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CONTACT INFORMATION

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PERSONAL DETAILS

Name and surname: Margherita Fort **Date of birth:** February 10, 1977

Married, mother of Nico, born May 16, 2010, Anita born January 8, 2013, Frida born January 9, 2015

CURRENT POSITION AND AFFILIATIONS

September 2014-now

Associate Professor in Econometrics University of Bologna

School of Economics, Dept. of Economics

March 2012-now

IZA research fellow

November 2013-now

CESifo Affiliate

FIELDS OF INTEREST AND COMPETENCES: Treatment evaluation and Micro-econometrics,

Economics of education and fertility decisions, Inequality and poverty dynamics, Health economics

PUBLICATIONS

1• Fort, M. and Schneeweis, N. and Winter-Ebmer, R. (*forthcoming*) “Is Education Always Reducing Fertility? Evidence from Compulsory Schooling Reforms” *Accepted for publication in **Economic Journal***

2• Brunello, G. and Fort, M. and Schneeweis, N. and Winter-Ebmer, R. (2016) “The Causal Effect of Education on Health: What is the Role of Health Behaviours?” ***Health Economics** Volume 25, Issue 3, pages 314–336* DOI: 10.1002/hec.3141

3• Fort, M. (2016) Unconditional and Conditional Quantile Treatment Effects: Identification Strategies and Interpretations Bologna Economics Department (on SSRN) working paper series N.857 *forthcoming in G. Alleva, A. Giommi (eds.), Topics in Theoretical and Applied Statistics, Studies in Theoretical and Applied Statistics, Springer International Publishing Switzerland* DOI 10.1007/978-3-319-27274-0_2

4• Bigoni, M. and Fort M. and Nardotto, M. and Reggiani, T. (2015) “Teams of Tournaments? A Field Experiment on Cooperation and Competition in Academic Achievement” ***The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy***, 15(4): 1753–1792 DOI: 10.1515/bejeap-2014-0109

5• Bigoni, M. and Fort, M. (2013) “Information and Learning in Oligopoly: An Experiment” ***Games and Economic Behavior*** Vol. 81 September, pp. 192–214

6• Brunello, G. and Fabbri, D. and Fort, M. (2013) “The Causal Effect of Education on the

Body Mass” *Journal of Labor Economics* (University of Chicago Press) Vol. 31(1), January, pp. 195-223
substantially revised version of IZA DP No. 4667

7• Brunello, G. and Fort, M. and Weber, G. (2009) “Changes in Compulsory Schooling, Education and the Distribution of Wages in Europe” *The Economic Journal*, Vol. 119(536), March, pp. 516-539, previously circulated as IZA Discussion Paper No. 3102 (2007)

8• N. Barone, C. and Fort, M. (2011) Gli effetti sulle disparità intergenerazionali di istruzione di alcune riforme scolastiche: i casi della scuola media unica e dell'Università ISBN:978 88 15 150776 Ed. Il Mulino

9• Battistin, E. and Fort, M. (2008) “What's Missing from Program Evaluation: Identification and Estimation of the Distribution of Treatment Effects” Atti della XLIV Riunione Scientifica, Società Italiana di Statistica, March, pp. 127-134

CIRCULATED DISCUSSION PAPERS

1• Ballatore, Ichino and Fort (2014) “The Tower of Babel in the Classroom: Immigrants and Natives in Italian Schools” IZA Discussion Paper No. 8732 *R&R at Journal of Labor Economics*

2• Brunello, G. and Fort, M. and Weber, G. and Weiss, C.T. (2013) “Testing the Internal Validity of Compulsory School Reforms as Instrument for Years of Schooling” IZA Discussion paper N. 7533

3• Fort, M. and Manaresi F. and Trucchi, S. (2012) “Banks Information Policies, Financial Literacy and Household Wealth” IZA Discussion paper N. 6015 *R&R at Economic Policy*

4• Fort, M. (2012) Unconditional and Conditional Quantile Treatment Effects: Identification Strategies and Interpretations Bologna Economics Department (on SSRN) working paper series N.857 *forthcoming in G. Alleva, A. Giommi (eds.), Topics in Theoretical and Applied Statistics, Studies in Theoretical and Applied Statistics, Springer International Publishing Switzerland 2016.* DOI 10.1007/978-3-319-27274-0_2

5• Fort, M. and Schneeweis, N. and Winter-Ebmer, R. (2011) “More Schooling, More Children: Compulsory Schooling and Fertility in Europe” IZA Discussion paper N. 6015 and CEPR DP 8609

