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Personal

Born on July 13, 1979.

Italian Citizen.

Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of Minnesota 2009.

M.A. Economics, University of Minnesota, 2006.

B.A. Economics and Commerce 2003.

Current and Past Positions

Economist, International Monetary Fund, Monetary and Capital Markets Department, 2011–present.

Economist, International Monetary Fund, Middle-East and Central Asia Department, Pakistan and Iran desks 2009–2010.

Economist, Bank of Italy 2008–2009.

Research Assistant, Department of Economics, College of Economics and Business, University of Padova 2003.

Research Assistant, Department of Statistics, University of Padova 2003.

Teaching Experience

Instructor, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Taught International Economics and Principles of Macroeconomics (Honors) 2007–2008

Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Led recitation sections for Principles of Microeconomics and Principles of Macroeconomics 2006–2007.

Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, College of Economics and Business, University of Padova. Instructor for undergraduate-level monetary economics and financial markets courses 2003.

Honors and Awards

Bonaldo Stringher Scholarship Winner, Bank of Italy 2004.

Scholarship for the Summer School of Econometrics, Bertinoro (Italy), 2002.

First Place for best economic research paper, awarded by the European Commission, the European Parliament, Ministry of Education, 2001 and 2002.

Papers

"Growth and Crisis, Unavoidable Connection?", IMF Working Paper 10/267 (submission for publication).

"Financial innovation and risk: the role of information", IMF Working Paper 10/266.

"Leadership contestability, monopolistic rents and growth", forthcoming IMF Working paper.

"Subsidy reforms, bailouts and growth" (with D. Guillaume, in progress)

Presentations

Washington University in St. Louis, October 2008; Italian Trade Study Group, November 2008; Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, January 2009; Federal Reserve Bank of New York, January 2009; Federal Reserve Board, February 2009; Bank of Canada, February 2009; LUISS, February 2009; Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance, February 2009; North American Econometrics Society, June 2009; BIS Conference on Systemic Risk, March 2010; Federal Reserve Bank of Saint Louis, April 2010; Midwest Macro Conference, May 2010; Society for Economic Dynamics, August 2010;

Refereed Journals

Research in Economics.

Computer Skills

Basic, Q-Basic, Pascal, MatLab, LaTeX, Gauss, R, Eviews.

Languages

Italian (native), English (fluent), French (basic).