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**BUSINESS ADDRESS**

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**PERSONAL DETAILS**

Married  
One daughter, born in January 2012

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**EDUCATION**

**London School of Economics and Political Science**

PhD in Economics, August 2003. Thesis: "Public policy and private interests in representative democracies" Advisor: Prof. Tim Besley

**Università degli Studi di Salerno**

Doctorate in Public Economics, February 1998.

**DELTA – (EHESS-ENSAE-ENS-Ecole Polytechnique), Paris**

Master degree: "Analyse et Politiques Economiques" *with distinction*, September 1995

**Università Commerciale L.BOCCONI , Milan**

Diploma di Laurea (B.Sc.) *summa cum laude* in Economics

**CURRENT and PAST ACADEMIC POSITION**

**University of Nottingham, School of Economics and School of Politics, 2014-**

Professor (Chair of Political Economy)

**Royal Holloway University of London, Economics Department, 2001-2014**

Professor (2014), Reader (2012-2014), Senior Lecturer (2009-2011), Lecturer (2001-2008)

**Erasmus University, ESE, Rotterdam, 2010 -2011**

Universiteit docent (part-time)

**Idoneita' Professore Associato, settore disciplinare Economia Politica (SECS-P01), January 2011**

**London School of Economics and Political Science, Economics Department, 2000-2001**

Lecturer

**OTHER AFFILIATIONS**

**Centro Studi Luca D'Agliano**, Fellow, 2009-

**Tinbergen Institute**, Research fellow, 2010-2012

**STICERD (LSE)**, Affiliate, 2001-

**VISITING POSITIONS AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Australian National University, RSSH**, Visiting Scholar (July-September 2009)

**Hong Kong University of Science and Technology**, Visiting Scholar (September 2008)

**University of Essex, Economics Department**, Visiting Scholar (October-December 2007)

**MIT Political Science Department**, Visiting Scholar (January, 2006)

**University of Sao Paulo**, Visiting Scholar (July-August, 2004)  
**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**, Visiting Scholar (September 2003)  
**STICERD (LSE) Research Assistant** (Sept 1996- July 1997)  
**French Ministry of the Economy, Research Department, Intern**, (Feb-Mar.1996)  
**DELTA, Research Assistant** (July-Aug. 1995)  
**Università Commerciale L. BOCCONI, Teaching Assistant**, (Sept 1993 – July 94)  
**IGIER, Research Assistant**, (Sept 1993 – July 94)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Why do small states receive more federal monies? US Senate representation and the allocation of federal budget (2013), *Lead article Economics and Politics*, Volume 25, Issue 3, Pages 257-514.

Changing needs, sticky budget: Evidence from the Geographic Distribution of US Federal Grants (2013), joint with Valentino Larcinese and Leo Rizzo, *National Tax Journal*, 66, Pages 311-342

Testing the Swing Voter Hypothesis Using Federal Spending in the US States (2013), joint with Valentino Larcinese and James M. Snyder Jr., *The British Journal of Political Science*, 43, pages 845-875

Is Polarization Bad? (2012), *European Economic Review*, Volume 56, Issue 6, Pages 1104-1118

Bicameralism and Corruption (2010), *European Economic Review*, Volume 54, Issue 2, Pages 181-198. Reprinted in *Design of Constitution* (2012), by Stefan Voight, Economic Approaches to Law Series, R. Posner and F. Parisi eds., Edward Elgar Publishing

The Political Economy of Public Spending: Evidence from the US States (2010), joint with James Snyder and Valentino Larcinese, in *Public Choice and Political Economy*, pp. 143-163, Fabio Padovano & Alessandro Petretto (eds.), Franco Angeli

Who's against a Common Market? (2009), joint with Giovanni Facchini, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, Vol. 7, No. 5, Pages 1068-1100

Fiscal Decentralization, Inequality and Bailout: Lessons from Brazil's Debt Crisis (2008), joint with Giovanni Facchini, *Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance*, 48 (2), Pages 333-344.

Allocating the US Federal Budget to the States: The Impact of the President (2006), joint with Valentino Larcinese and Leo Rizzo, *Journal of Politics* 68 (2): Pages 447-456.

Reform, Lobbies and Welfare: a common agency approach (2005), *Public Choice*, 125, 3-4: Pages 305-337.

## **RESEARCH PAPERS AND WORK IN PROGRESS**

The political economy of migration enforcement: domestic versus border control (2014), joint with Giovanni Facchini, submission invited by *Cesifo Economic Studies, Symposium on Migration Policy*.

The rhetoric of closed borders: quotas, lax enforcement and illegal immigration (2010), joint with Giovanni Facchini, CEPR WP 8245, VOX Column (April 28, 2011), under revision for *American Economic Review*.

Reforming Legislatures: Is one House better than two? (2009), joint with Giovanni Facchini, CESifo Working Paper Series 2659, CESifo Group Munich.

