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CURRENT POSITION

2011 - date Senior Research Officer – Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER) - University of Essex.

EDUCATION

2008 PhD in Applied Social and Economic Research, ISER - University of Essex – UK.
Thesis title: “Nutrition, Health and Socio-Economic status”. Supervisors: Prof. Marco Francesconi and Prof. Steve Pudney. Examiners: Prof. Martin Browning and Prof. Joao Santo Silva.

2001 MSc in Applied Economics and Data Analysis, University of Essex – UK.
Thesis title: “Modelling the length of time between psychiatric visits to the doctor”. Supervisor: Prof. Stephen P. Jenkins.

1999 *Laurea* in Economics and Business, University of Verona – Italy.
Thesis title: “Assessment and management of a forest area using an integrated approach of GIS, Contingent Valuation and MultiCriteira Analysis”. Supervisors: Prof. Federico Perali.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2007 - 2011 Senior Research Officer – Centre for Research in Economic Sociology and Innovation (CRESI) – University of Essex

2007 Research Fellow - University of Verona

2006-2007 Research Assistant, ISER (p/t) - University of Essex

2004 – 2007 Social Quantitative Research Officer (p/t) – Chimera - University of Essex

2004 Data Services Officer, UK Data Archive (p/t May-Jul) - University of Essex

2002-2005 Consultant health economist, Dept. of Medicine and Public Health, Section of Psychiatry - University of Verona

1999-2002 Research Officer, Department of Medicine and Public Health, Section of Psychiatry - University of Verona

1999 Research Assistant, Dept. of Economics - University of Verona

OTHER PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

2002 - 2006 Research Associate – University of Verona.

1998-2000 President, Club of Applied Economics (CEA), University of Verona

1997-1998 Head of Environmental Group, Club of Applied Economics (CEA), University of Verona

1997-1998 Surveyor and collaborator for processing schedules by Regional Forestry Agency – Region of Lombardia about the projects titled “Turistic Function Evaluation: a Travel Cost Method and Contingent Analysis Application” and “Multifunctional Analysis of Natural Area using GIS data: a Multicriteria Analysis Application” applied to west side of Lake of Garda (Italy)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Econometric Methods using STATA (Undergraduate, Essex)- Lecturer 2007/08
Applied Economics (Graduate, Verona) – Lecturer: 2006/07
Analysis of Panel Data: An Introduction. (Graduate, Essex Summer School) – GTA: 2006-2010
Econometric Methods and Applications (Graduate, Essex) – GTA: 2004-2008
Survival Analysis (Graduate, Essex Summer School) – GTA: 2003

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PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL ARTICLES

"Family structure and maternal employment in childhood and their influence on young people's eating habits" Longitudinal and Life Course Studies Journal (2010), Volume 1, Issue 3, Supplement of abstracts from the CELSE conference (with C. Aina).

"A predictive model to allocate frequent service users of community-based mental health services to different packages of care", *Epidemiologia e Psichiatria Sociale* - EPS (2010), pp. 168-177 - in Italian (with I-PSYCOST Group).

"A new funding system for mental health departments: results from an evaluative multicentre Italian study (*I-psycost*)", *Epidemiologia e Psichiatria Sociale* – EPS, 15(4):295-306 (2006), Italy – in Italian (with I-PSYCOST group).

"The relationship between food consumption, age and gender over time in Britain". [*Acta Agriculturae Scandinavica - Section C*](#), (November 2005) 2(3-4), pp 185-191.

"Analisi di un'area naturale usando dati GIS: un'applicazione della cluster analysis", *Bollettino della Società Geografica Italiana*, (2002) Italy - in Italian (with V. Cicogna and F.C. Perali).

"Towards a new funding system of Italian Community Mental Health Services. A case register approach", *Epidemiologia and Psichiatria Sociale* – EPS (2001), Italy – in Italian (with F. Amaddeo, P. Bonizzato, G. Bisoffi, F. Perali, M. Tansella).

