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Personal Information

Birth date: 20 November 1978
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Current Positions:

2011 - Associate Professor (tenured), University of Luxembourg
2018 - Gender officer of the University of Luxembourg

Research Interests:

Primary Fields: Public Economics, International Economics, Microeconomics
Secondary Fields: Environmental Economics and Cultural Economics.

Education:

2008 Ph.D. in Economics, Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium and Università degli Studi di Siena, Italy,
PhD Thesis: "Competition in Successive Markets" Thesis Advisor: Prof. Jean J. Gabszewicz
2005 M.A. in Economics, Università degli Studi di Siena, Italy
2003 B.A. in Economics, University of Lecce, Italy (Summa Cum Laude)

Publications

22. "Tax havens compliance with international standards : a temporal perspective" with Patrice Pierreti & Giuseppe Pulina , 2020. *Review of International Economics*, Wiley Blackwell, vol. 28(1), pages 279-301, February.
21. "A tax competition approach to resource taxation in developing countries" with Arnaud Bourgain, 2020. *Resource Policy*, Volume 65, March 2020, 101519
20. "On the long run sustainability of small jurisdictions", Zanaj, S., Pieretti, P. & Zou, B. , 2020, *Journal of Industrial Business Economics*, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40812-020-00153-y>
19. "Migration: a theoretical comparison on countries' welfare", 2019, with Jean Gabszewicz, *International Journal of Economic Theory*, <https://doi.org/10.1111/ijet.12238>

18. "Green consumption and relative preferences in a vertically differentiated international oligopoly", 2018, with Ornella Tarola and Giulia Ceccantoni, *Ecological Economics*, Volume 149, Pages 129-139
17. "Commodity taxation and regulatory competition", 2018, with Simone Moriconi and Pierre M. Picard, *International Tax and Public Finance*, Pages 1-47.
16. "The cultural transmission of environmental preferences: Evidence from international migration", 2016, with Anastasia Litina and Simone Moriconi, *World Development*, volume 84, Pages 131-148.
15. "Migration, wages and income taxes", 2016, with Ornella Tarola and Jean Gabszewicz, *International Tax and Public Finance*, Vol 23, pp 434-453.
14. "(Un)stable vertical collusive agreements", 2015, with Jean Gabszewicz, *The Canadian Journal of Economics*, Vol 48, pp 924-939.
13. "Asymmetric Competition among Nation States. A differential game approach", 2014, *Journal of Public Economics*, with P. Pieretti, B. Zou, Y. Han, Vol 119, November 2014, Pages 71-79
12. "Mergers in Fiscal federalism" with Marie-Laure Breuillé, 2013, *Journal of Public Economics*, Volume 105, pages 11-22.
11. "Market games in successive markets", 2013, joint with J. Gabszewicz, D. Laussel and T. van Ypersele, *Journal of Public Economic Theory*, 15 (3), 397-410
10. "Financial openness, disclosure and bank risk-taking in MENA countries", 2012, joint with A. Bourgain and P. Pieretti, *Emerging Markets Review*, Volume 13, Issue 3, September 2012, Pages 283--300
9. "Clean technology adoption under Cournot competition", 2012, with Maria-Eugenia Sanin, *Strategic Behavior and the Environment*, Vol. 2: No 2, pp 159-172,
8. "On tax competition, public goods provision and jurisdictions' size", 2011, joint with Patrice Pieretti, *Journal of International Economics*, 84, pp. 124-130
7. "Free entry in successive markets", 2011, joint with Jean Gabszewicz, *International Journal of Economic Theory*, Vol.7, No.2, June.
6. "A note on clean technology adoption and its influence on tradeable emission permit prices", 2011, joint with Maria-Eugenia Sanin, *Environmental & Resource Economics*, European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists, vol. 48(4), pages 561-567, April.
5. "Successive oligopolies and decreasing returns", 2010, *The B.E. Journal of Theoretical Economics*, vol 10.
4. "On uncertainty in successive markets", 2010, joint with Jean Gabszewicz and Ornella Tarola, *Economics Letters*, Volume 106, Issue 2, February, Pages 133-136.
3. "Intégration Financière, attractivité et prise de risque dans les banques de pays émergents", 2010, joint with Patrice Pieretti and Arnaud Bourgain, *Mondes en développement*, 2010/1, n.149.
2. "Upstream Market Foreclosure", joint with Jean Gabszewicz, *Bulletin of Economic Research*, Vol. 60, Issue 1, pp. 13-26, January 2008
1. "A note on successive oligopolies and vertical mergers", joint with Jean Gabszewicz, *Communications & Strategies*, No 68, 4th quarter 2007

