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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, University of York, UK, thesis defense July 1<sup>st</sup> 2009.  
Dissertation Title: *Essays on the Public Provision of Private Goods under Asymmetric Information*.  
Thesis Advisory Group: Peter Simmons, Andrew Jones and John Bone.

Dottorato Economics, Università Statale di Milano, Italy, Sept.2002 - Jan.2006.  
Dissertation Title: *On the Public Provision of Private Goods: Existence and Desirability of a Mixed System of Provision*. Main advisor: Massimo Florio. Grade: Excellent, Ranked first in the program.

M.Sc. Public Economics, University of York, UK, 2001-2002. Ranked first in the program.

B.A. Political Science (*with distinction*), Università Statale di Milano, Italy 1999/2000.

## RECENT POSITIONS

January 2017- current: Assistant Professor in Economics, Economics Group, King's Business School, King's College London, UK.

Sept.2012-Dec.2017: Assistant Professor, Faculty of Economics and Business, Department of Strategy (SGS) and Institute of Health Economics and Management (IEMS), University of Lausanne, Switzerland.

Sept.2012-Sept. 2013: Harkness Fellow, Health Care Policy Department, Harvard University, Boston, USA, Mentor: Prof. Joseph Newhouse.

January 2012: Visitor at Economics Department Boston University, Boston, USA.

January 2011: Visitor at Department of Policy Analysis and Public Management, Bocconi University, Milan, Italy.

Sept.2009-2012: Assistant Professor, Faculty of Economics and Business, Department of Economics (DEEP), and Institute of Health Economics and Management (IEMS), University of Lausanne, Switzerland.

Sept.2008-August 2009: Max Weber Fellow, European University Institute, Florence, Italy.

Sept.2006-Aug.2008: Visiting Assistant Professor, University Carlos III in Madrid, Spain.

Feb.2006-Dec.2007: Fulbright Visiting Scholar and Lecturer, Boston University, Boston, USA.

**FIELDS OF INTEREST**

Applied Microeconomics, Public Economics, Health Economics, Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Organization Economics.

**PAPERS IN REFEREED JOURNALS**

“Digital Anti-Anxiety Treatment and Cognitive Performance: *European Economic Review*, Vol. 132, 103636, (with Elisa Cavatorta and Mark Lambiris).

“Thinking about and deciding to be an organ donor: An experimental analysis,” *Social Science & Medicine*, Vol. 265, 2020, 113504, ISSN 0277-9536, (with Justin Buffat, and Lorenz Goette).

“Information Acquisition, Referrals and Organizations”, *The RAND Journal of Economics*, Vol. 47, 4, 953-96, Winter 2016 (with Ching-to Albert Ma).

“Public Sector Rationing and Private Sector Selection,” *Journal of Public Economic Theory*, Vol. 14, 1-34, 2012 (with Ching-to Albert Ma).

"Optimal Public Rationing and Price Response," *Journal of Health Economics*, Vol. 30, 1197-1206, 2011 (with Ching-to Albert Ma).

“Subsidy Design and Asymmetric Information: Wealth versus Benefits,” *Journal of Economics*, Vol. 101, 2010 (Ching-to Albert Ma).

**WORKS IN PROGRESS**

“Overconfidence and Competition”, (with Stefanie Brilon, Manuel Grieder and Jonathan Schulz), in preparation.

“Welfare state, immigration policy, and political parties formation”, (with Chiara Canta).

**OTHER PAPERS**

“Health Insurance Subsidies Reduce Mortality Among Low- and Moderate-Income”, (with Martin Andersen and Mark Dusheiko). 2019. Manuscript

“Public and Private Provision under Asymmetric Information: Ability to Pay and Willingness to Pay,” 2010

“Regulation and Consumers’ Satisfaction from Public Services: an Individual Fixed Effect Approach,” (with Riccardo Puglisi), Università degli Studi di Milano DEAS Working Paper June 2008.

“On the Characteristics of a Mixed System of Provision of a Private Good. An Application to Health Care,” Università degli Studi di Milano DEAS Working Paper April 2006.

**RESEARCH GRANT**

“15th European Health Economics Workshop”, February 2014, SNF Scientific Congress. Applicant: Simona Grassi.

“The Effect of Subsidies in the Swiss Health Insurance Market”, 30000CHF , SASH (Service des assurances sociales et de l'hébergement, Canton de Vaud), June 2013. Principal investigator: Simona Grassi.

“Active Cognition and Organ Donations”, 373824 CHF, Swiss National Science Foundation, July 2011. Principal investigator: Lorenz Goette. Other applicant: Simona Grassi.

“International Doctoral Courses in Health Economics and Policy”, teaching module, 205'760CHF, Swiss National Science Foundation, July 2011. Principal investigator, Jürgen Maurer. Other applicants: Jayalakshmi Krishnakumar, Stefan Felder, Luca Crivelli, France Weaver, Alberto Holly, Simona Grassi, Massimo Filippini.

## REFEREE EXPERIENCE

*American Economic Review, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Management Science, Health Economics, Journal of Health Economics, The Economic Journal, Journal of Development Economics, Labour Economics, Journal of Economics, International Journal of Health Care Finance and Economics, The B.E. Journals in Economic Analysis & Policy, European Economic Review.*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Intermediate Microeconomics, second year bachelor, King's College London. Current.  
 Public Economics and Public Policy, third year bachelor, King's College London. Current.  
 Intermediate Microeconomics, Boston University and King's College London.  
 Game Theory for Strategy, MSc Management, UNIL, Lausanne.  
 Healthcare Landscape, Executive-MBA, UNIL, Lausanne. Sept. 2014.  
 Health Economics, M.Sc. Economics, UNIL, Lausanne.  
 Public Finance, M.Sc. Economics, UNIL, Lausanne.  
 World Economics and Public Economics, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain.  
 Teaching Fellow, Tutorials in Microeconomics, Department of Economics, University of York.

