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CURRENT POSITION

From February 2020: Senior Economist, UNHCR, UNHCR–World Bank Joint Data Center on Forced Displacement.

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2018 - 2020: Economist, Policy Evaluation Team, Research Department, International Labour Organization, Switzerland.

2017 - 2018: Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Essex, UK.

2014 - 2016: Researcher, Geneva School of Economics and Management, University of Geneva, Switzerland.

2010 - 2013: Research Fellow, Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research, University of Melbourne, Australia.

2008 - 2010: Lecturer (part-time), Department of Economics, University of Essex, UK.

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Fellow – Higher Education Academy, UK;

Research Fellow – IZA - Institute for the Study of Labour, Bonn, Germany;

Research Fellow – Fondazione Rodolfo Debenedetti, Milan, Italy.

RESEARCH FIELDS

Applied Microeconomics, Labour Economics, Family Economics, Education Economics.

EDUCATION

2011: Ph.D. in Economics, University of Essex, Colchester, UK.

2005: M.Sc. in Economics, University of Essex, Colchester, UK.

2003: B.A. in Economics, Bocconi University, Milan, Italy.

OTHER TRAINING

September 2019: “Theory of Change Development Workshop”, partnership on Inclusive Jobs and Education for Forcibly Displaced Persons, ILO, Geneva, Switzerland;

June 2019: NIPE Summer School, “Regression Discontinuity Design”, University of Minho, Braga, Portugal;

March 2019: “Strategizing Knowledge Management and Innovation Workshop”, ILO International Training Centre, Amman, Jordan;

October 2011: Stata NetCourse 152, “Advanced Stata Programming”, online course;

June 2009: “New Developments in Econometrics”, Cemmap, London, UK;

May 2008: IZA European Summer School in Labor Economics, Ammersee, Germany;

August 2006: “Maximum Likelihood and Limited Dependent Variables”, ISER Summer School, University of Essex, Colchester, UK.

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

2016-2018: **Lecturer**, Undergraduate Statistics, Undergraduate Mathematics; Economics of the European Union; Dep. of Economics, University of Essex.

2014/2016: **Lecturer (part-time) – Chargé de Cours**, Undergraduate Microeconomics, Mathematics, Labour Economics, Applied Econometrics, GSEM, University of Geneva.

2008/2010: **Lecturer (part-time)**, Undergraduate Mathematics; Undergraduate Statistics, Dep. of Economics, University of Essex.

2005/2010: **Teaching Assistant**, Undergraduate Microeconomics, Undergraduate Mathematics, Postgraduate Mathematics, Dep. of Economics, University of Essex.

2003/2004: **Teaching Assistant**, Undergraduate Microeconomics and Macroeconomics, Department of Law, Bocconi University.

2003/2004: **Teacher**, Master in Migration Policies, Bocconi University.

OTHER WORKING EXPERIENCES

May 2003 – Aug 2004: **Research Assistant**, Fondazione Rodolfo De Benedetti, Milan, Italy.

May 2003 – Sep 2003: **Data Analyst**, European Comm., Group of Policy Advisors, Milan, Italy.

Sep 2003 – Feb 2004: **Research Project Supervisor**, Bocconi University - CNEL, Milan, Italy.

PUBLICATIONS

“**Wage Compression within the Firm: Evidence from an Indexation Scheme**” (joint with Marco Leonardi and Michele Pellizzari), 2019, *The Economic Journal*, 129(November): 3256-3291.

“**Where Are the Returns to Lifelong Learning?**” (joint with Michael Coelli), 2019, *Empirical Economics*, 57(1): 205-237.

“**Fully integrating vocational education and training courses into an upper-secondary academic curriculum: A flexible new way?**” (joint with Cain Polidano), 2016, *Economics of Education Review*, 55(December): 117-131.

“**A Second Chance at Education for Early School Leavers**” (joint with Cain Polidano and Yi-Ping Tseng), 2015, *Education Economics*, 23(3): 358-375.

“**Making It Real: The Benefits of Workplace Learning in Upper-Secondary VET Courses**” (joint with Cain Polidano), 2014, *Economics of Education Review*, 42(October): 130-146.

“**Trust of Second-Generation Immigrants: Intergenerational Transmission or Cultural Assimilation?**” (joint with Julie Moschion), 2014, *IZA Journal of Migration*, 3(10).