BOOK CHAPTERS

"Time and Money in Space: Estimating Household Expenditure and Time Use at the Small Area Level in Great Britain." (2009) In Zaidi, A., Harding, A., and Williamson, P. (Editors) [*New Frontiers in Microsimulation Modelling*](#). Public Policy and Social Welfare Vol. 36. Aldershot (UK): Ashgate. (with Anderson, B., Laidoudi, S., Weston, A., and Zong, P.)

"Supply analysis of a natural area using GIS information" Chapter 2, pp. 63-102 in J.C. Cooper and F.C. Perali (eds), *Integrated assessment and management of public resources*, Edward Edgar, 2005 (with V. Cicogna and F. Perali).

"Identification of the best combination of environmental functions using multi-criteria analysis" Chapter 5, pp.177-230 in J.C. Cooper and F.C. Perali (eds), *Integrated assessment and management of public resources*, Edward Edgar, 2005.

"Simulation of the impact on the local economy of management alternatives of natural areas" Chapter 6, pp. 231-269 in J.C. Cooper and F.C. Perali (eds), *Integrated assessment and management of public resources*, Edward Edgar, 2005 (with S. Lovo, F. Perali, F. Pecci and M. Baggio).

"*Multifunctional Analysis of Natural Areas using GIS data: a clusters analysis application*", in PER VITTORIO CASTAGNA "Scritti di economia e di geografia", CEDAM, Padova, Italy (in Italian), 2000. (with V. Cicogna and F. Pearli).

NEWSPAPERS/MAGAZINES (MEDIA COVERAGE)

"Balance not calories making children fat" *Sunday Herald* (5 January 2008) in reference to Diet composition, socio-economic status and food outlet development in Britain.

OTHER COMPLETED RESEARCH

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“The allocation of time in an e-society: preliminary exploration of the use of a demand system” initially in the project eSocTU: Using Time-Use Data to Analyse Macro and Microsocial Change in an e-Society, CHIMERA, University of Essex.

- “Time and Money in Space” (with B. Anderson, S. Laidoudi, A. Weston and P. Zong) Chimera Working Paper 2007-009

“Intra-household allocation of food in relation to household income, household production and nutrition” (with Martina Menon) Dept. of Economics, University of Verona (2008).

“Definizione di ‘pacchetti di cura’ in 5 aree italiane per l’assistenza psichiatrica community-based utilizzando l’analisi di cluster” (with F. Perali, F. Amaddeo, M. Tansella *et al.*).

“Cost Analysis of Italian Psychiatric Community-based System: identification of packages of care using cluster analysis” (with F. Amaddeo, L. Grigoletti, F. Perali, M. Tansella) *Psicologia Medica* – Dept. of Public Health at University of Verona

“Packages of psychiatric care in a community-based mental health service: a cluster analysis approach applied at Verona case” (2004), with F. Amaddeo, L. Grigoletti, F. Perali, M. Tansella.

“Modelling the length of time between psychiatric contacts in a community-based Mental health service” (2003).

CONSULTANCY REPORTS

UKEM II – D6.3.1 – “The impact of telework on social life and well-being”, in the project *UK Expenditure Model II for BT CTO CHIMERA*, University of Essex. April 2011

UKEM II – D6.3 – “The effect of ICTs on social life: working from home and social relationship. An exploration of the BHPS”, in the project *UK Expenditure Model II for BT CTO CHIMERA*, University of Essex. Jan. 2011.