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Harkness Fellow in Health Care Policy and Practice, Health Care Policy Department, Harvard Medical School, Harvard University, 2012-2013. Awarded by the Commonwealth Fund, New York, USA. \$110000.

Max Weber Fellowship, European University Institute, 2008-2009.

Fulbright Scholarship, Fulbright Commission Italy, Boston University, Feb.2006-Dec.2007.

Università degli Studi di Milano, Italy, Borsa di Studio Dottorato in Scienze Economiche, Sept.2002-Sept.2005.

Università degli Studi di Milano, Italy, Borsa di Studio di Perfezionamento all'Estero, Sept.2001-Sept.2002.

## CONFERENCES AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, "Policy Evaluation in Health", Barcelona, June 2019  
 Toulouse Business School, Economic Seminar, March 2019  
 ASFEE, Nice, June 2018  
 IMEBESS, European University Institute, May 2018  
 European University Institute, Fall 2017  
 American-European Health Study Group, Oxford, July 2017

EEA meeting Geneva, August 2016  
 Journées d'Economie Publique Louis-André Gérard-Varet Marseille, June 2016  
 University of Oxford, November 2015  
 European University Institute, Florence, September 2014  
 European Economic Association meeting, Toulouse, August 2014  
 University of Lugano, Lugano, Switzerland, May 2014  
 MIT-Harvard-Boston University Seminar in Health Economics, April 2014  
 Indiana University, Indiana, USA, January 2014  
 PhD-Seminar on Health Economics and Policy, Grindelwald, Switzerland, January 2014  
 University of Lausanne, Strategy Department Seminar, Lausanne, Switzerland, November 2013  
 University of Lausanne, DEEP-IEMS Health Labor Seminar, Lausanne, Switzerland, November 2013  
 NHH, Norwegian School of Economics, Seminars in Industrial Organization, Bergen, Norway, October 2013  
 Boston University, Boston, USA, July 2013  
 Commonwealth Fund, Final Harkness Fellows Report Seminar, New York, USA, June 2013  
 University of Lausanne, IEMS Internal Seminar, Lausanne, Switzerland, September 2012  
 Journées d'Economie Publique Louis-André Gérard-Varet, Marseille, France, June 2011  
 12<sup>TH</sup> European Health Economics Workshop, Brescia University, Italy, March 2011  
 PhD-Seminar on Health Economics and Policy, Grindelwald, Switzerland, February 2011  
 Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Portugal, Handbook of Health Economics – Volume 2, Authors' Conference, Portugal, November, 2010  
 University of Lausanne, Switzerland, Health-Labor Seminar, May 2010  
 11<sup>TH</sup> European Health Economics Workshop, Lund University, Sweden, May 2010  
 PhD-Seminar on Health Economics and Policy, Crans-Montana, Switzerland, February 2010  
 Conference: The Role of Incentives, Information and the Private Sector in the Delivery of Public Services, ECARES, Université Libre de Bruxelles and CEPR, Belgium, December 2009  
 University of Lausanne, Switzerland, Health-Labor Seminar, November 2009  
 Università degli Studi di Milano, Milano Italy, October 2009  
 University of Bonn, Germany, April 2009  
 Università di Brescia, Italy, March 2009  
 University of Lausanne, Switzerland, March 2009  
 Università di Sassari, Italy, February 2009  
 Institut d'Anàlisi Econòmica –CSIC- Barcelona, January 2009  
 European University Institute, Florence Italy, October 2008  
 Università di Bologna, Italy, June 2008  
 9th European Health Economic Workshop, Bergen, Norway, May 2008  
 University Carlos III de Madrid, Spain, April 2008  
 Boston University, Boston, December 2007  
 University of Salerno, Italy, January 2008  
 Conference on Health Economics and the Pharmaceutical Industry, IDEI Toulouse, France, January 2008  
 North American Summer Meetings of the Econometric Society Meeting, Duke University, Durham NC, June 2007  
 Rutgers-The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick NJ, April 2007  
 Boston College, Boston, April 2007  
 Institut d'Economie et Management de la Santé – IEMS, Université de Lausanne, Switzerland, January 2007  
 Boston University, Boston MA, December 2006  
 Università degli Studi di Milano, Milano Italy, September 2005  
 University of York, York UK, May 2005  
 Discussant at the Conference “The Banff International Workshop on Health Care Financing” Banff Canada, September 2006

## OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Deputy director, Economics & Management Program (Fall 2019), Organizer of Seminar Series in Economics (2017-2019) King's College London.

Organizer of 15<sup>th</sup> Health Economics Workshop, 27-28 June 2014, Lausanne.

Organizer of Seminar Series in Health and Labor Economics, IEMS-DEEP, University of Lausanne. 2009-2016.

Supervision of students. Ph.D.: Mona Baracke, Mark Lambiris, Justin Buffat, Kateryna Chepinoga; M.Sc.: Justin Buffat, Ieva Serksnyte, Vaso Gazivoda, David Favre, Ting Zangh, Francesco di Stefano, Parastoo

Alizadehalinodehi, Steven Mbikayi-Kadima, Seide Isamadyrova. In 2013/2014: Victor Andrade, Marpessa

Arnoud, Ileana Vilcu, Romain Oguey, Louis Benoiston, Lucas Bosonnet. In 2014/2015 requests from MScEcon:

Vera Zabrodina, Filip Popovic, Juliana Serje, Ting Ma, Raphael Wiesner; MScManagement: Francesco Meli,

Julien Roulao, Nina Caluori, Jordan Guillaume.

## REFERENCES:

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