Curriculum Vitae

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Employment

Since 7 / 2008	Economist, Research Department, Dutch Central Bank.
2 / 2008 - 6 / 2008	Research Assistant of Prof. Vega-Redondo, European University Institute.
8 / 2003 – 7 / 2004	Internship and short-term employment at the European Central Bank.
4 / 2003 – 8 / 2003	Internship at the Research Department of the Dutch Central Bank .

Education

9/ 2004 – 12/2008	PhD Economics at the European University Institute , Florence, Italy. Date of defense: December 15 th , 2008.		
9 / 1999 – 8 / 2003	MSc & BSc Economics (with distinction) at the University of Amsterdam.		
9 / 2001 – 8 / 2002	Other: Students' exchange at Universitat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona. Summer University in Chisinau, Moldova, on <i>Transition Economics</i> .		

Teaching experience

Autumn 2007 Teaching Assistant graduate course in Microeconomics.

7 / 2005 English teacher to university students in Beijing, China.

Awards

2007 Young Economist Award, Conference of the European Economic Association, Budapest 2007

2008 Arrow Award for Junior Economists (for the best paper by a junior economist in all of the BE Press Journals).

Nominated as finalist for the 2008 WTO Essay Award.

Publications in refereed journals

"The US Trade Deficit, the Decline of the WTO and the Rise of Regionalism" *BE Press: Global Economy Journal* 8(3), article 4, 2008.

"Testing the Links Between Institutional Integration and Trade Deepening: Clues from Europe," (joint with Francesco Mongelli and Ettore Dorrucci), *Open Economies Review* 18, pp. 599-612, 2007.

"How Did European Institutional Integration and Intra-European Trade Interact?" (joint with Francesco Mongelli and Ettore Dorrucci), *Économie Internationale* 109, pp. 107-147, 2007. Previous working paper versions published in: *Integration & Trade No. 26*, IDB Publication, 2007. And: ECB Occasional Paper No. 40.

Working papers

Financial Stability:

"Regulatory Competition and Bank Risk Taking"

"Monetary Policy and Bank Risk Taking"

"Centralization Versus Decentralization of the Lender of Last Resort"

"Liquidity, Lending Standards and Systemic Risk"

"A Model of Toxic Asset Auctions" (with Wilko Bolt and Falko Fecht)

Other:

"Trade Liberalization, Firm Selection and Variety Growth."

"How Do Heterogeneous Wage Expectations Affect Unemployment?"

"Signalling and Delegation" (with Pascal Courty)

Publications in non-refereed journals

"Economic Integration and Regional Institutional Co-operation in East Asia and Latin America," (joint with Ettore Dorrucci), published as article in *ECB Monthly Bulletin October* 2004, pp. 67-81.

Forecasts of Dutch economic growth in the *Dutch Central Bank Quarterly Bulletin* of December 2008, June 2009 and December 2010.

Short policy papers

"A Proposal for a Crawling Currency Board," 2006

"Why is Unemployment So High Among China's Graduates?" 2006

Additional experience

2005	Fiction stories	published in	leading Dutch literar	y magazine "	De Tweede Ronde"

and Flemish magazine "Kultureel Tijdschrift Ambrozijn".

1996 1st prize at Bobby Fischer Chess Tournament in Zoetermeer, The Netherlands.

Languages Dutch English Hebrew French Italian Spanish German Mandarin

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