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Curriculum Vitae

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date and place of birth: 26-03-1975 Milano (Italy)
Gender: Male
Citizenship: Italian
Civil status: Married, three children

OFFICE ADDRESS

Dipartimento di Scienze Economiche
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CURRENT POSITION (December 2021 – today)

Università degli Studi di Verona (Verona, Italy)
Full Professor.

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

External Researcher, DONDENA, Università Commerciale L. Bocconi (Milano, Italy).
Corresponding member, IRES, Université catholique de Louvain (Louvain la Neuve, Belgium).

PAST POSITIONS

November 2014 - December 2021
Università degli Studi di Verona (Verona, Italy)
Associate Professor

October 2008 – October 2014
Università degli Studi di Verona (Verona, Italy)
Assistant Professor (Ricercatore).

October 2005 – September 2008
Università Commerciale L. Bocconi (Milano, Italy)
Post-doctoral fellow (assegnista di ricerca).

EDUCATION

September 2008, Université catholique de Louvain (Louvain la Neuve, Belgium)
Phd in Economics.

Title of the dissertation: “Essays on pension systems, inequality, human capital and growth”.

Supervisor : David De la Croix.

Other members of the thesis committee: Jean Hindriks, Henri Sneessens, Freddy Heylen, Morten Ravn.

March 2005, Università degli Studi di Pavia (Pavia, Italy)
Phd in Public Finance.

Title of the dissertation: “Pension systems and labor supply”.

Supervisor: Alessandra Casarico.

Members of the thesis committee: Giuseppe Bognetti, Michele Trimarchi, Carlo Mazzaferro.

September 2003, Université catholique de Louvain (Louvain la Neuve, Belgium)
Master of Arts in Economics (great distinction).

April 2000, Università Commerciale L. Bocconi (Milano, Italy)

Laurea (BA) in Economic and social sciences (Des) (summa cum laude).

Title of the dissertation: “Sistemi pensionistici ed investimento in capitale umano: un’analisi teorica”
 (“Pension systems and investment in human capital: a theoretical analysis”).

Supervisor: Roberto Artoni.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Public economics; demographic economics; quantitative macroeconomics; economic growth.

PUBLICATIONS

• Articles in **Peer-reviewed Journals**

1. Balbo N., Casarico A., Sommacal A., Altintas E. (2024), “Heterogeneity in parental time with children: trends by gender and education between 1961 and 2012 across 20 countries”, *European Sociological Review*, 786–801.
2. Sommacal A. (2023), “Should Italy switch to a flat tax? An assessment based on a heterogeneous agents OLG model”, *European Journal of Political Economy*, 80, 1-26.
3. Pensieroso L., Sommacal A., Spolverini G. (2023), “Intergenerational coresidence and the Covid-19 pandemic in the United States”, *Economics and Human Biology*, 49, 1-14.
4. Pensieroso L. and Sommacal A. (2019) “Agriculture to Industry: the End of Intergenerational Coresidence”, *Review of Economic Dynamics*, 34, 87-102.
5. Casarico A. and Sommacal A. (2018) “Taxation and parental time allocation under different assumptions on altruism”, *International Tax and Public Finance*, 1, 140-165.
6. Bucciol A., Cavalli L., Fedotenkov I., Pertile P., Polin V., Sartor N., Sommacal A. (2017), “A large scale OLG model for the analysis of the redistributive effects of policy reforms”, *European Journal of Political Economy*, 48, 104-127.
7. Bucciol A., Cavalli L., Pertile P., Polin V., Sommacal A. (2016), “Redistribution at the Local Level: The Case of Public Childcare in Italy”, *International Review of Economics*, 63, 359-378.
8. Casarico A., Micheletto L. and Sommacal A. (2015), "Intergenerational transmission of skills during childhood and optimal public policy", *Journal of Population Economics*, 28, 353-372.
9. Pensieroso L., and Sommacal A. (2014), “Economic development and family structure: from pater familias to the nuclear Family”, *European Economic Review*, 71,80-100.
10. Casarico A. and Sommacal A. (2012) “Labour income taxation, human capital and growth: the role of child care”, *The Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, 114, 1182–1207.
11. Fiorio C. and Sommacal A. (2011), “Identification of labour tax reforms in Europe”, *Rivista di Diritto Finanziario e Scienza delle Finanze*, LXX, 3, I, 363-379.
12. de la Croix D. and Sommacal A (2009), “A theory of medical effectiveness, differential mortality, income inequality and growth for pre-industrial England”, *Mathematical Population Studies*, 16, 1-34.
13. Sommacal A. (2006), “Pension systems and intragenerational redistribution when labor supply is endogenous”, *Oxford Economic Papers*, 58, 379–406.