Working Papers / Papers submitted in Refereed Journals

1. [Fiscal effects on migrants in Europe: a quantile regression approach](#), with M. Joxhe and Pasquale Scaramozzino, CREA Discussion paper series , 2020-08
2. [Poverty in Russia: The role of marital status and gender](#), with M. Joxhe and Victoria Maleeva, DEM Discussion paper series , 2020-16
3. [Social division in the market: conspicuous consumption with nationalist feelings](#), with O. Tarola, CREA Discussion paper series, 2019-12.
4. [Consumption home bias and ethnocentrism - an international duopoly](#), with O. Tarola and J. Gabszewicz, CREA Discussion paper series, 2019-13
5. [Profit taxation and royalties - evidences from gold mines in Sub-Saharan Africa](#), with A. Bourgain and L. Bertinelli, CREA discussion paper series, 2019-15.
6. "[Health and Pollution in a Vertically Differentiated Duopoly](#)," with Stefano Quarta, 2018. CREA Discussion Paper Series 18-20, Center for Research in Economic Analysis, University of Luxembourg.
7. "[Random encounters and information diffusion about markets](#)," with J. Gabszewicz & Marco MARINI, 2018, [CORE Discussion Papers](#) 2018027, Université catholique de Louvain, Center for Operations Research and Econometrics
8. "[Carbon tax, pollution and spatial location of heterogeneous firms](#)," with Nelly Exbrayat & Stéphane Riou , 2016. Working Papers halshs-01256905, HAL.

Work in Progress

1. "The solution of the immigrant paradox", with Michel Beine and Ana Cecilia Montes
2. "Diversity on the screen", with Anastasia Litina and Manthos Delis
3. "Ethnic diversity and performance: evidence from football data", with Silvia Peracchi and Michel Beine
4. "Poverty in Russia: The role of marital status and gender", with Victoria Maleeva and Majlinda Joxhe
5. "Tax competition with round-tripping", with Giuseppe Pulina
6. "Ethnocentric preferences and the environment: the role of transportation costs", with Ornella Tarola
7. "International environmental agreements in presence of mobile heterogeneous firms", with Victoria Maleeva

Memberships

Member of the Steering Committee on University Surveys, University of Luxembourg, 2019 - present
Chairman of the Gender Equality Committee, University of Luxembourg, 2018 - present
Member of the Scientific Committee for the German-Israeli Fondation for Scientific Research and Development, 2016 - present
Member of Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAAHE), Albania, 2018 - present
Member of the Scientific Committee of Public Economics Theory conferences, 2015 - 2018
Member of the Scientific Committee of UECE Lisbon meetings , 2016 – present
Member of the American Economic association
Member of the European Economic Association
Member of the ZONTA Club Multicultural

Research Grants:

2017-2021

Co-investigator in the PRIDE Minilab project, funding institution FNR Luxembourg (2.000.000 euro)

2015-2016

Principal Investigator for RESCOM Grants, funding institution FNR Luxembourg (16.000 euro)

2016-2017

Principal Investigator for RESCOM Grants, funding institution FNR Luxembourg (18.000 euro)

2017-2018

Principal Investigator for RESCOM Grants, funding institution FNR Luxembourg (20.000 euro)

2018-2021

Principal Investigator for RESCOM Grants, funding institution FNR Luxembourg (78.000 euro)

2013-2016

Principal Investigator in the research project title "Tax Havens and Evasion"; funding of the University of Luxembourg, (45.000 euro)

