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### Curriculum vitae et studiorum May 2013

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

Nationality: Italian.

Other: Married to Elisabetta, with two children: Francesco (13),  
and Maria Giulia (11).

### 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

Associate Professor of Economics, Dipartimento di Economia, Diritto e Istituzioni (DEDI),  
Università di Roma “Tor Vergata”.

### Other Positions

The World Bank, 1818 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20433.  
Consultant on welfare, inequality and poverty analysis.

### External Activities

Consultant on Stata programming.

## **Publications**

### **1) Books**

*In ricchezza e in povertà. Il benessere degli italiani dall'Unità a oggi. (2011)*, Bologna: Il Mulino. English translation of the title: *For Richer and for Poorer: Well-being in Italy from Unification to the Present Day (1861-2011)*.

### **2) Journal Articles**

"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**

“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**

“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**

"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**

### **2012**

*Disuguaglianza e povertà, serve una rivoluzione copernicana.*

[http://www.italiafutura.it/dettaglio/115316/disuguaglianza\\_e\\_poverta\\_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](http://www.formiche.net/dettaglio.asp?id=27005&id_sezione)

## **Research in Progress**

*A History of Living Standards in Italy, 1861-2011.* Monograph for Oxford University Press.  
In preparation.

*Living Standards, Inequality and Poverty in the World, 1850-2010: A New Household Budget Approach.*

With F. Alvaredo (Nuffield College, Oxford).

*Vulnerability to Poverty in Italy, 1980-2012.*

With N. Amendola (Università di Roma "Tor Vergata") and M. Rossi (Università di Torino).  
Research project joint with the National Statistical Institute (Istat).

*Long-run Historical Statistics in Italy, 1861-2011.*

With M. Vasta (Università di Siena). Research project joint with the National Statistical Institute (Istat).

*A Hundred and Fifty Years of Differences in the Cost-of-Living. Italy, 1861-2011.*

With N. Amendola (Università di Roma "Tor Vergata"), A. Brunetti (Istat) and G. Federico (European University Institute).

## **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: A 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" (2003-2012); Ph.D. in International Economics, Università di Roma "Tor Vergata" (2011); Master in Economic Development, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (2004-2009).

*Economic History*  
- Undergraduate second year, Università di Roma "Tor Vergata" (2007-2012)  
- 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, 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> 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**

### **2008-2011**

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

### **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: 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, Palazzo delle Esposizioni (Roma), S.A.Di.Ba. (Perugia), 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 di Modena e Reggio Emilia, Università di Napoli Federico II, Università di Pescara, Università di Pisa, Università di Siena, Università di Torino, Universitat Pompeu Fabra.

### **Refereeing**

Papers refereed for the *Bulletin of Economic Research*, *Economic Notes*, *Economica*, *Explorations in Economic History*, *Giornale degli Economisti e Annali di Economia*, *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*.

### **Foreign Languages**

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

### **Computing**

Advanced programming in Stata. Systems: Windows 7/Vista/Windows 9x/NT/XP, MS-DOS. Mac, Lion 10.7. Other software: ArcGIS, LaTeX, Scientific Workplace, MS Office applications.