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Current Position

Since 2014 Professor of Economics, Institute for Social & Economic Research, University of Essex

Employment

2012-2014 Reader in Economics, Institute for Social & Economic Research, University of Essex
2011-2012 Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Social & Economic Research, University of Essex
2008- 2011 Research Fellow, Institute for Social & Economic Research, University of Essex
2005-2008 Senior Research Officer, Institute for Social & Economic Research, University of Essex
2002-2004 Junior Research Fellow in Economics, The Queen's College, University of Oxford

Education

1999-2004 D.Phil. in Economics, The Queen's College, University of Oxford
1997-1999 M.Phil. in Economics, Pembroke College, University of Oxford
1997-2000 B.A. in Economics and Banking, University of Siena (*first class*)

Affiliations

Since 2013 DIW Berlin Research Affiliate
Since 2012 Elected Member (Treasurer) of the European Association of Labour Economists (EALE)
Executive Committee
Since 2005 Institute for the Study of Labour (IZA) Research Fellow

Other appointments

2014-2015 Visiting Professor at University College London, Department of Economics
Since 2014 Adjunct Associate Professor, University of Bergen
2004-2005 Visiting Scholar, Center for Labor Economics, University of California, Berkeley
2003-2004 Research Affiliate (visitor), Center for Economic Performance, LSE, London

Research interests

My current research agenda is focused on the nature, causes, and consequences of disparities in children's human capital that lead to inequalities later on in life. This research revolves around three broad themes. The first concerns the extent to which maternal health behaviours shape the health and cognitive endowment of children, as well as the effect of differences in early health endowments on later outcomes. The second theme is related to the way in which differences in educational opportunities affect later educational attainment, labour market outcomes, and long-term life chances. The third theme is concerned with the analysis of the effects of parenting, and in particular maternal time inputs, on children's cognitive and non-cognitive outcomes. My wider research interests also include work on family dynamics, fertility, and gender issues.

Editorial duties

Since 2014 Associate Editor of the Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Series A
2010-2012 Editor of Institute for Social & Economic Research Working Papers series

Referee for scientific organizations

Economic and Social Research Council (Peer Review College), Italian Research Council, *Agenzia Nazionale di Valutazione del Sistema Universitario e della Ricerca* for the evaluation of Italian Universities in Economics, National Institute of Health (NIH), National Institute for Social Care and Health Research (NISCHR), Nuffield Foundation, Research Foundation Flanders (FWO), Swiss National Science Foundation, Vienna Science and Technology Fund (WWTF).

Referee for Scientific Journals

British Journal of Sociology, Demography, Economics of Education Review, Economic Journal (2010 Referee Prize), European Economic Review, Journal of Economic Behaviour & Organization, Journal of Economic Inequalities, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Family and Economic Issues, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society A, Industrial Relations, Labour, Labour Economics, Oxford Economic Papers, Oxford Review of Economic Policy, Review of the Economics of the Household, Scottish Journal of Political Economy.

Advisory roles

Since 2014 Department of Education Analytical Pool Investigator
2012-2013 Scientific Research Investigators Network of the *Life Study*, the new cohort study for the UK (PI: Professor Carol Dezateux, UCL, London), and member of the Scientific Working Group “Mothers, Partners and Families”.
2012-2013 Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) Evaluation Panel

Funded projects

2015 Co-I: “Inequality in Higher Education Outcomes in the UK: Subjective Expectations, Preferences and Access to Information”, with Adeline Delavande (PI), and Matthias Parey, Wandl Bruine de Bruin, funded by the ESRC (£900,211).
2015 Co-I: “Illegal Activities Estimates”, with Steve Pudney and Mark Bryan, funded by ONS (£7,888).
2014 Co-I: “The Research Centre on Micro-Social Change (MiSoC): Understanding individual and family behaviours in a new era of uncertainty and change”, with Mike Brewer (PI), Sonia Bhalotra, Paul Clarke, Adeline Delavande, Steve Pudney and David Voas, funded by the ESRC (£5,765,579). I am both a co-I and a strand leader in this proposal.
2013 PI: “Social Mobility Indicators”, funded by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) (£8,000).
2013 Team member: Postgraduate Support Scheme, with Sonia Virdee (PI), funded by HEFCE (£1,289,487).
2012 Co-I: “The Effect of Free Childcare on Maternal Labour Supply and Child Development”, with Mike Brewer, Claire Crawford and Birgitta Rabe (PI), funded by the ESRC-SDAI (£184,102).