WORKING PAPERS

“**Unequal Bequests**” (joint with Marco Francesconi and Robert A. Pollak).
IZA Discussion Paper 8813, IZA, Bonn.

“**With or Without You? Divorce Rate and Intra-household Allocation of Time**”.
IZA Discussion Paper 5292, IZA, Bonn.

“**Temporary Contracts and Monopsony Power in the UK Labour Market**”.
IZA Discussion Paper 5867, IZA, Bonn.

POLICY REPORTS

Asenjo, A., Escudero, V., Liepmann, H., Pignatti, C. and Tabasso, D. (2019). **“What works: Promoting pathways to decent work”**, Studies on Growth with Equity, Geneva, Switzerland: ILO.

McVicar, D. and Tabasso, D., (2016) **“The impact of disadvantage on VET completion and employment gaps”**, National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) Research Report. Melbourne, Australia: Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research.

Kalb, G., Tabasso, D. and Zakirova, R., (2014) **“Children’s Participation in Early Childhood Education and Care and their Developmental Outcomes by Grade 5: A Comparison between Disadvantaged and Advantaged Children”**, Final Report for the Australian Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. Melbourne, Australia: Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research.

Polidano, C., Tabasso, D. and Zhang, R., (2014) **“Does scored VET in Schools help or hinder access to higher education in Victoria?”**, National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) Research Report. Melbourne, Australia: Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research.

Hanel, B., Tabasso, D. and Zakirova, R., (2013) **“The Outcomes of Early School Leaving for Disadvantaged Students: the Role of Non-cognitive Skills”**, Final Report for the Australian Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. Melbourne, Australia: Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research.

Coelli, M.B., Tabasso, D. and Zakirova, R., (2012) **“Studying beyond age 25: who does it and what do they gain?”**, National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) Research Report. Melbourne, Australia: Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research.

Black, D., Polidano, C. and Tabasso, D., (2011) **“The Role of VET-in-Schools in School Completion and Post-School Outcomes”**, Final Report for the Australian Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. Melbourne, Australia: Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research.

Black, D., Polidano, C., Tabasso, D. and Tseng, Y.P., (2011) **“Second Chance Education: Re-engagement in Education of Early School Leavers”**, Final Report for the Australian Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. Melbourne, Australia: Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research.

BOOK CHAPTERS

“Swiss youth unemployment during the Great Depression” (joint with M. Pellizzari), in Dolado, J. (ed.), *No Country for Young People? Youth Labour Market Problems in Europe*, CEPR Press–VoxEU.org eBook (2015).

“How Many Social Europes?” (joint with T. Boeri), in Ferraro, G. (ed.), *Development and Employment in the global market*, Milano: Giuffrè Editore (2004), (*in Italian*).

“Immigrants and Welfare State” (joint with T. Boeri and F. Fasani), in Guerra, M.C. and Zanardi, A. (eds.), *Yearly Report on Public Finance 2004*, Bologna: Il Mulino (2004), (*in Italian*).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS (*in Italian*)

Elements of Microeconomics and Macroeconomics. Solved Exercises (joint with G. De Giorgi, F. Fasani, M. Macis), Milano: Egea (2005).

(book review) “**Labour and Firms in the Shadow Economy**”, Giovanni Bianco, (joint with F. Fasani), *Economia e Politica industriale*, anno XXX, n. 119, 2003.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MEDIA

“Unequal Bequests”(joint with M. Francesconi and R.A. Pollak), *www.voxeu.org*, 25/05/2015.

“What can we learn from the Swiss referendum”(joint with V. Galasso and M. Pellizzari), *www.lavoce.info*, 14/02/2014 (*in Italian*).

“How Much Do Europeans Work”, *www.lavoce.info*, 24/07/2004 (*in Italian*).

“More Risks (and Opportunities) for the Italian Families”(joint with T. Boeri), *www.lavoce.info*, 20/04/2004 (*in Italian*).

“Flexibility? Yes, if It Helps the Families”, *La Stampa*, 20/02/2004 (*in Italian*).

“A Long-awaited Amnesty”(joint with M. Bordignon), *www.lavoce.info*, 20/01/2004 (*in Italian*).