• Chapters in **International Books**

14. Sommacal A. (2004), “Ireland”, in Bernardi L. and Profeta P. (eds.), 2004, *Tax System and Tax Reforms in Europe*, Routledge, London”.

• Other publications **(in Italian)**

15. Cipriani G.P. and Sommacal A. (2022), “Demografia e Pensioni” in AA.VV. *Efficienza e sostenibilità dell'intervento pubblico*, Società editrice il Mulino , 2012, pp. 125-150.
16. Marano A., Profeta P., Sommacal A., “Il sistema pensionistico: dall'assicurazione sociale all'individualizzazione” , in AA.VV. *Economia pubblica e istituzioni: scritti di e per Roberto Artoni*, Società editrice il Mulino , 2012 , pp. 37-51.
17. Casarico A. and Sommacal A. (2007), “Pensioni e Previdenza”, in *Personal manager*, Università Bocconi editore.

WORKING PAPERS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

1. Prete V., Sommacal A., Zoli C. (2026) "Optimal Non-Welfarist Income Taxation for Inequality and Polarization Reduction", mimeo. (Old version: Working Papers 23/2016, University of Verona, Department of Economics).
2. Pensieroso L., Sommacal A., Spolverini, G. (2025), "Fertility and Family Type in the United States: a Historical Analysis", Working Papers 08/2025, University of Verona, Department of Economics.
3. Buccioli A., Cavalli L., Dalla Chiara E., Menon M., Pertile P., Polin V, Sommacal A. (2014) "L'ISEE in Italia: Una Nota Metodologica Partendo dai Dati IT-SILC," Working Papers 06/2014, University of Verona, Department of Economics.

SUPERVISION OF PHD THESIS

Francesco Pascucci, 2017-2021, Università degli Studi di Verona (joint with Université Catholique de Louvain)

EXAMINATION OF PHD THESIS

Université catholique de Louvain, July 2024

Member of the Phd thesis committee of Gaia Spolverini; title of the thesis:

"Topics on Culture and Family Economics".

Università degli Studi di Verona (joint with Université catholique de Louvain), December 2021

Member of the Phd thesis committee and supervisor of Francesco Pascucci; title of the thesis:

"Essays on Macroeconomics with Heterogeneity".

Università degli Studi di Verona, May 2020

Member of the Phd thesis committee of Davide Bernardi ("Cyrenaic Economic Evolution during fascist period") and Martina Manfré ("Financial Education and Households' Economic Decisions").

University of Ghent, Belgium, April 2013

Member of the Phd thesis committee of Renaat Van de Kerckhove; title of the thesis:

"Public policy, employment and growth in open economies".

Università Cattolica di Milano (Graduate School in Public Economics, DEFAP), Italy, May 2012

Member of the Phd thesis committee of Xue Wen; title of the thesis:

"Social security in a two-country model with myopic agents".

SUPERVISION OF POST-DOC RESEARCHERS

Laura Cavalli, May 2011-April 2014, Università degli Studi di Verona.

Igor Fedotenkov, May 2012-April 2014, Università degli Studi di Verona.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

At Università degli studi di Verona

2008- Today, Università degli studi di Verona (Verona, Italy)

Public Economics (graduate and undergraduate).

2022/2023 Università degli studi di Verona (Verona, Italy)

International Taxation

2014/2015-2015/2016 Università degli studi di Verona (Verona, Italy)

Lecturer: International Project Financing and Evaluation

2012/2013, Università degli studi di Verona (Verona, Italy)
Lecturer: Demographic Economics (Phd in Economics and Finance)

Former teaching experience

October 2005 – September 2008, Università Commerciale L. Bocconi (Milano, Italy)
Public Economics

