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Current positions

9/2022- Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia

Research Topic: The Non-linear Effects of Macroeconomic Policies

Supervisor: Mario Forni

6/2022- Ph.D. Trainee, European Central Bank, Fiscal Policies Division

Research Topic: Public Debt Sustainability in Europe

Main Research Interests

Empirical Macroeconomics, Time Series Econometrics, Macroeconomic Policy

Appointments held

4/2020-11/2021 Researcher, LUISS Guido Carli, School of European Political Economy

9/2019-2/2020 Ph.D. Trainee, European Stability Mechanism, Economic and Market Analysis Division

9/2018-8/2019 Research Assistant, LUISS Guido Carli, School of European Political Economy

Education

2017-2022 Ph.D. in Economics (cum laude), LUISS Guido Carli

Dissertation: Essays on Macroeconomic Policy and Household Balance Sheets Thesis Committee: Luca Gambetti, Paolo Santucci de Magistris, Sarah Zubairy

2016-2017 MS.c. in Macroeconomic Policy and Financial Markets, Barcelona School of Economics

2014-2016 MS.c. in Finance, University of Siena 2010-2013 BS.c. in Economics, Sapienza University

Teaching Experience

2023* Lecturer, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia

Statistics for Economics and Finance, Master level (*scheduled)

Teaching Assistant, LUISS Guido Carli

Monetary Economics, Bachelor level

Visiting

Visiting Ph.D. Student, Bocconi University, Department of Economics
Graduate Program, Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance
Erasmus Exchange Student, Durham University Business School

Research

JOB MARKET PAPER

Household Debt, Borrowing Conditions, and the Government Spending Multiplier

Abstract: Although the financial position of households is found to be key for individual consumption responses to fiscal shocks, little is known empirically if household financial conditions are relevant for the spending multiplier. I explore this hypothesis using a historical sample for the U.S., a novel strategy to characterize periods with different borrowing conditions, and instrumenting government purchases with two standard spending shocks in a local projection framework. I find the spending multiplier above unity only when the economy is characterized by a larger share of households facing tighter borrowing conditions, with consumption and investment being the main drivers. The sizable impact consumption response can be explained in connection to a positive effect on labor demand, signaled by a tighter labor market. The findings hold when changing the shock identification scheme, the model specification, the sample period, and the calibration of the state variable.

WORKING PAPERS

Monetary Policy, Asset Prices, and the Wealth Distribution (with Giacomo Rella) Fiscal Consolidation, Labor Market, and Income Inequality

Policy Work

2019

2019-2021

Analisi Ricognitiva dei Sistemi di Welfare Europei e Impatto dell'Innovazione Tecnologica, Report INAPP-LUISS School of European Political Economy.

2019-2020 Monthly Report (Economic Scenario), LUISS School of Government.

Mini-Bot: Ingenuity or Ignorance", LUISS SEP Policy Brief (coverage: BSE Voice)

Seminars and Conference Presentations

Inaugural III/LIS Comparative Economic Inequality Conference (LSE)^T, 2nd Sailing Macro Workshop (Ventotene), XXXIV Italian Society of Public Economics Annual Conference 2022 (University of L'Aquila)*, European Central Bank, Inequality in Rome Seminar Series (Rome Tre University)*, 9th Ghent University Workshop on Empirical Macroeconomics, 29th Annual SNDE Symposium, INFER Webinar Series.

Luiss Guido Carli, 11th RCEA Money, Macro and Finance Conference (University of Milan-Bicocca), 52nd Annual Conference of the Money, Macro and Finance Society (Cambridge University), 23rd

INFER Annual Conference (Lisbon), SasCa 2021 PhD Conference in Economics (Alghero). (* presentations by co-authors) († scheduled)

Skills

Computer: Matlab, Stata, MS Office, LATEX, Haver DLX

Languages: Italian (native), English (fluent), Spanish (intermediate), French (basic)

Grants

2017-2022 LUISS Guido Carli Ph.D. Scholarship

2016 Erasmus+ Mobility Programme, Scholarship

Additional Education

European Central Bank

Heterogeneous-Agent Macro in Sequence Space, lecturer: *Bence Bardòczy*Time Series Methods for Macroeconomic Analysis, lecturer: *Luca Gambetti*

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Applied Macroeconometrics, lecturer: Giorgio Primiceri

EABCN Training School

Business Cycle Measurement and Facts, lecturer: James Morley

2020 Fiscal Policy: Estimating Causal Evidence and Positive Theory, lecturer: Morten Ravn

Heterogeneous-Agent Models and Markov Switching Models, lecturers: Wouter den Haan and Pon-

tus Rendahl

Barcelona School of Economics

2018 Macroeconometrics Summer School

2015 Banking Summer School