia, Seychelles, South Africa, Sri Lanka and Iraq.

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Consultant on standard of living analysis.

The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)

Consultant on child poverty analysis.

I am the founding President of the **Italian Economic History Association** (Associazione per la Storia Economica). Details are available here:

<http://associazionestoriaeconomica.com>

Consultant on **Stata programming**.

I lead Stata learning courses designed for and delivered to national statistical agencies.

Foreign Languages

English:	fluent
French:	reading and speaking knowledge
German:	working knowledge
Spanish:	working knowledge

Computing

Advanced programming in Stata. Other software: SPSS (basic), ArcGIS, LaTeX, Scientific Workplace, MS Office applications.