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Referee for: Oxford Economic Papers; International Review of Economics; Review of Income and Wealth; Mathematical Social Sciences; Metroeconomica; European Economic Review; Southern Economic Journal; Journal of Public Economics; Journal of Public Economic Theory; International Tax and Public Finance; Macroeconomic Dynamics; Economic Journal, Canadian Journal of Economics.
- Organization of workshops and conferences:
 - 2023 Member of the local organizer committee for the XXXV Annual Congress of the Italian Association of Public Economics (Verona, Italia).
 - 2016 Member of the committee for the selection of papers of the XXVIII Annual Congress of the Italian Association of Public Economics (Lecce, Italia).
 - 2015 Organizer of Workshop on “Applied models for the analysis of the redistributive impact of public policies” (Verona, Italia).
- I have revised (with R. Artoni) the Italian translation of the book: “Lindert (2004), Growing Public: Social Spending and Economic Growth since the Eighteenth Century. Volume one, Cambridge University Press” (“Lindert, 2007, Spesa Sociale e Crescita Economica, Università Bocconi Editore”, edizione Italiana a cura di R. Artoni e A. Sommacal).

RESEARCH GRANTS AND PROJECTS

- 2011-2014, *MIUR*, Ministero dell’Istruzione, dell’Università e della Ricerca, *FIRB grant* “Family formation, life-course patterns and public policies: a new scheme for the analysis of interpersonal and intrapersonal redistribution”
Role: *Main investigator*.
- 2010-2011, *European Commission*, DG Employment
“The role and impact of labour income taxation”
Role: member of the Bocconi university research team
- 2011-2013, *MIUR*, Ministero dell’Istruzione, dell’Università e della Ricerca, *PRIN grant* “Fecondità, genitorialità e benessere: corsi di vita, contesto e scenari per il futuro”
Role: member of the Bocconi university research team.
- 2008- 2010 *MIUR*, Ministero dell’Istruzione, dell’Università e della Ricerca, *PRIN grant* “Metodi per l’analisi dei corsi di vita nel contesto socio-economico e delle politiche”
Role: member of the Bocconi university research team.

SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

2023:

- 44th Meeting of the Association of Southern European Economic Theorists (Lisbon, Portugal)

2019:

- Invited seminar, Université Catholique de Louvain (Louvain la Neuve, Belgium)

2016

- XXVIII Annual Congress of the Italian Association of Public Economics (Lecce, Italy)
- Workshop on “Economic Aspects of Demographic Change” (Helsinki, Finland)

2015:

- Invited seminar, University of Wurzburg (Wurzburg, Germany)
- Workshop on “Applied models for the analysis of the redistributive impact of public policies”, (Verona, Italy).

- 2014:
 - XXVI Annual Congress of the Italian Association of Public Economics (Pavia, Italy)
- 2013:
 - The 69th Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance, (Taormina, Italy)
 - XXV Annual Congress of the Italian Association of Public Economics (Pavia, Italy)
- 2012:
 -Workshop on "Sustainability of population changes", Université catholique de Louvain (Louvain la Neuve, Belgium)
- 2011:
 - Invited seminar, University of Genova (Genova, Italy)
 - Workshop on “Advances in Business Cycles and Economic Growth Analysis” (Rimini, Italy).
- 2010:
 - Conference “Overlapping Generations Days. Dynamic Macroeconomics: Population, Environment and Sustainability” (Vielsalm, Belgium)
- 2009:
 - Invited seminar, Université catholique de Louvain (Louvain la Neuve, Belgium)
 -“International meeting of the association for public economic theory (PET)” (Galway, Ireland).
- 2008:
 - Invited seminar, University of Milan, Department of Economics Business and Statistics (Milano, Italy)
- 2007:
 -Conference on “The Institutional and Social Dynamics of Growth and Distribution” (Lucca, Italy) ;
 - Conference of the European Economic Association (Budapest, Hungary);
 -Doctoral Workshop, Université catholique de Louvain (Louvain la Neuve, Belgium)
- 2006 :
 -Doctoral Workshop, Université catholique de Louvain (Louvain la Neuve, Belgium)
- 2005:
 -Doctoral Workshop on “Economic Policy, Growth and Business Cycles”, Université catholique de Louvain (Matagne-la-Petit, Belgium);
 -Doctoral Workshop, Université catholique de Louvain (Louvain la Neuve, Belgium)
- 2004:
 -The 1st Criss Annual Meeting for Young Economists, Università La Sapienza (Roma, Italy);
 -Doctoral Workshop, Université catholique de Louvain (Louvain la Neuve, Belgium)

LANGUAGES

Italian (mother tongue), English (very good), French (beginner)

COMPUTER SKILLS

Matlab , Stata, R, C++, Mathematica.

Latex, Office.