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PROFILE:

Experienced PhD candidate in Financial Markets and Institutions at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore – Milan.

SCIENTIFIC INTERESTS:

- Company Valuation; Systemic Risk; Early Warning Systems; Banking Regulation; Financial Stability; Markov Switching Models; Microstructure of Financial Markets;

STUDIES:

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore | Milan | Italy

Class 2014/2015 Ph.D. in Financial Market and Institutions

- **Mathematics I - II - III**; **Econometrics I – II - III**; **Microeconomics I – II - III**; **Research Methods I - II**; **Macroeconomics I – II – III; Corporate Finance II**; **Advanced Probability Theory**;

Second year - Visiting Researcher at Brunel University London (see below); Third year: Thesis researches;

Barcelona Graduate School of Economics | Barcelona | Spain

2014 Summer School in Banking

- **Empirical Banking - Methodological Aspects** – Steven Ongena; **Regulation of Banks and Risk Management** - Robert DeYoung; **Empirical Banking – Applications**; José Luis Peydrò; **Banking Theory** – Xavier Freixas;

University of Trento and Institute for New Economic Thinking| Trento | Italy

2014 CEEL program in Adaptive Economic Dynamics - Trento Summer School – Intensive course in Financial Crises

- Two weeks intensive courses and final research project;

Università degli Studi di Macerata | Macerata | Italy

Class 2010/2011 MSc in Financial Market and Institutions

- Student Representative; Grade: Magna Cum Laude;

Università degli Studi di Macerata | Macerata | Italy

Class 2008/2009 BSc in Economics of Banking, Finance and Insurances

- Student Representative; Grade: 107/110;

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References disponible upon request

VISITING POSITIONS:

Brunel London University | London | United Kingdom
2013-2014 Visiting Researcher
- Markov Switching Models; Macro and Financial Econometrics; Modelling Financial Markets and Forecasting; Early Warning Systems;

Warsaw School of Economics | Warsaw | Poland
2010-2011 Visiting Student – MBA in Finance and Accounting
- Eleven exams scored with average grade: 4.84 / 5;

London School of Economics and Political Sciences | London | United Kingdom
2010 Visiting Student for Researches

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore | Milan | Italy
2012 –2015 Ph.D. in Financial Markets and Institutions

Università degli Studi di Macerata | Macerata | Italy
2012 Research Assistant in Financial Markets and Institutions to Prof. Mauro Marconi

Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs | Italian Embassy in Tirana | Albania
2011 Trainee selected by the Italian Conference of Rectors

Helix s.r.l. Geospatial Technology | Macerata | Italy
2009 – 2010 Researcher

Università degli Studi di Macerata | Macerata | Italy
May 2007 – April 2012 Students' representative in University Board

TRAININGS, WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES AND COURSES:

University of Macerata | Macerata | Italy
2014 Workshop on Alternative Financing for SMEs
- Minibond; Private Equity; Venture capital; Credit Funds, Crowdfunding and Equity Funding;

Bocconi University | Milan | Italy
2014 Structural Changes in the Banking Sector
- Systemic Risk.; Banking; Financial Markets; Financial Regulation and Risk Management;

Unicredit and Universities Foundation and Catholic University | Milan | Italy
2014 Workshop on Banking Crises and the Real Economy

National Bank of Belgium and Catholic University of Louvain | Brussels | Belgium
2014 Markov Switching and Time Varying Parameter Models in Finance by Prof. Alan Timmerman
- Econometrics of regime switching models; Time Varying Parameters Models;

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Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore | Milan | Italy

2013 Executive Experience Suite: Managing People and Organizations during Twitter Era by Prof. Gabriele Carta

- Chiefs, Managers and Collaborators; People development; Driving the Change; Instruments (SWOT, Eisenhower, Boston Consulting Group, Zwicky, SCAMPER, Whitmore matrices etc.);

Warsaw School of Economics | Warsaw | Poland

2010 - 2011 Public Speaking Training by Prof. Jacek Mironski – Warsaw School of Economics

- Controlling the audience; Body language; Voice Control; Presentations; Video Presentation;

Università degli Studi di Macerata | Macerata | Italy

2007 Course of Excellence: "*Private Banking in Europe"* by Prof. Phil Molyneaux – University of Wales Bangor

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SOFTWARE AND PROGRAMMING:

High School diploma in Programming and Accounting;

- **Office**: Excel (VBA), Word, PowerPoint, Access; **Trading platforms and financial information**: Bloomberg, Datastream, Eicon and ThomsonOne**; Tools in Maths and Statistics**: Experience with R, Stata 12, Matlab R2012b, EViews 7, Gretl, Weka, Gambit, Visual Basic 6.0, Microfit 5.0; **Scientific writing**: LaTex;

PROJECTS AND WORKING PAPERS:

- 2014-2015: A measure for bank contribution to systemic risk; With E. Beccalli and R. Cerqueti;
- 2013-2014 Early Warning Systems for Banking Crises: An Investigation through Markov Switching Models; With E. Beccalli, R. Cerqueti and M. Costantini;
- 2011-2012 Efficient Capital Market Hypothesis: A research on the influence of structural micro-factors; With R. Cerqueti and E. O. Lodesani;
- 2009-2010 Genetic Algorithms and Efficient Capital Markets; With R. Castellano and. R. Cerqueti;

ACHIEVMENTS AND AWARDS:

- Scholarship by the Cariplo Foundation for Career Development path, Summer School in Transferable Skills for Researchers and an Advanced Course for People and Organisations Management
- PhD Fellowship from Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore of Milan
- Selected among best students from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs for three months Internship in Tirana
- Erasmus Scholarship at Warsaw School of Economics
- MSc Scholarship from Italian Ministry of Education and Regione Marche
- The only winner of Thesis Researches Scholarship at London School of Economics granted by University of Macerata
- BSc Scholarship from Italian Ministry of Education and Regione Marche

LANGUAGES:

- **Italian**: Mother tongue; **Albanian**: Mother tongue; **English**: Proficient**; French**: Basic; **Polish**: Basic;

AFFILIATIONS:

- Associazione per lo Sviluppo degli Studi di Banca e Borsa (ASSBB); INET: Institute for New Economic Thinking;

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