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Information

Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Departament d'Economia i Empresa Academic

Positions Associate Professor (without tenure): September 2016 -

Sciences Po, Department of Economics

Associate Professor (without tenure): September 2013 - (on leave)

Assistant Professor: September 2010 - August 2013

OTHER Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), London, UK

Affiliations Research Affiliate, Public Economics Program: July 2015-

Centre for Economic Research and its Applications (CEPREMAP), Paris, France

Research Associate, Public Finance Program: June 2013-

Brown University, Department of Economics: Summer 2015 VISITING

Positions Yale University, Dep. of Economics and Leitner Political Economy Program: academic year 2013-14

> University of Chicago, Booth School of Business: December 2013 Institute for International Economic Studies, Stockholm: May 2013

Ph.D. Economics, Brown University, 2010 EDUCATION

M.A. Economics, Brown University, 2005

M.A. Political Economy, Université de Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, 2002

B.A. Economics, Università degli Studi di Messina, 2001

Honors Barcelona Graduate School of Economics

AND AWARDS Research Grant (2016-17)

Yale University, Georg W. Leitner Program in International and Comparative Political Economy

Visiting Scholar Fellowship (academic year 2013-14)

CEPREMAP, Public Finance Program

Research Grant (2015, 2014) Sciences Po, Scientific Board

Research Grant (2015, 2014, 2013, 2012)

Sciences Po, Interdisciplinary Center for Public Policy Evaluation (LIEPP)

Research Grant (2013)

Brown University, Graduate School

Joukowsky Family Foundation Award for Best Dissertation in the Social Sciences (2010)

Brown University, Department of Economics

Merit Dissertation Fellowship (2008); Summer Research Fellowship (2008);

Abramson Award for best third-year research paper (2007);

Doctoral Fellowship (2004-05, 2006-09)

Political Economy of Mass Media, undergraduate: spring 2014 (Yale), fall 2014, 2015 (Sciences Po) Teaching

Public Economics, undergraduate: summer 2014, 2015 (Yale), spring 2011 to 2016 (Sciences Po)

Topics and Methods in Political Economy, undergraduate: fall 2013 (Yale), summer 2015 (Sciences Po)

Political Economics, masters: fall 2010-2012 (Sciences Po)

Topics in Experimental and Behavioral Economics, Ph.D.: fall 2010-2012 (Sciences Po)

Introduction to LATEX, Ph.D.: spring 2011 (Sciences Po)

PROFESSIONAL The World Bank (WBIPR)

EXPERIENCE Consultant (September 2006 to August 2007); Intern (Summer 2006)

Publications Attack when the World is not Watching? U.S. Media and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

(with E. Zhuravskaya) Journal of Political Economy, accepted

Market-Based Lobbying: Evidence from Advertising Spending in Italy

(with S. DellaVigna, E. La Ferrara and B. Knight)

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, 2016, vol. 8, n. 1

Poor Institutions, Rich Mines: Resource Curse in the Origins of the Sicilian Mafia

(with P. Buonanno, P. Vanin and G. Prarolo) The Economic Journal, 2015, vol. 125, n. 586.

Preferences for Redistribution and Perception of Fairness: an Experimental Study

(with L. Putterman and J. van der Weele)

Journal of the European Economic Association, 2014, vol. 12, n. 4

Partisan Control, Media Bias, and Viewer Responses: Evidence from Berlusconi's Italy

(with B. Knight) Journal of the European Economic Association, 2012, vol. 10, n. 3 (leading article)

Progressivity of Taxes, Corporate Tax, and Estate Tax (with L. Putterman), in "Improving Public Opinion Surveys", edited by J. H. Aldrich and K. M. McGraw, Princeton University Press, 2012

WORKING The Political Legacy of Entertainment TV Papers (with P. Pinotti and A. Tesei)

CEPR Discussion Paper #10738, Revise & Resubmit American Economic Review

Politics 2.0: the Multifaceted Effect of Broadband Internet on Political Participation

(with F. Campante and F. Sobbrio) - NBER Working Paper #19029 Revise & Resubmit Journal of the European Economic Association

Academic Dynasties: Decentralization and Familism in the Italian Academia

(with G. Labartino and R. Perotti) - NBER Working Paper #17572

Revise & Resubmit American Economic Journal: Economic Policy

Political Alignment, Inter-jurisdictional Cooperation and Crime in Mexico (with E. Gutierrez) CEPR Discussion Paper #10769, Revise & Resubmit Journal of Law, Economics and Organization

Risk, Cooperation and the Co-Evolution of Culture and Institutions (with Johannes Buggle) under review

Political Advertising and Voting Intention: Evidence from Random Variation in Ads Viewership (with E. Gutierrez) under review

One Team, One Nation: Football, Ethnic Identity, and Conflict in Africa (with E. Depetris-Chauvín)

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Advertising Spending and Media Bias: Evidence from News Coverage of Car Safety Recalls (with R. G. Beattie, B. Knight, and A. Sen)

Personalization of Search Engine Results and Political Polarization: Evidence from Machine-Learning and Laboratory Experiment (with Q.-A. Do and R. Enikolopov)