UKEM II – D5.2 – Project Expenditure (Agent Based Approach) incorporating method from BT-ESRC CASE Studentship”, in the project *UK Expenditure Model II for BT CTO CHIMERA*, University of Essex. July 2010

UKEM II – D3.4 – A system approach to the modelling of shares of expenditures over time: a revision”, in the project *UK Expenditure Model II for BT CTO CHIMERA*, University of Essex. October 2009

UKEM II – D3.3 – A system approach to the modelling of shares of expenditures over time”, in the project *UK Expenditure Model II for BT CTO CHIMERA*, University of Essex. April 2009

UKEM II – D3.2 – Modelling zero expenditures on ICT product”, in the project *UK Expenditure Model II for BT CTO CHIMERA*, University of Essex. October 2008

“UKEM II - D2.1 – Review of the availability of household level census constraints over time”, in the project *UK Expenditure Model II for BT CTO CHIMERA*, University of Essex. March 2008

“D3.6c – Expenditures forecasting (stage 2)” (with Ben Anderson) in the project *Whole Market Model for BT CTO CHIMERA*, University of Essex. January 2007.

“D3.6b - Consumer Spending Patterns” (with Ben Anderson) in the project *Whole Market Model for BT CTO CHIMERA*, University of Essex. October 2006.

“D3.3 - Consumer Spending Patterns” (with Ben Anderson) in the project *Whole Market Model for BT CTO CHIMERA*, University of Essex. July 2005.

“Consumer Spending Patterns” in the project *Customer behaviour and Market Analysis for BT CTO CHIMERA*, University of Essex. March 2005.

“Costs of Psychiatric Services in five Italian Areas. The I_PSYCOST National Multi-Centric study of a new funding system for Community-Based Mental Health Services” project funded by the Ministry of Health (Italy). Fondo Ricerca Finalizzata art. 12bis – 2001. Report submitted December 2004.

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“Turistic Function Evaluation: a Travel Cost Method and Contingent Analysis Application” and “Multifunctional Analysis of Natural Area using GIS data: a Multicriteria Analysis Application” for the ERSAF – Region Lombardia, 1997 (with F. Perali)

WORKING PAPERS

“Is the future digital? Modelling ICTs and transports expenditures in the UK” *CRESI Working paper* 2010

“Diet composition, socio-economic status and food outlet development in Britain” *ISER Working paper* 2007/09.

“Time and Money in Space” (with B. Anderson, S. Laidoudi, A. Weston and P. Zong) *Chimera Working Paper* 2007-009

“The relation between food consumption and socio-economic status: evidence among British youths.” *ISER Working paper* 2005/21.

["Simulating the Impact on the Local Economy of Alternative Management Scenarios for Natural Areas," Working Papers](#) 2005.139, Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (with Stefania Lovo, Francesco Pecci, Federico Perali & Michele Baggio).

PAPERS CLOSE TO SUBMISSION

“The relation between food consumption and socio-economic status: evidence among British youths.”

“The effect of prices and income on eating habit variations in Britain.”

WORK IN PROGRESS

“A microeconomic approach to modeling ICT and transports demand: some results for UK households” with B. Anderson. Converting report D3.4 to journal article.

“The effect of ICTs on social life: teleworking and social well-being” with Ben Anderson. Converting reports D6.3 and D6.3.1 to journal article.

“The relationship between family structure and maternal employment and children’s eating habits” with C. Aina.

CONFERENCES, SUMMER SCHOOLS AND OTHER COURSES

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| 2011 | International Microsimulation Association - IMA (8-10 June) |
| 2010 | Time-Series Analysis using STATA at CASS Business School, London (1 November).
Advance programming in STATA-MATA at ISER – University of Essex (28 October)
Small Area Estimation Seminar at ISER – University of Essex (19 October)
CELSE – Conference of Epidemiological longitudinal Studies in Europe – 13-15 October
EAAE/AAEA conference on The Economics of Food, Food Choice and Health – 15-17 Sept.
ASHE – American Society of Health Economics - June |
| 2009 | Workshop on Economic of Obesity – PSE Paris (3-4 Dec)
University of Cagliari – Invited Seminar – 20 Nov.
ESPE Annual Conference – Seville, June.
ESRC Microsimulation Seminar Series Workshop III ' Moving beyond tax-benefit and demographic modelling ' - Leeds, July (Estimating income, expenditure and time-use within small areas.)
Understanding the Data Protection and Freedom of Information Acts sun by LTU at the University of Essex, (UK) |
| 2008 | International Association for Time Use Research (IATUR) Conference (1-3 Dec.)
Spatial Econometrics – Essex Summer School (July)
Digital Geography in a web 2.0 world – CASA at UCL, London.
Measuring Poverty: seven 7 key issues – ISER for ESRC Festival of Social Science, |

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London

Introduction to Census data usage – UKDA at University of Essex, UK

Written presentation skills course: run by LTU at the University of Essex

Media Research Communication organized by LTU at the University of Essex, run by professional BBC journalists.