2011-2012

Principal investigator, AFR Mobility, Project title "Trade and Trust", (18.600 euro)

2005-2008

Marie Curie Fellowship, European Commission, (120.000 euro)

2003-2005

Excellency Scholarship, Ministry of Education, Italy (15.000 euro)

Other Publications

"The welfare impact of immigrants in Luxembourg", 2019, Red Cross Luxembourg Almanach

Immigrazione: un peso oppure una benedizione per i paesi europei?:

<https://www.eticaeconomia.it/immigrazione-un-peso-oppure-una-benedizione-per-i-paesi-europei/>

Quand un paradis fiscal est-il un paradis fiscal? <http://www.land.lu/2011/12/09/quand-un-paradis-fiscal-est-il-un-paradis-fiscal/>

Un siècle d'évasion fiscale: <http://www.laviedesidees.fr/Un-siecle-d-evasion-fiscale.html>

Research Visits

Visiting Professor, Università La Sapienza, Rome, Italy, Planned May 2021

Visiting Professor, Sophia University, Tokyo Japan, April 2017

Visiting Professor, University of Porto, Portugal, April 2015

Visiting Professor, GATE Lyon/Saint Etienne, France, March 2013

Visiting Professor, CORE, Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium, April 2009.

Teaching Experience

University of Bologna

2003-2005

Mathematics for Economists (Bachelor in Economics)

University of Luxembourg

2008-now

Microeconomics II (Bachelor in Economics and Management)

Applied Microeconomics (Bachelor in applied Management)

Mathematics: Linear Algebra (Bachelor in Economics and Management)

Advanced Microeconomics: Game Theory (Master in Economics – Research Track)

Applied General Equilibrium (Master in Economics – Research Track)

Advanced Public Economics (Master in Economics – Research Track- spring semester 2019)

International Public Economics: Topics in Migration (Doctoral School – spring semester 2019)

Departmental and other academic work

Economic Adviser to the office of the Albanian Prime Minister on EU Law Acquis in Albanian Legislation (2015-2016).

Gender Equality Officer of the University of Luxembourg, 2018 onwards

Gender representative of the Department of Economics at FDEF, 2015 – 2018

Gender representative of the Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance- July 2018 onwards

Organizer of the CREA Lunch Seminar series, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

Faculty council member, 2012 onwards

Initiator and responsible for Erasmus + Program for students and staff with East Europe (Russia, Albania)

Director of the Bachelor in Applied Management, University of Luxembourg, 2017-onwards

Elected Participant of the Lindau Nobel Prize Meeting, Lindau, Germany 2009

Conference and Workshop Organization

Local organizer of the “Gender in Economics” workshop, November 12-13, University of Luxembourg

Local organizer of ASREC Europe, Association for the study of Religion, Economics and Culture (June 2018).

Local organizer of the Annual Public Economic Theory conference (2015) (450 participants)

Program Committee Member UECE Lisbon Meetings on Game Theory and Applications

Program Committee member APET conferences

PhD Supervisions and Jury Member

Ms. Victoria Maaleva (Supervisor, U. of Luxembourg). Victoria started her PhD studies in November 2017. She is expected to defend on 2021.

Ms. Ana Montes Vidas (Co-supervisor, U. of Luxembourg) working on Second Generation Migrants performance and assimilation. Ana has started in April 2017.

Ms. Silvia Perracchi (Co-supervisor, U. of Luxembourg) working on Diversity and Performance in Sports. Silvia started her PhD in October 2018.

Mr. Giuseppe Pulina (member of jury and coauthor of one of the PhD chapters). Giuseppe defended successfully in 2016. Giuseppe is a researcher at the Central Bank of Luxembourg.

Ms. Xi Wan (member of the jury, defended on 2016). Xi is now working in the private sector.

Mr. Alessio Moretti (member of jury). Alessio started on September 2017. He works on topics in the labor market with matching.