Resubmitted (third R&R) at Economic Journal

6• Brunello, G. and Fort, M. and Schneeweis, N. and Winter-Ebmer, R. (2011) “The Causal Effect of Education on Health: What is the Role of Health Behaviours?” IZA Discussion paper N.5944 and CEPR DP 8707 *forthcoming in Health Economics*

7• Bigoni, M. and Fort M. and Nardotto, M. and Reggiani, T. (2011) “Teams of Tournaments? A Field Experiment on Cooperation and Competition in Academic Achievement” IZA Discussion paper N. 5844 *forthcoming in The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy*

8• Brunello, G. and Fabbri, D. and Fort, M. “Years of Schooling, Human Capital and the Body Mass Index of European Females” IZA Discussion Paper No. 4667 also appeared as CHILD Working Paper No. 26/2009 and as SOEPpapers on Multidisciplinary Panel Data Research 262/2010 revised version published on *Journal of Labor Economics*

9• Fort, M. (2007) “Just A Matter of Time: Empirical Evidence of the Causal Effect of Education on Fertility”, European University Institute, Working Paper 22. Revised and enlarged version of ISER Working Paper 2005 20.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- 1• “Childcare, Grandparents or Nannies? What is Best for Children When Parents Are Away”, with A. Ichino and G. Zanella and A. Tessari
- 2• “Asset Allocation and Gender over the Lifecycle: Do Female Household Heads Manage Household Wealth Differently? ”

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee

Journals: American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Economic Policy, Economic Journal, Economics and Human Biology, Economics of Education Review, Education Economics, European Journal of Population, Journal of Population Economics, Labour Economics, Labour, International Journal of Microsimulation, International Review of Economics, Population Research and Policy Review, Rivista Italiana degli Economisti, Vienna Yearbook of Population Research

Research Projects: University of Padua, CERGE-EI Eighth Annual Regional Research Competition

PhD reading committee: PhD in Analysis and Governance of Sustainable Development (invited)

Funded projects (PI and membership)

2015 European University Institute grant for the project “*La meglio infanzia*”: *cura dei bambini e sviluppo delle capacità cognitive e non cognitive* with A. Ichino (principal investigator) and G. Zanella and A. Tessari

2014 Fondazione Rodolfo Debenedetti grant for the project “*La meglio infanzia*”: *cura dei bambini e sviluppo delle capacità cognitive e non cognitive* with A. Ichino and G. Zanella and A. Tessari (co-principal investigator)

2014 Fondazione Del Monte di Bologna e Ravenna grant for the project “*La meglio infanzia*”: *cura dei bambini e sviluppo delle capacità cognitive e non cognitive* with A. Ichino and G. Zanella and A. Tessari (co-principal investigator)

2013 Istituto Studi Avanzati (ISA) Topic grant for the project “*La meglio infanzia*”: *cura dei bambini e sviluppo delle capacità cognitive e non cognitive* with A. Ichino and G. Zanella (co-principal investigator)

2011 Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance (EIEF) grant for the project “*Childcare, Grandparents or Nannies? What is Best for Children When Parents are Away*” with A. Ichino and G. Zanella

2011 Grant Italian Ministry of the University and Scientific Research, 2009 PRIN call: member of the Bologna research unit project “*Problems and solutions for the evaluation of performance in the Public Administration*” (national coordinator and local coordinator for Bologna: A. Ichino); other units: University of Padua (coordinator: G. Brunello); University of Catanzaro (coordinator: M. De Paola), funding for period 2011-2014

2010 Grant Italian Ministry of the University and Scientific Research, 2008 FIRB call: local coordinator for the Bologna Research Unit project “*The Policy Implications of Demographic Ageing*”; other units: University of Padua (coordinator: E. Battistin); University of Venice (coordinator: M. Padula), funding for the period 2010-2013

2009 Grant by CARIPARO, Progetti di Eccellenza 2008-09 call for the project “The effect of early life conditions and outcomes on economic wellbeing and health later in life”, funding for the period 2009-2012

University Bodies

October 2008- October 2012

Member of the executive board of the Department of Economics, University of Bologna

2011

Member of the PhD selection committee at the Department of Economics, University of Bologna

PhD supervision

- Hatice Sinem Hayan “Essays on Turkish Labor Market”, *defense: June 30th, 2014; First Placement: IZA Research Associate (3+3 years) from December, 2014*
- Simona Fiore, Topics in Labour Economics and Applied Micro-econometrics (3rd year PhD student)

- Veronica Rattini (co-supervisor; main supervisor: Maria Bigoni), Topics in Labour Economics and Applied Micro-econometrics (2nd year PhD student)
- Elena Lucchese, Topics in Labour Economics and Applied Micro-econometrics (1st year PhD student)