PhD supervision course at LTU, University of Essex.

UCL 3rd RES Job Market Presentation (19-20 Jan)

2007 Spring Meeting for Young Economists – Hamburg: 25 – 27 May.

Royal Economic Society 2007 – Warwick 11-13 April.

JESS at ISER- Joint Empirical Social Science Seminar (21 Mar)

LSE 2nd RES Job Market Presentation (27-28 Jan)

2006 ISER – University of Essex – PhD seminars. (23rd Nov.) “The effect of prices on eating habits variation in Britain”.

AIES annual congress: Venice, 16-17 Nov..

The Economic of the Family – Institute for Fiscal Studies, UCL, London.

Collection and Analysis of Time Use Data - Essex Summer School.

ESPE Annual Conference, Verona, 22-24 June

“Analisi delle migliori strategie di gestione di un’area naturale”, Garda (Verona), 17 June.

2005 Dept. of Economics – University of Verona (Italy) – Dec. 23rd.

ISER – University of Essex – PhD seminars. (30th November)

EAAE Conference on *The Economics and Policy of Diet and Health*. Reading.

Milan, 21st January – “Towards a new funding system of Italian Community Mental Health Services”, project funded by the Ministry of Health (Italy) [Fondo Ricerca Finalizzata art. 12bis – 2001].

2004 ISER – University of Essex – PhD seminars. (8th Dec.)

2003 Dept. of Economics – University of Verona (Italy) – Dec. 23rd.

EEA Summer School in **Micro econometrics** in London – September: “The relationship between food consumption and socio-economic status: evidence for British youths”.

II Mediterranean Summer School in **Theoretical and Applied Economics: the evaluation of public policies** – Universidad de les Illes Balears, Dept. of Applied Economics.

2002 Dept. of Economics – University of Verona (Italy), (Dec. 23rd).

11th Symposium of AEP Section “Epidemiology and Social Psychiatry” in Aarhus, Denmark, 17-20 April: “Towards a new funding system of Italian Community Mental Health Services. A case register approach” (poster presentation) – awarded with the 2nd prize for poster section.

2001 Presentation: “Towards a new funding system of Italian Community Mental Health Services”, presented at SIEP conference in Rome, November – in Italian.

1998 Advance course in **Symmetric Mathematical Programming: economic theory and applications** at the Dept. of Economics, University of Calabria (Italy). Lecturer: Prof. Quirino Paris (University of California – Davis)

CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS

Applied economics and quantitative research with particular reference to consumer behaviours, market analysis, forecasting and spatial microsimulation, income inequality, health care financial system and services’ quality, competition economics, policy evaluation and time use analysis.

Methodological skills and interests: longitudinal analysis, econometric analysis, operative research, evaluation research and policy analysis.

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

International Microsimulation Association (IMA), European Economic Association (EEA), European Association of Agricultural Economics (EAAE), American Society for Health Economics (ASHE), European Society of Population Economics (ESPE), International Association for Time Use Research (IATUR).

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue: Italian; Fluent English (both written and spoken); Intermediate Spanish and Basic French (both written and spoken).

COMPUTER SKILLS

Econometrics and Statistics: STATA, Gauss, SPSS, Limdep, E-views, MATLAB

Maths: Mathematica, LINDO, Gams

Geographical: ADE-4

Programming languages: Pascal, Cobol, Cobol per AS400;

Packages: Office, Microsoft Project, Corel 9, LaTeX;

Web editors: Namo WebEditor.

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