- 2011 PI: “Maternal Smoking and Low Birth Weight. Comparative Evidence from the Smoking Bans in Italy and the UK” with Cheti Nicoletti and Daniela Vuri, funded by the British Academy Small Grant Scheme (£6,638).
- 2010 Co-I: “Two Innovations in Drugs Policy: A Cost-Benefit Analysis”, with Steve Pudney (PI) and Mark Bryan, funded by the Open Society Institute (\$85,335).
- 2009 Team member: “Research Centre on Micro-Social Change (MiSoC)”, with Steve Pudney (PI), John Ermisch, Stephen Jenkins, Holly Sutherland and Peter Lynn, funded by the ESRC (£4,055,645).
- 2009 Co-I: “Inequality in Achievements during Adolescence”, with John Ermisch (PI), funded by The Sutton Trust and the Russell Sage Foundation (£39,630).
- 2009 PI: “The Effects of Breastfeeding on Children, Mothers and Employers”, with Maria Iacovou, Birgitta Rabe and Almudena Sevilla-Sanz, funded by the ESRC grant RES-062-23-1693 (£194,600). Evaluated as *Very Good*.
- 2006 PI: “The Impacts of Parental Behaviour on Birth Weight”, with John Ermisch and Marco Francesconi, funded by the ESRC grant RES-000-22-2044 (£65,213). Evaluated as *Outstanding*.
- 2006 Co-I: “Older People: A Gendered Review and Secondary Analysis of the Data”, with Emanuela Sala, Ruth Hancock and Steve Pudney (PI), funded by the UK Equal Opportunities Commission (£19,960).
- 2004 Co-I: “Schooling Decisions and Female Labour Market Participation”, with Fernando Galindo-Rueda (PI), funded by the British Academy Small Grant Scheme.
- 2003 Co-I: “Women’s Labour Supply and Part-Time Work”, with Massimiliano Bratti, Stefano Staffolani (PI), and Daniela Vuri, funded by the Italian Ministry of Labour and Welfare.

Seminars, invited talks, conferences and workshops

Regular seminar presentations in the UK and Europe. Recent talks include: University of York (UK), Tinbergen Institute (The Netherlands), IFS (UK), University of St. Gallen (Switzerland), University of Venice (Italy), University of Padova (Italy). Other recent conference presentations and workshops are listed below:

- 2015 Organizer of the ISEER Workshop on *Family Economics*, 22-23 September
- 2014 EALE Conference, 18-20 September, Ljubljana
- 2014 (invited) Workshop on Socioeconomic Inequalities and Child Development, 4 March, InstEAD, Sheffield
- 2014 (invited) Workshop on Family Economics, 14-15 February, Royal Holloway
- 2013 EALE Conference, 19-21 September, Torino
- 2012 EALE Conference, 20-23 September, Bonn
- 2011 Keynote speaker UNICEF BFI Annual Meeting, “Does the Baby Friendly Initiative work in the UK?”, 24 November, Liverpool
- 2011 Organizer of the workshop: *Early Interventions and Social Mobility. Are pro-breastfeeding policies worth it?*, 12 October, London, British Academy
- 2011 Organizer of the workshop: *Pre-school, school and beyond. Improving Social Mobility through Education*, 6 May, London, British Academy
- 2009 EALE Conference, 10-12 September, Tallin
- 2009 Royal Economic Society, 20-22 April, University of Surrey, Guildford
- 2008 European Society for Population Economics Conference, 19-21 June, UCL, London
- 2008 Workshop on Gender and the Labour Market, 28-29 March, ZEW, Mannheim

Academic supervision and teaching

Main supervisor for the following ISER PhD students:

- Maria Elena Komodromou, currently in her completion year (part-time).
- Greta Morando, currently in her fourth year.

Previous main supervisor for the following PhD students: Tina Rampino (graduated in 2014), Angus Holford (graduated in 2015), Laura Fumagalli (graduated in 2015); MSc students: Victor Perez (University of Essex, Department of Economics, 2012-2013); internal examiner for two ISER PhD candidates for the academic year 2012-13 (Magdalena Rokicka and Karon Gush); external examiner for Ervin Prifti at University of Rome “Tor Vergata” in July 2013; external examiner for Laura Gibson (University of Sheffield) in April 2015.

Prior to joining ISER I was a College Lecturer in Economics at the University of Oxford:

2002-2004 The Queen’s College, University of Oxford
2001-2002 Christ Church College, University of Oxford
1999-2001 Pembroke College, University of Oxford

Publications in peer-reviewed journals

Universal Pre-school Education: the Case of Public Funding with Private Provision, with Jo Blanden, Sandra McNally and Birgitta Rabe, forthcoming in *Economic Journal*.

Early Maternal Time Investment and Early Child Outcomes, with Marco Francesconi, Yvonne Kelly and Amanda Sacker, forthcoming in *Economic Journal (Features)*.

The Long-Run Effects of Attending an Elite Secondary School: Evidence from the UK, with Damon Clark, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 2016, vol. 8(1): 1–28.

Fertility and Economic Instability: the Role of Unemployment and Job Displacement, with Rudolf Winter-Ebmer and Andrea Weber, *Journal of Population Economics*, 2015, vol. 28(2): 463-478.

