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Current Employment

Assistant Professor; Economics Division; Columbia Business School 7/2019 -
Assistant Professor of Economics; University of California, San Diego; 7/2016 - 6/2019

Affiliations

Research Affiliate, Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR); 11/2017 -
Research Affiliate, Yale Research Initiative on Innovation and Scale; 8/2018 -

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, Yale University, May 2016 (*with distinction*)
M.A. and M.Phil. in Economics, Yale University, May 2012
M.Sc in Economics, Bocconi University, April 2012 (*cum laude*)
B.Sc in Economics, Bocconi University, September 2009 (*cum laude*)

Publications

“Life-Cycle Wage Growth Across Countries” with David Lagakos, Benjamin Moll, Nancy Qian, and Todd Schoellman, **Journal of Political Economy**, 2018

“Life-Cycle Human Capital Accumulation Across Countries: Lessons from U.S. Immigrants” with David Lagakos, Benjamin Moll, Nancy Qian, and Todd Schoellman, **Journal of Human Capital**, 2018 *special issue honoring Gary Becker*

Working Papers

“Cross-Country Differences in the Optimal Allocation of Talent and Technology” , (February 2017), revise & resubmit at **Econometrica**

“Workers’ Home Bias and Spatial Wage Gaps: Lessons from the Enduring Divide between East and West Germany” with Sebastian Heise (February 2019)

“Does Schooling Cause Structural Transformation?” with Gabriella Santangelo (March 2019)

“Aggregate Fertility and Households Savings: A General Equilibrium Analysis using Micro Data” with Abhijit Banerjee, Xin Meng, and Nancy Qian (April 2014), NBER Working Paper 20050

Work in Progress

"Understanding Productivity Dispersion by Measuring the Production Process: Evidence from Three Sectors in Uganda" with Vittorio Bassi, Ritwika Sen, and Esau Tugume

"Labor Reallocation and Wage Growth: Evidence from East Germany" with Wolfgang Dauth, Sebastian Findeisen, and Tim Lee

Conference and Seminar Presentations

2018-2019: University of Pennsylvania; Columbia Business School (Week Visitor); University of California Berkeley; University of British Columbia (twice); University of Zurich; University of Oslo; Penn State University; Advances in Macroeconomics: Growth, Misallocation and Factor Shares (at Arizona State University); University of Copenhagen; University of California San Diego; SED (St.Louis); Cambridge University; Queen's Mary University; St Louis Advances in Research (STLAR) conference; NBER Growth; Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Pizzanomics Junior Conference on Macroeconomics (Rome); Cowles Summer Conference in Macroeconomics; Barcelona GSE Summer Forum (EGF)

2017-2018: UCLA Mini Macro Conference, Washington University in St.Louis Mini Macro-Development Conference, CEPR Annual Macro and Growth Meeting, California Macro Conference at Claremont McKenna College, University of California San Diego, Mannheim University, University of Southern California, University of California Los Angeles; Johns Hopkins University SAIS; University of California Riverside; SED (Mexico City); Workshop in Macro-Development at Cornell Campus in NYC; Barcelona GSE Summer Forum; NBER Summer Institute Macro Perspectives; Ente Einaudi Institute (EIEF)

2016-2017: SED (Toulouse), Stanford University, Arizona State University (CASEE Visitor), Columbia University, NY FRB (Macro and Monetary Studies), NBER Development, University of California San Diego, IEA World Congress (Mexico), RIDGE (Mexico City)

Job Market: Carnegie Mellon University (Tepper), University of Wisconsin Madison, Princeton University, University of California San Diego, Institute for International Economic Studies, Bocconi University, Georgetown University, Boston University, University of Toronto, Mc Gill University

Before 2016: Ente Einaudi Institute (EIEF), NBER Summer Institute (Income Distribution and Macroeconomics), Conference on Economic Growth and Development (University of Washington St. Louis/St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank), NEUDC (Boston University), NEUDC (Harvard), NEUDC (Dartmouth), SED (Toronto), CEPR Annual Symposium on Development Economics (Stockholm University)

Discussions

- “Bringing Data to the Model: Quantitative Implications of an Equilibrium Diffusion Model”, by Brooks, Donovan, and Johnson; discussed at *Y-RISE Macro Conference (2018)*
- “Skilled Biased Structural Change”, by Buera, Kaboski, and Rogerson; discussed at *Keynote Paper at the MG Annual Programme meeting (2018)*
- “Location as An Asset”, by Bilal and Rossi-Hansberg; discussed at *Atlanta Fed Labor-Employment Conference (2018)*
- “Labor Market Flows and Development”, by Donovan, Lu, Schoellman; discussed at *NBER Summer Institute Economic Growth Small Group (2018)*
- “Barriers to Entry and Regional Economic Growth in China”, by Brandt, Kambourov, Storesletten; discussed at *NBER China Workshop (2018)*
- “Of Cities and Slums”, by Monge-Naranjo, Gomes Ferreira, Pereira; discussed at *NBER Economic Growth Small Group (2018)*
- “An Assignment Model of Knowledge Diffusion and Income Inequality”, by Luttmer; discussed at *NBER Micro and Macro Perspectives of the Aggregate Labor Market (2017)*

Grants

2018: PEDL ERG: Understanding Productivity Dispersion (£ 25,070); with Vittorio Bassi

2017: IGC Grant: Firm-level Technology Adoption and Investment in Training (£ 19,370); with Vittorio Bassi

Public and Departmental Service

Program Committee, Society for Economic Dynamics Conference (SED), 2018

Program Committee, Society for Economic Dynamics Conference (SED), 2019

Ph.D. Advising

Emilien Gouin-Bonenfant (2019, Columbia University)

Ying Feng (2019, National University of Singapore)

Teaching Experience

Graduate Macroeconomics (1st Year PhD sequence)

Graduate Elective Course in Macro-Development (2nd Year PhD)

Undergraduate Intermediate Macroeconomics

Referee Service

American Economic Review; Econometrica; Quarterly Journal of Economics; Review of Economic Studies; AEJ: Policy; AEJ: Macro; Journal of the European Economic Association; International Economic Review; Journal of Development Economics; Journal of Human Resources; Macroeconomic Dynamics; Journal of Mathematical Economics; Economic Development and Cultural Change; Journal of Economic Growth; Economics Letters; Review of Economic Dynamics

Number of manuscripts reviewed: 44

Personal

Born in Milan, Italy on January 20th 1988. U.S. Permanent Resident

References

Prof. Mikhail Golosov (Chicago University, golosov@uchicago.edu)

Prof. Giuseppe Moscarini (Yale University, giuseppe.moscarini@yale.edu)

Prof. Aleh Tsyvinski (Yale University, a.tsyvinski@yale.edu)

Prof. Christopher Udry (Northwestern University, christopher.udry@northwestern.edu)