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Education

PhD, Economics, University of California, Berkeley CA, Dec. 1994.
BA, *summa cum laude*, Economics and International Relations,
The American University, Washington DC, Aug. 1986.
Minors in Russian language and Soviet Studies.

Academic Employment

- 2008 – present: Associate professor of economics, Fellow and tutor in economics, Pembroke College, University of Oxford.
- 1999 – 2008: Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.
- 1996 – 1999: Lecturer, Departments of Economics and Economic & Social History, University of Glasgow.
- 1994 – 1996: *Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter*; Seminar für Wirtschaftsgeschichte, Ludwig-Maximilians Universität, Munich, Germany.
- 1989 – 1994: Graduate student instructor, Graduate student researcher; Dept. of Economics, Dept. of Public Policy, University of California - Berkeley.

Visiting Positions

- 2022: Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa (March-May)
- 2006: Dept. of Economics and Institutions, University of Rome Tor Vergata (January-July)

Publications

Journal Articles

- “Internal Borders and Population Geography in the Unification of Italy,” *Journal of Economic History*, vol. 83, no. 3 (2023). With Valeria Rueda.
- “Age Heaping and its Discontents: A Response to Baten, Benati, and Ferber,” *Economic History Review*, vol. 75, no. 3 (2022), pp. 972-980. With Alessandro Nuvolari and Alexia Delfino.
- “Rethinking Age Heaping: A Cautionary Tale from XIX Century Italy,” *Economic History Review*, vol. 75, no. 1 (February 2022), pp. 111-137. With Alessandro Nuvolari and Alexia Delfino.

- “Literacy in the Italian Census of 1911: Disaggregating the Data,” *Rivista di storia economica*, vol. 37, no. 1 (April 2021), pp. 63-90. With Carlo Ciccarelli.
- “Clarifications of a Puzzle: The Decline in Nutritional Status at the Onset of Modern Economic Growth in the U.S.A.,” *Journal of Economic History*, vol. 79, no. 4 (Dec. 2019), pp. 1129-53. With John Komlos.
- “The Hidden Negative Aspects of Industrialization at the Onset of Modern Economic Growth in the U.S.,” *Structural Change and Economic Dynamics*, vol. 41 (June 2017), pp. 43-52. With John Komlos.
- “On Historical Household Budgets,” *Rivista di storia economica*, vol. 32 no. 2 (August 2016), pp. 137-76. With Nicola Amendola and Giovanni Vecchi.
- “Quantifying Quantitative Literacy: Age Heaping and the History of Human Capital,” *Journal of Economic History*, vol. 69, no. 4 (2009). With Jörg Baten and Dorothee Crayen.
- “Height and the Normal Distribution: Evidence from Italian Military Data,” *Demography*, vol. 46, no. 1 (2009). With Franco Peracchi and Giovanni Vecchi.
- “Russian Living Standards Under the Tsars: Anthropometric Evidence from the Volga,” *Journal of Economic History*, vol. 68, no. 3 (2008), pp. 900-929. With Boris Mironov.
- “Remapping Italy’s Path to the 19th Century: Anthropometric Signposts,” *Journal of European Economic History*, vol. 35, no. 2 (2006), pp. 349-392.
- “Finance-led Divergence in the Regions of Italy,” *Financial History Review*, vol. 12, no. 1 (2005), pp. 7-41.
- “A Restricted Maximum Likelihood Estimator for Historical Height Samples,” *Economics and Human Biology*, vol. 2, no. 1 (March 2004), pp. 5-19.
- “Il benessere dell’Italia settentrionale nel secolo e mezzo precedente l’unità,” *Rivista di Storia Economica*, vol. 19, no. 3 (December 2003), pp. 297-314.
- “Anthropometric Evidence on Living Standards in Northern Italy, 1730-1860,” *Journal of Economic History*, vol. 63, no. 2 (June 2003), pp. 351-381.
- “More International Evidence on the Historical Properties of Business Cycles,” *Journal of Monetary Economics*, vol. 47 (2001), pp 321-346, with U. Woitek.
- “Could Southern Italians Cooperate? *Banche Popolari* in the *Mezzogiorno*,” *Journal of Economic History*, vol. 60, no. 1 (March 2000). pp 67-93.
- “Institutions, Externalities, and Economic Growth in Southern Italy: Evidence from the Cotton Textile Industry, 1861-1914,” *Economic History Review*, vol. 51, no. 4 (November 1998). pp 734-762.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