Teaching

2014-2015 PhD specialist course on Causal Inference at University of Bologna

2013-2014 PhD specialist course on Quantile Regression for Program Evaluation at CESIFO and at the University of Bologna

2001- 2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015

Econometrics (linear and non-linear models) – Undergraduate level; btw

30 and 50 students enrolled, elective course, in English; University of Bologna

2007- 2012 Introduction to econometrics (linear and non-linear models) – Undergraduate level; btw 150 and 250 students enrolled, compulsory course, in Italian, University of Bologna

2008-2009 Microeconometrics (non-linear, limited dependent variable models)- Master level; btw 30 and 40 students enrolled, compulsory course, in Italian; University of Bologna

2010 Microeconometrics for policy evaluation, in English; European Commission Directorate DG –ECFIN, Brussel

2008 PhD specialist course on quantile regression – PhD in Economics, in English; University of Bologna

2008, 2009 Teaching Assistant, University Centre for Econometrics Bertinoro, Italy

2006 Teaching Assistant (PhD Programme in Economics), in English; European University Institute

PRESENTATIONS AT SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

2014

Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER) seminar series (invited)

Economic Policy Panel (invited as discussant)

CESifo Area Conference on Applied Microeconomics

2013

NBER's Education Program meeting, November 2013, Chicago (invited)

Johannes Kepler University of Linz seminar series (invited)

Institute for Advanced Studies of Vienna econometrics seminar series (invited)

PRIN final workshop at Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance

2012

24th Annual Conference of the European Association of Labour Economists, Bonn

46th Scientific meeting of the Italian Statistical Society (invited seminar; specialized session)

LMU-MEA Empirical Econ. Workshop, Max Plank Inst. for Social Law and Social Policy, Munich (invited)

MILLS seminars, Bocconi (invited seminar)

2011

X "BRUCCHI LUCHINO" Labour Economics Workshop, Bank of Italy

Education and the Global Fertility Transition, VID conference

23rd Annual Conference of the European Association of Labour Economists, Cyprus

II workshop on Institutions, Individual Behavior and Economic Outcomes, Alghero

2nd International Workshop on Applied Economics of Education, Catanzaro

Max Weber June Lustrum Conference, European University Institute

Padova-Linz Labour Economics Workshop, Brixen

Bocconi University, Dondena Centre for Research on Social Dynamics (invited seminar)

2010

IX "BRUCCHI LUCHINO" Labour Economics Workshop, University of Padua

2009

VIII "BRUCCHI LUCHINO" Labour Economics Workshop, Bank of Italy

64th European Meeting of the Econometric Society, Barcelona

New Directions in Welfare - A conference for economists and policy makers, Oxford

3rd Italian Congress of Econometrics and Empirical Economics, Ancona

2008

XXII Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics, UCL London

3rd Meeting of the Winners of the Bank of Sweden Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel, Lindau

PRIN 2005 workshop "Program Evaluation: methods and case studies"

Annual conference of the European Association for Labour Economists

2007

VI Brucchi Luchino Labour Economics Workshop, University of Salerno

14th International Conference on Panel Data, Xiamen

University of Bologna, Applied Microeconometrics seminar series (invited)

European University Institute, Econometrics Research Workshop

Heriot-Wat University, School of Management and Languages, Edinburgh (job market talk)

Stockholm School of Economics, Stockholm (job market talk)

2nd PhD presentation Meeting, London School of Economics and Political Science

2nd Italian Congress of Econometrics and Empirical Economics, University of Bologna

Workshop of the research group "Evaluating the impact of public interventions: methods and case studies", University of Florence

2006

Causal Analysis in Population Studies: Concepts, Methods, Applications, Vienna

European Meeting of the Econometric Society, Vienna

Villa Mondragone Workshop in Economic Theory and Econometrics, Rome

Workshop The Evaluation of Labour Market, Welfare and Firm Incentives Programmes, Venice

National Bureau of Economic Research's Education and Children's Program meeting, Boston

Population Association of America Annual Conference, Los Angeles

2005

IV Brucchi Luchino Labour Economics Workshop

International conference on Postponement of Childbearing in Europe

Joint Empirical Social Sciences seminar, Institute of Social and Economic Research

Workshop Evaluating the effects of labour market and welfare policies: Methods and Case Studies, MIUR PRIN 2003 Conference. LABORatorio Revelli, Torino

Workshop Family policies: description and evaluation Department of Statistics, Padova