"An Offer You Can't Refuse": Mafia, Vote-Buying and Political Outcomes (with F. Campante, F. Drago, and P. Pinotti)

The Lives of Others: Measuring and Explaining Differences in News Coverage of Human Losses around the World (with Y. Algan, E. Papaioannu, S. Sakalli)

Conference Presentations

2017 International Economic Association Conference, invited session (Mexico City, scheduled); Conference on the Economics of Intellectual Property, Software and the Internet (Toulouse, scheduled); 14<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Media Economics (Zurich, 2016); 2016 Barcelona Summer Forum (Barcelona, 2016); 2015 Media and Communication Conference (Chicago, 2015); EEA 2015 Conference, invited session

(Mannheim, 2015); Economics of Media Bias Conference (Hamburg, 2015); Conference on the Economics of Intellectual Property, Software and the Internet (Toulouse, 2015); 12<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Media Economics (Naples, 2014); 2014 NEUDC Conference (Boston, 2014); Yale Center for the Study of American Politics 2014 Workshop (New Haven, 2014); Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, 2014); AEA 2013 Annual Meeting (San Diego, 2013); 10<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Media Economics (Bogotá, 2012); Conference on the Economics of Interactions and Culture (Rome, 2012); Workshop on the Economics of Crime and Corruption (Namur, 2012); Applied Economics Workshop (Petralia Sottana, 2011); NBER 2011 Summer Institute DAE (Boston, 2011); Midwest Economic Association 2010 Annual Meeting (Evanston IL, 2010); CEPR Conference on "Economics of Culture, Institutions, and Crime" (Milan, 2010); 5th Royal Economic Society Ph.D. Presentation Meeting (London, 2010); 2010 ASSA Conference (Atlanta, 2010); NEUDC Conference (Boston, 2009); Workshop on "Political Economy and the Environment" (Louvain-la-Neuve, 2009); 2<sup>nd</sup> Conference on Early Economic Developments (Vancouver, 2009); LACEA Political Economy Group Meeting (Cartagena, 2009); 6<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Media Economics (Zurich, 2008); 2<sup>nd</sup> La Pietra-Mondragone Workshop (Florence, 2008); 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (Berlin, 2007).

# SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

World Bank (scheduled); George Washington University (scheduled); University of Maryland (scheduled); Université Libre de Bruxelles (scheduled); London Business School (scheduled); European University Institute (scheduled); University of Munich (scheduled); University of Bristol (scheduled); Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona (scheduled); University of Lausanne (2016); PSE (2016, 2012, 2011); IADB (2016, 2010); New York City Media Seminar (2016); UPF (2016, 2010); TSE (2016, 2014, 2011); Bocconi (2015, 2010); Toronto (2015); NYU Abu Dhabi (2015); Stockholm University (2015); Queen Mary University (2015); UCLA Anderson (2015); UCSB (2015); Chicago Harris (2015); Aix-Marseille (2015); Mannheim (2015); INSEAD (2015); LSE (2014); Yale (2014, 2013); NYU (2014, 2012); World Bank (2014); Hunter College CUNY (2014); Warwick (2014); Chicago Booth (2013); Tufts (2013); Harvard (2013); Namur (2013); IIES Stockholm (2013); EIEF (2013); Bocconi (2012, 2010); WZB Berlin (2012); Sorbonne (2012); Dartmouth (2012); Brown (2012, 2009); Los Andes (2012); CSEF Naples (2012); Frankfurt (2012); Rotterdam (2012); Stockholm School of Economics (2012, 2010); NES (2011); CREST (2010); IAE-CSIC (2010); GIIDS Geneva (2010); Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods (2010); UC Louvain (2010); Carlos III (2010); Alicante (2010); IMT Lucca (2010, 2009); UC Boulder (2010); UQAM; Essex (2010); Sciences Po (2010); Bologna (2009); Copenhagen (2009).

#### Editorial Service

Associate editor: Journal of the European Economic Association (2017-)

Referee: American Economic Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Econometrica, Journal of Political Economy, Review of Economic Studies, Journal of the European Economic Association, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Economic Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Development Economics, European Economic Review, European Journal of Political Economy, American Political Science Review, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Journal of Economic Psychology, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Economic Inequality, Economic Letters, The Economics of Transition, Political Communication

### OTHER SERVICE

External scientific evaluator: European Research Council, The Leverhulme Trust

External thesis evaluator: European University Institute, University of Essex

Organizer of the UPF Labor, Public and Development Seminar (2016-)

Co-organizer of the Barcelona Summer Forum Workshop on Political Institutions (2016-)

Co-organizer of the BGSE Summer School in Political Economy (2016-)

Founder and co-organizer of the Paris Empirical Political Economy Seminar (2011-2016)

Co-organizer of the Sciences Po Department of Economics Student Lunch Seminar (2014-16)

Co-organizer of the Sciences Po Department of Economics weekly Research Seminar (2011-12)

Member of the Junior Faculty Recruitment Committee, Sciences Po Dept. of Economics (2010-11)

#### Membership

European Economics Association, American Economic Association, Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association, American Political Science Association, European Political Science Association

Languages Italian (native), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), French (fluent)