- “The Economy in Leonardo da Vinci’s Time,” in *Leonardo. Il corpo dell’uomo*, Maurizio Brunori, ed. (Rome: Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, 2019). With Stefano Chianese and Giovanni Vecchi.
- “The Anthropometric History of the Mediterranean World,” Ch. 38 in *The Oxford Handbook of Economics and Human Biology*, J. Komlos and I. Kelly, eds. (Oxford: OUP, 2016), pp. 765-96.
- “Education,” Ch. 5; “Height,” Ch. 2, in *Measuring Wellbeing. A History of Italian Living Standards*, G. Vecchi, ed. (New York: OUP, 2017). Written with G. Vecchi; these are substantially expanded and revised versions of the Italian language chapters cited below.

- “The British industrial revolution in a European mirror,” Ch. 1 in *The Cambridge Economic History of Modern Britain*, R. Floud, J. Humphries and P. Johnson, eds. (Cambridge: CUP, 2014), vol. 1 pp. 1-52.
- “Regional Disparities: Internal Geography and External Trade,” Ch. 21 in *Oxford Handbook of the Italian Economy, 1861-2011*, G. Toniolo, ed. (Oxford: OUP, 2012). With A. Venables.
- “Statura,” Ch. 2; “Istruzione,” Ch. 5 in *In Ricchezza e povertà. Il benessere degli italiani dall’Unità a oggi*, G. Vecchi, ed. (Bologna: Il Mulino, 2011). With G. Vecchi.
- “The Antebellum Puzzle Revisited: A New Look at the Physical Stature of Union Army Recruits during the Civil War,” in *Studies on the Biological Standard of Living in Comparative Perspective*, J. Komlos and J. Baten, eds. (Stuttgart: Franz Steiner Verlag, 1998) pp. 250-267.

Journal issues edited, book reviews, comments, translations, etc.

- “The Italian Economy under Fascism,” *Rivista di storia economica*, vol. 36 no. 3 (December 2020), pp. 247-52. With Giacomo Gabbuti; introduction to a co-edited special issue.
- “Looking Backward, Moving Forward,” *Rivista di storia economica*, vol. 32 no. 1 (April 2016), pp. 3-16. With Giovanni Federico, Alessandro Nuvolari, and Giovanni Vecchi; editorial relaunching the journal.
- “Comments on Accominotti, Koudjiss, and Zeitz,” *Journal of Economic History*, vol. 72, no. 2 (2012), pp. 493-97. (Report on the finalists for EHA Gerschenkron Prize.)
- “The Reinterpretation of Italian Economic History, by Stefano Fenoaltea,” *Journal of Economic History*, vol. 72 no. 4 (Dec. 2012), pp. 1104-6; online with EH.net, 12 July 2012.
- “Historical anthropometrics: goals, biological foundations, methodology,” Ch. 2 in *The Standard of Living and Revolutions in Russia, 1700-1917*, by Boris Mironov (London: Routledge, 2012), pp. 17-45. My translation from the Russian.
- “Von der Autarkie zum Wirtschaftswunder: Wirtschaftspolitik und industrieller Wandel in Italien 1935-1963, by Rolf Petri,” *Journal of Economic History*, v. 63, no. 1 (March 2003), pp. 261-62.
- “The Growth of the Italian Economy 1820-1960, by Jon Cohen and Giovanni Federico,” EH.net, Sept. 2002.
- “*Italian Industrialists from Liberalism to Fascism*, by Franklin Adler,” *Journal of Economic History*, v. 57 n. 4 (Dec. 1997), pp. 736-38.

Awards and External Grants

- 2023 “Economic growth, inequality and poverty in the long run: Italy, 1861-2021”, Italian Ministry of Universities and Research grant MUR PE00000018, €620,000. Associate co-principal-investigator with G. Vecchi (PI), N. Amendola, G. Mancini, and F. Belotti, all Università di Roma Tor Vergata.