The Political Economy of U.S. Environmental Policy Enforcement (in progress)

Corruption Charges and Electoral Incentives: Evidence on U.S. States Prosecutors, joint with Jim Snyder (in progress)

The Political Economy of Tax Compliance, joint with Leo Rizzo and Alejandro Esteller-More' (in progress)

Enfranchisement and migration, joint with Giovanni Facchini (in progress)

Local Finance Responsiveness to Federal Transfers: the Role of Debt, joint with Umberto Galmarini and Leo Rizzo (in progress)

## **JOURNAL REFEREE and OTHER PROFESSIONAL DUTIES**

### *Referee:*

American Economic Review, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Canadian Journal of Economics, Constitutional Political Economy, Comparative Political Studies, Economic Journal, Economic Theory, European Economic Review, Journal of Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Public Choice, Review of Economic Studies, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Rivista di Politica Economica, Social Choice and Welfare, Southern Economic Journal

### *Conference Organizer:*

Session organizer, SAET 2013 meetings

Session organizer, SAET 2011 meetings

First Erasmus Workshop in Political Economy: *Organization, selection, group power and the media*, Erasmus university (Rotterdam), June 17-18, 2010

Royal Economic Society Conference: Programme Committee Member, 2006-2009

## **PhD STUDENT SUPERVISION and EXAMINATION COMMITTEE**

Krai Yos Patrawart, Royal Holloway

Lucas Molenaar, Royal Holloway

Silvia Platoni, Royal Holloway (second advisor)

Claudia Cerrone, Royal Holloway (second advisor)

Chiara Kofol, Royal Holloway, (second advisor)

Mike Seiferling, London School of Economics and Political Science (external examiner)  
Patrick Blanchenay, London School of Economics and Political Science (external examiner)

### **SERVICE**

PhD Admissions Director, Royal Holloway University of London, 2013-2014.  
Member of the Learning and Teaching Committee, Royal Holloway University of London 2013-2014.  
Undergraduate Admissions Director, Royal Holloway University of London, 2001-2003 and 2006-2009.  
Postgraduate Admissions Director, Royal Holloway University of London, 2006-2007.  
Member of the Recruiting Committee, Royal Holloway University of London, 2008-2009.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

American Politics (undergraduate)  
Political Economy (undergraduate)  
Comparative and Transition Economics (undergraduate)  
International Economic Policy (undergraduate)  
Principles of macroeconomics (undergraduate)  
Research Methods (undergraduate)  
Microeconomics (graduate)  
Research methods (graduate)  
Political Economy (graduate)

### **CONFERENCES and INVITED SEMINARS**

#### **2014**

Comparative Approaches to the Study of Immigration (Stanford), Trade, Growth and Income Distribution (Barcelona GSE Summer forum).

#### **2013**

SAET conference (Paris), CESifo Economic Studies Conference on Migration (Munich).

#### **2011**

Migration: Economic Change, Social Challenge Conference, UCL (London), X SAET meeting, session organizer (Faro), Universitat de Barcelona (IEB).

#### **2010**

CEPR-LDA workshop on "Illegal Immigration and the effects of immigration on destination countries (Milan), PSPE Conference (London School of Economics and Political Science), Applied Economics workshop (Petrulia Sottana), IZA workshop on "Illegal Immigration", Norface Migration Programme, World Bank and CReAM, Joint Conference - "Migration, Development, and Global Issues".

**2009**

Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association (San Francisco), Erasmus University of Rotterdam, University of Ancona, Public Economic Theory Annual Meeting (Galway), Australian National University, Dublin Political Economy workshop, CESifo workshop on Political Economy.

**2008**

Midwest Meeting of Political Science (Chicago), PSPE Conference "Designing Democratic Institutions (London School of Economics and Political Science), University of Warwick, CESifo workshop on Political Economy.

**2007**

Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association (Chicago), Università degli Studi di Milano, SAET conference (Kos), University of Cambridge.

**2006**

Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association (Boston), Brazilian Econometric Society Meeting (Bahia), STICERD (LSE), University of Birmingham.

**2005**

University of Bristol, University of Warwick, EBRD (London), University of Southern Illinois at Carbondale, Public Economics week-end (Essex), Midwest Economic Theory Meeting (Vanderbilt), Midwest Political Science Meeting (Chicago), Workshop on Heterogeneous Agents and Organizations (CORE), SAET conference (Vigo), Conference on Regulation Competition and Income Distribution: Latin American Experience (Paraty, Brazil).

**2004**

SOAS Economics Seminars (London), Ente per gli Studi Monetari e Bancari L. Einaudi (Rome), Università degli Studi di Ferrara, Latin American Meeting of the Econometric Society (Santiago), University of Sao Paulo, Fundacao Getulio Vargas, APSA meeting (Chicago), Public Economic week-end (Essex), STICERD (LSE).

**2003**

Summer meeting of the North American Econometric Society (Chicago), Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory (Rodhos), Università "La Sapienza" (Rome), Università di Siena, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, STICERD (LSE), Universidad Carlos III (Madrid).

**2001**

Annual Meeting American Economic Association (New Orleans), University of Colorado (Boulder), University of Essex, University of Exeter, University of Oxford, Royal Holloway University of London, SITE Summer Workshop in Political Economy and Public Finance (Stanford).

**2000**

LACEA Meeting (Rio de Janeiro), World Congress of the Econometric Society (Seattle), PET, II (Warwick), Royal Economic Society Conference (St Andrews).

**1997-1998**

EEA/ESEM, (Berlin).

**AWARDS AND HONOURS**

2009: Australian National University visiting fellowship

2001-2002: CNR Grant for research abroad

2003-2004: Royal Economic Society Grant for visiting abroad

1997- 2000: Marie Curie Fellowship Grant, TMR, European Union

1994- 1997: Post-graduate Scholarship from Italian Ministry of Research