“No Decline with High-Tech”(joint with P. Garibaldi), *La Stampa*, 15/12/2003 (*in Italian*).

“Pension Systems: A Comparison Between Italy and Sweden”(joint with F. Fasani), *La Stampa*, 13/09/2003 (*in Italian*).

GRANTS

2013: “**Faculty Research Grant**”, The University of Melbourne, Faculty of Business and Economics (AUS \$18,556): “Trust and media consumption: evidence from the United States”.

2012: “**Early Career Research Grant**”, The University of Melbourne, Faculty of Business and Economics (AUS \$5,500): “Trust: The Role of Culture, Institutions and Economic Conditions.”

2011: “**Faculty Research Grant**”, The University of Melbourne, Faculty of Business and Economics (AUS \$9,865): “Bequest behavior of elderly people and family structure”.

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2008: University of Essex - Department of Economics Graduate Teaching Assistants’ prize for outstanding performance in teaching.

2006: Regione Sardegna - Full Scholarship within the program “Master & Back”.

2005: University of Essex - PhD Scholarship awarded from the Department of Economics.

VISITING PERIODS, SEMINARS AND PRESENTATIONS

Visiting Periods: University of Thai Chamber of Commerce, Bangkok (February 2015).

Conferences and Workshops: AIEL 2009, 2011; CRENoS (University of Cagliari) Workshop 2010; EALE 2009, 2012, 2014; EEA 2014, 2016; ESAM 2012; ESPE 2008, 2009, 2013, 2014, 2016; fRDB Workshop 2012, 2015; ISER Workshop on Education 2015; IZA Summer School 2008; RES 2014; RES PhD Meeting 2010; SAEe 2009; Swiss VET Congress 2015; WPEG Conference 2009.

Seminars: Ca’ Foscari University Venice; Copenhagen Business School; ESRI Dublin; IZA Bonn; Queen’s University Belfast; University of Geneva; University of Essex; University of Melbourne; University of Southampton; University of Surrey; University of Thai Chamber of Commerce.

Non-academic presentations: National Vocational Education and Training Research Conferences 2012 and 2013; Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, Canberra; Social Policy Research Services Seminar Program 2012, Canberra; ILO “Assessing the impact of employment programmes on peacebuilding” Workshop 2018; ILO Research Review Group 2019.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

2019: Organizer, ILO Research Dialogue Workshop Series.

2019: Co-organizer, First ILO/CEPR/IGC/Unige Workshop on Labour Economics in Developing Countries.

2017-present: Member of the Scientific Committee of the Economics and Pedagogy of Early Childhood Education Executive Program, University of Geneva.

2014-2018: Econometric Consultant for the Economics and Evaluation division of UNAIDS.

2015-2016: Co-organizer, AlpPop Conferences.

2014-2016: Coordinator, Seminar Series in Economics, Geneva School of Economics and Management, University of Geneva.

2012-2013: Member of the Staff Equity and Diversity Committee, Faculty of Business and Economics, University of Melbourne

2011-2012: Coordinator, Brown Bag Seminar Series, Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research.

2006-2008: Coordinator, Research Student Seminar Series, Department of Economics, University of Essex.

Referee for: American Journal of Sociology, Australian Journal of Labour Economics, British Journal of Industrial Relations, De Economist, Economia Politica, Economic Journal, Economic Record, Economics and Human Biology, Economics of Education Review, Education Economics, Educational Research Review, Empirical Economics, European Journal of Political Economy, European Sociological Review, German Economic Review, Industrial & Labor Relations Review, Journal of the Economics of Ageing, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Family and Economic Issues, Journal of Population Economics, Labour Economics, Manchester School, Research in Labor Economics, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Social Science Research.

Referee/Evaluator for: National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) Research Report Series (2013); International Labor Organization (ILO) Research Paper Series (2014, 2015, 2019); Italian Ministry of Education, National Interest Research Projects, (2015); Swiss National Science Foundation (2019).

COMPUTER SKILLS

Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Power Point).

Statistical and mathematical packages STATA, Shazam, MATLAB, Maple.

Text editor L^AT_EX.

LANGUAGES

Italian: Mother Language

English: Fluent

French and Spanish: Intermediate

German: Elementary

REFERENCES

References will be made available upon request.