Ms. Giulia Ceccantoni (Co-supervisor, Università La Sapienza, Italy), defended in October 2017. Giulia now works at the Ministry of Higher Education, Italy

Mr. Stefano Quarta (Co-supervisor, University of Salento, Italy) working on Mixed oligopolies and the level of optimal public investment. Defense, June 2019

Ms. Anne Rodi (jury member, University of Liege, Belgium) working on Public versus Private Education Performance in Albania. Defense September 23rd, 2019.

Presentations and Invited Lectures (only last 5 years)

2019

7-8 March, 4th Belgo-Japanese Conference in Public Economics, CORE, LLN;

21-23 March, "Public Policies and development" workshop, University of Cocody, Cote d'Ivoire; May 23, Seminar Speaker, University of Tirana, Albania.

12-15 June, "Trade and Foreign Direct Investments" workshop, Beijing, China;

20-21, June, 7th Household Finance & Consumption Workshop, Central Bank of Luxembourg; 11-15 July 2019, APET (Association for Public Economic Theory conference), University of Strasbourg, France

2-3 November 2019, UECE Lisbon meetings, Lisbon, Portugal

15-16 November, "Removing Obstacles to Gender Equality and Women's Economic Empowerment" conference, International School of Economics Tbilisi, Georgia.

2018

29-31 January, Conference on Development Public Policies, University of Dchang, Cameroun May 2, Seminar at University of Tirana, Albania

13-17 July, 17th Conference on Research on Economic Theory and Econometrics, University of Athens, Tinos, Greece,

23 September, Invited speaker for Seminar at University College Dublin

2017

8 May, Invited Seminar Speaker at University of Strathclyde, Glasgow (UK), 27 May, Invited Seminar Speaker at University of Rethymnon (Greece),

11 April, Invited Seminar Speaker at University of Sophia, Tokyo (Japan),

2 April, Participant in the International Academic Conference NRU HSE, conference, Moscow, Russia

2016:

6-7 March, 1st Belgo-Japanese Public Finance Workshop, CORE, UCL. 10 May, Invited Seminar Speaker at LMU, Munchen (Germany);

10 July, APET (Public Economics Theory) annual conference, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. 5 November, Invited Seminar Speaker at University of Bologna (Italy)

2 December, Invited Seminar Speaker at University of Lecce (Italy)

2015

31 January, Invited Seminar Speaker Seminar, University of Lille (France)

3-5 July, participant in APET (Public Economics Theory annual conference) Luxembourg. 8 March, Invited

Seminar Speaker : University of Saint-Etienne (France)

5-6 May, Participant at the Workshop on Industrial Organization Advances, University of Bergamo (Italy)

3 November, Invited Seminar Speaker, Central Bank of Netherlands

2014

Conference on research on economic theory and econometrics (Greece); Invited Seminar Speaker in Singapore;
July, Public Economics Theory annual conference (Bloomington, USA) October, St. Petersburg workshop on
Environmental Economics;

2013

June, Public Economics Theory annual conference (Lisbon, Portugal) ; May, Industrial Organization Society
Annual conference, Boston (USA);

June, Public policies and spatial economics Workshop, GATE, (Lyon, France); March, Invited seminar speaker,
FUSL lunch seminar (Saint-Louis, Bruxelles); Canadian Economics Association Conference (Montreal).

Referee for Academic Journals

Canadian Journal of Economics, Economic Inquiry, Economics Letters, International Economic Review, Journal
of International Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Public Economics,
International Tax and Public Finance, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Public Economic
Theory, Oxford Economics Papers, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics.

Community Services

Candidate for municipal councilor

Local Elections in Arlon, Belgium, October 14th, 2018 <https://www.pourvouspassioncommune.be/nos-candidats/skerdi-zanaj/>

Treasurer for the Committee of Parents

Ecole communale du Centre, Arlon, Sept. 2015 onwards <http://centre.ec-arlon.be/le-comite-des-parents/>

Languages

Albanian: Mother tongue

English: Fluent in reading, speech and writing Italian: Fluent in reading, in speech and writing

French: Fluent in speaking and reading, moderate in writing

Spanish: understanding

Portuguese: Understanding