- 2015 “Living Standards, Inequality, and Poverty around the World, 1815-2015: A New Household Budget Approach,” Institute for New Economic Thinking grant INO15-00026: \$130,000, with co-investigators G. Vecchi (PI) and N. Amendola.
- 2015 British Academy Serena Medal for contributions to the study of the Italian economy.
- 2005 Italian Fulbright Commission senior researcher grant no. 5318, awarded to support visiting the University of Rome “Tor Vergata,” Department of Economics and Institutions, during the 2005-06 academic year.
- 2003 National Endowment for the Humanities summer seminar fellowship, American Academy of Rome.
- 1999 T.S. Ashton Prize for the best article submitted to the *Economic History Review* by a scholar under 35 during the biennium 1998-99.

Research Interests

Economic growth in Europe, particularly Italy: institutions and political economy; human capital and education; technological change; banking; the economy of cities and economic geography; anthropometrics; living standards, poverty, and inequality.

Current projects:

“Economic growth, inequality and poverty in the long run: Italy, 1861-2021”

“Mobility of the Innocents: the social mobility of Italian foundlings and their descendants”, with Giacomo Gabbuti and Giuliana Freschi

“Aristocracy and Inequality in Italy, 1861-1931” (2020 *Oxford Economic and Social History Working Paper*) with Stefano Chianese and Giovanni Vecchi.

Oxford Teaching Experience

Undergraduate tutorials and examining:

Prelims Micro- and Macroeconomics; Core Micro- and Macroeconomics; British Economic History since 1870; Development of the World Economy since 1800; Economics of Developing Countries; Labour Economics; Industrialization in Britain and France 1750-1870; Approaches to History; dissertation supervision (17); prelims examiner for economics 2008-11.

Undergraduate lecturing:

Approaches to History – Economics; Industrialization in Britain and France 1750-1870 (History first year optional subject).

Undergraduate administration:

Chairman, Standing Committee for the Joint School of History & Economics, 2012-15; organising tutor for economics at Pembroke 2011-19; Pembroke admissions for PPE, E&M, and History & Economics, 2008-present.

Undergraduate access

Lectures on inequality, UNIQ summer schools, 2013-15.

Graduate lecturing:

Economic History 1 (joint Economics / ESH option); Italy since 1800 - Development in a Peripheral Economy (ESH option); occasional contributions to What Happened and Why (ESH master's core course).

Graduate supervision and examining:

Economic and social history (ESH) programme board of examiners, 2013-15; ESH MSc and MPhil dissertation supervision (21); Economics MPhil dissertation supervision (4); transfer of status interviews (4); doctoral theses examined (Oxford, LSE, Carlos III Madrid, Tor Vergata Rome); economics (1) and economic history (4) DPhil dissertations supervised.

Other Professional Activities

External examiner, LSE economic history programme, 2020-23.

Editorial board, *Rivista di storia economica*, 2015-present.

Regular referee for *Journal of Economic History*, *Economic History Review*, *Explorations in Economic History*, *European Review of Economic History*.

Occasional referee for *Annals of the Fondazione Luigi Einaudi*, *Bulletin of Economic Research*, *Cliometrica*, *Financial History Review*, *Historical Methods*, *History of Education*, *Journal of Bioeconomics*, *Journal of Historical Geography*, *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*, *Journal of International Economics*, *Labour*, *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, *Oxford Economic Papers*, *Population Studies*, *Revista de Historia Economica*, *Scottish Journal of Political Economy*, *Vierteljahresheft für Wirtschaftsgeschichte*.

Referee for the Italian Ministry of Universities and Research Projects of National Importance (PRIN) grant proposals, 2022.

Comitato Scientifico (Academic Steering Committee) and instructor, Collegio della Sapienza, Perugia Italy, 2019-23.

Judge for the Economic History Association Gerschenkron Prize for the best dissertation, 2011.

College duties, non-teaching

- Governing Body, 2008-present
- Finance and Planning Committee, 2018-present
- Geoffrey Arthur Building redevelopment steering committee, 2021-23
- Tutors Committee (academic discipline), 2009-present

- Dean (student discipline), 2014-15
- Domestic and Buildings Committee, 2009-2015
- Appointment committees for economics posts joint with Blavatnik School and Department of International Development
- Admissions organising tutor for PPE, E&M, and Heco

Working languages

Italian and German (reasonably fluent), French and Russian (weaker).