Intra-family Resources Allocations: A Dynamic Model of Birth Weight with John Ermisch and Marco Francesconi, *Journal of Labor Economics*, 2012, vol. 30(3): 657-706.

Clash of Career and Family: Fertility Decisions after Job Displacement, with Rudolf Winter-Ebmer and Andrea Weber, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 2012, vol 10(4): 659-683.

What Role for the Home Learning Environment and Parenting in Reducing the Socioeconomic Gradient in Child Development? Findings from the Millennium Cohort Study, with Yvonne Kelly, Amanda Sacker, Marco Francesconi and Michael Marmot, *Archives of Disease in Childhood*, 2011, vol. 96: 832-837.

Job Mobility and the Gender Wage Gap in Italy, with Daniela Vuri, *Labour Economics*, 2011, vol. 18(1), 130-142.

Older Carers in the UK: Are There Really Gender Differences? New analysis of the individual sample of anonymised records from the 2001 UK Census, with Emanuela Sala and Ruth Hancock, *Health and Social Care in the Community*, 2009, vol. 17(3): 267-273.

Do Wages Compensate for Anticipated Working Time Restrictions? Evidence from Seasonal Employment in Austria, with Andrea Weber, *Journal of Labor Economics*, 2008, vol. 26(1), 2008: 181-221.

New Mothers’ Labour Force Participation in Italy: The Role of Job Characteristics, with Massimiliano Bratti and Daniela Vuri, *Labour*, 2005, vol. 19 (S1): 79-121.

In progress:

Early Interventions and Children’s Educational Attainment. Evaluating the Impact of Free Part-Time Pre-School Education for 3 Year Olds in England, with Jo Blanden, Kirstine Hansen, and Birgitta Rabe, draft submitted to recent conferences and workshops.

Seasonality in Smoking Behaviour: Re-evaluating the Effects of the 2005 Italian Smoking Ban, with Klaus Grunberger and Daniela Vuri, ISER Working Paper 2014-07.

- Drug-Related Crime, with Mark Bryan and Steve Pudney, ISER Working Paper 2013-08.
- Breastfeeding and Child Cognitive Outcomes: Evidence from a Hospital-based Breastfeeding Support Policy, with Birgitta Rabe, ISER Working Paper 2012-29.
- The Effect of Working Place Practices on Breastfeeding and Women's Participation, with Chiara Pronzato, ISER Working Paper 2012-05.
- Health Information and Health Outcomes: An Application of the Regression Discontinuity Design to a Pill Scare Case, with Marco Francesconi and Nicky Best, ISER Working Paper 2011-16.
- Birth Weight and the Dynamics of Early Cognitive and Behavioural Development, with John Ermisch, ISER Working Paper 2009-16.
- The Long Term Impacts of Compulsory Schooling: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in School Leaving Dates, with Fernando Galindo-Rueda, Centre for the Economics of Education, London School of Economics and Political Science Discussion Paper No. 74, 2007.

Chapters in books, research reports and articles for the media

- Licensing and regulation of the cannabis market in England and Wales. What can cost-benefit analysis tell us?, with Mark Bryan and Steve Pudney, Proceeding of the *Eight Annual Conference of the International Society for the Study of Drug Policy*, UniversItalia: Rome.
- Licensing and regulation of the cannabis market in England and Wales: towards a cost-benefit analysis, 2013 with Mark Bryan and Steve Pudney, available at <https://www.iser.essex.ac.uk/d/153>.
- Inequality in Achievements during Adolescence, with John Ermisch, forthcoming in John Ermisch, Markus Jäntti and Timothy Smeeding (eds.), *From Parents to Children: The Intergenerational Transmission of Advantage*, 2012, Russell Sage Foundation: New York.
- Education Mobility in England. The link between the education levels of parents and the educational outcomes of teenagers*, with John Ermisch and Lee Elliott Major, report for The Sutton Trust, April 2010.
- La parità di genere nel lavoro? Ancora un miraggio, with Daniela Vuri, in *Vita e Pensiero*, 2010, vol. 2 (Marzo-Aprile), pp. 64-73.
- Mobilità e differenziali salariali di genere in Italia, in Lorenzo Cappellari, Paolo Naticchioni and Stefano Staffolani (eds.), *Più uguali o disuguali? L'evoluzione delle disuguaglianze in Italia*, 2009. Carocci: Roma.
- Early labour market experience and the timing of family formation, in *Changing Relationships*, Malcom Brynin and John Ermisch (eds.), 2008. Routledge: New York.
- Older People: A Gendered Review and Secondary Analysis of the Data, with Emanuela Sala, Ruth Hancock, Caroline Gunnell and Lavinia Parisi, *Equal Opportunities Commission Working Paper Series n. 62*, 2007.
- Il lavoro part-time e l'occupazione femminile, with Massimiliano Bratti, Matteo Picchio, Stefano Staffolani, Daniela Vuri, 2004, report to the *Italian Ministry of Labour and Welfare*.