PREVIOUS POSITIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

October 2007-September 2014

Assistant Professor in Econometrics University of Bologna

School of Economics, Dept. of Economics

October 2009-October 2012

Member of the Centre for Household, Income, Labour and Demographic Economics (CHILD)

September 2006-August 2007

Max-Weber Fellow at European University Institute, Department of Economics

2001- 2008

Member of research group "Evaluating the effects of labour market policies and incentives to firms and welfare policies: methodological issues and case studies" co-ordinated by Prof. Rettore, University of Padua

2005, 2006

- Research Officer at the University of Padova, Department of Economics, project "Analysing the effects of school reforms on wages and health in Europe"

- Research Assistant at the University of Padova, Department of Economics within the projects Advanced Multidisciplinary Analysis of New Data on Aging (AMANDA) and Survey on Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE)

- Research Officer at the University of Padova, Department of Statistical Sciences project "Evaluating the effects of labour market policies and incentives to firms and welfare policies: methodological issues and case studies"

FELLOWSHIPS

2006 Max-Weber Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the European University Institute

2006 Funding from the National Bureau of Economic Research to attend the NBER Education and Children Program Meeting in Boston
2005 ECASS Visiting Fellow at the University of Essex, Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER)
2005 Funding the Vienna Institute of Demography for attending the international conference on postponement of childbearing in Europe in Vienna
2003 Marie Curie Fellowship at ISER, University of Essex
2003 Fellowship for the XIVth Summerschool of the European Economic Association
2002 Fellowship for the First ProVA Summerschool on policy evaluation (funded by Compagnia San Paolo)
2001 Italian Ministry of the University and Scientific Research Fellowship (3 years) Funding for PhD in Statistics Applied to Economics and Social Sciences

EDUCATION

March 2007

Masterclass on nonlinear dynamic panel data models. Cemmap, UK Tutor: M. Arellano

September 2005

Ph.D. in Statistics Applied to Economics and Social Sciences, University of Padova

2002-2004: PhD or Master level training at the University of Padua unless otherwise stated

PhD specialist course on Agent-Based Models in Demography. Tutors: F. Billari, T. Fent

PhD specialist course Graphical Models and their Applications. Tutor: V. Didelez

XIVth Summerschool of the European Economic Association (Microeconometrics), Institute of Fiscal Studies, UK. Tutors: J. Wooldridge, S. Bond, H. Ichimura, A. Chesher, W. Newey

Qualitative Research Methods In Demography. Tutor: L. Bernardi

Masterclass on semi- and non- parametric econometrics. Cemmap, UK. Tutor: J.L. Powell

Masterclass on quantile regression Cemmap, UK. Tutor: R. Koenker

Masterclass on application of data analysis (survival analysis and panel data methods).

University of Essex. Tutors: J. Ermisch, S. Jenkins, M. Francesconi, M. Taylor

Masterclass on topics in labour economics, University of Essex Tutor: A. Gosling

Masterclass on duration analysis, Cemmap, UK. Tutor: G. van der Berg

Residential Course for PhD students on microeconomic analysis of cross-sections and panel data at the University Centre for Econometrics (CIDE) Bertinoro, Italy. Tutors: N. Cappuccio, D. Lubian, R. Mosconi, E. Rettore, A. Sembenelli.

Graduate summerschool on quantitative policy evaluation methods, Progetto Valutazione (ProVA). Tutors: D. Bondonio, A. Martini, M. Sisti, E. Rettore

Italian Society of Statistics (SIS) Summer school on linear and non-linear methods methods for time-series analysis and forecasting, Treviso, Italy. Tutors: C. Agostinelli, L. Bisaglia, S. Bordignon, F. Parpinel, C. Pizzi, I. Procidano, T. Proietti.

November 2001

Laurea in Statistics and Economics. University of Padova, School of Statistics.

Final grade: summa (110/110) cum laude.

COMPUTER SKILLS

Statistical Packages : STATA, SAS, R, Ox, MATLAB, LISREL, I.e.m, E-VIEWS

Other: C++, HTML, LateX, MS Office, SQL

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Italian: Mother Tongue

English: understanding and reading: fluent; writing and speaking: fluent

2006 Pronunciation, Academic Writing Course European University Institute Language Centre

2003 Grammar Course, Writing Course and PhD Language Support course University of Essex, English Language Teaching Centre (inter-sessional classes)

1995,1994 First Certificate in English, Preliminary English Test, University of Cambridge

Local Examinations Syndacate International Examination

German: understanding, reading, writing and speaking: basic

French and Spanish: understanding, reading, writing and speaking: basic