

Curriculum Vitae



Personal information

First name / Surname **Francesco Prota**

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Nationality Italian

Date of birth 15th July 1973

Gender Male

Work experience

Dates March 2020 – *current*

Occupation or position held Associate Professor in Economics

Main activities and responsibilities

- Research in the following areas: development economics; public policy evaluation; innovation economics; regional economics and international economic integration
- Member of the Teaching board of the Doctoral School in Economics and Finance of Public Administrations, University of Bari "Aldo Moro" (2019 – *current*)

Name and address of employer Dipartimento di Economia e Finanza - Università degli Studi di Bari "Aldo Moro" - Largo Abbazia Santa Scolastica, n° 53, 70124 - Bari

Type of business or sector Higher education institution

Dates September 2021 – *current*

Occupation or position held International Expert

Main activities and responsibilities Analysis of the linkages between the Recovery and Resilience Plan and Smart Specialisation Strategies for Italy

Name and address of employer European Commission, Joint Research Centre

Type of business or sector International Organization

Dates April 2020 – December 2020

Occupation or position held Consultant

Main activities and responsibilities Scientific support to the JRC Territorial Development Unit for the analysis of the design and implementation of monitoring and evaluation mechanisms in the context of Smart Specialisation strategies in the EU

Name and address of employer European Commission, Joint Research Centre

Type of business or sector International Organization

Dates	April 2020 – December 2020
Occupation or position held	Trade and Development Policy Consultant
Main activities and responsibilities	Carry out an in-depth analysis of two value chains in Mozambique: the tannery/leather industry and the chemical, rubber and plastic industry
Name and address of employer	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
Type of business or sector	International Organization
Dates	January 2019 – December 2019
Occupation or position held	Scientific director
Main activities and responsibilities	Scientific Director of the project “Assessment of support to the development and implementation of smart specialisation strategies provided by the European Commission from 2010 to 2017”, financed by EU Commission, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy.
Name and address of employer	CSIL, Centre for Industrial Studies
Type of business or sector	Research and consulting company
Dates	December 2018 – June 2019
Occupation or position held	Senior Researcher
Main activities and responsibilities	Expert in industrial policy for the project “How to tackle challenges in a future-oriented EU Industrial Strategy?”, financed by European Parliament Directorate-General for Internal Policies of the Union. Directorate A - Economic and Scientific Policy - Policy Department.
Name and address of employer	CSIL, Centre for Industrial Studies - CERPEM, Centro di ricerche per il Mezzogiorno
Type of business or sector	Research and consulting companies
Dates	July 2016 – September 2016 / May 2014 – June 2014
Occupation or position held	International Expert on Regional Economic Development
Main activities and responsibilities	Define a theoretical framework to support an integrated cluster approach involving agri-food sector, tourism and creative industries.
Name and address of employer	United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
Type of business or sector	International Organization
Dates	January 2014 – April 2014
Occupation or position held	Consultant (expert in innovation and industrial policies)
Main activities and responsibilities	<i>Ex ante</i> evaluation of the Partnership Agreement 2014-2020 (the Partnership Agreement sets out the national authorities' plans on how to use funding from the European Structural and Investment Funds between 2014 and 2020; it outlines each country's strategic goals and investment priorities).
Name and address of employer	Public Investment Evaluation Unit of the Department for Development Policies and Economic Cohesion (Italian Ministry of Economic Development)
Type of business or sector	Public administration
Dates	August 2013 – December 2013
Occupation or position held	Consultant (expert in economic planning)
Main activities and responsibilities	Designing policy measures to be included in the new programming period (2014-2020) of the cohesion policy, in the field of research, technological development and innovation, competitiveness of production systems, education and training.
Name and address of employer	Department for the Planning and Coordination of Economic Policy - Presidency of the Council of Ministers
Type of business or sector	Public administration
Dates	February 2013 - March 2013
Occupation or position held	International Research Consultant

Main activities and responsibilities	Formulate a novel methodology based on the identification of complementary and mutually reinforcing features of the UNIDO cluster development approach and UNIDO agro-value chain analysis and development approach.
Name and address of employer	United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
Type of business or sector	International Organization
Dates	June 2012 – December 2012
Occupation or position held	Consultant (expert in public policy evaluation)
Main activities and responsibilities	<i>Ex post</i> evaluation of the policy measure “Ritorno al futuro - Borse di ricerca” - POR Puglia 2000-2006 e PO FSE Puglia 2007-2013.
Name and address of employer	Unit for the Evaluation of Public Investments of the Apulia Region
Type of business or sector	Public administration
Dates	May 2012 – June 2012
Occupation or position held	Senior Researcher
Main activities and responsibilities	Lead Researcher of the project “Boosting industrial linkages for African development: the role of foreign and diaspora investors”.
Name and address of employer	United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
Type of business or sector	International Organization
Dates	November 2011 – December 2011
Occupation or position held	International Research Expert
Main activities and responsibilities	Formulate a novel methodology for the development of natural and agro-resources based clusters in Developing Countries.
Name and address of employer	United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
Type of business or sector	International Organization
Dates	June 2007 – December 2008
Occupation or position held	Senior Economist
Main activities and responsibilities	Coordinator of research activities on the regional innovation system, industrial sectors dynamics and internationalisation. Number and kind of employees supervised: three innovation economists and four junior economists.
Name and address of employer	ARTI (Regional Agency for Technology and innovation) - Apulia Region
Type of business or sector	Public administration
Dates	March 2007 – December 2007
Occupation or position held	Consultant (expert in public policy evaluation)
Main activities and responsibilities	<i>Ex post</i> evaluation of a locally funded human capital investment policy.
Name and address of employer	Regional Agency for the Right to Education - Basilicata Region
Type of business or sector	Public administration
Dates	July 2005 – April 2006
Occupation or position held	Consultant (expert in public policy evaluation)
Main activities and responsibilities	<i>Ex post</i> evaluation of socio-economic effectiveness of the Contratti di Programma.
Name and address of employer	Department for Development Policies and Economic Cohesion
Type of business or sector	Public administration

Education and training

Dates	November 2002 – December 2005
Title of qualification awarded	Ph.D. in Agricultural and Environmental Economics
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Main field of study: environmental economics; regional economics; applied economics
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	University of Napoli "Parthenope" (Istituto di Studi Economici)
Dates	September 2000 – November 2001
Title of qualification awarded	Master of Philosophy in Environmental and Sustainable Development
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Main field of study: environmental economics; applied economics; econometrics; development economics
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	University of Glasgow (Department of Economics, Centre for Development Studies)
Dates	November 1992 – December 1998
Title of qualification awarded	BA in Economics and Business (<i>summa cum laude</i>)
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Main field of study: microeconomics; macroeconomics; international economics
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	University of Bari

Personal skills and competences

Mother tongue **Italian**

Other language(s)

Self-assessment

European level ()*

English

Understanding				Speaking				Writing	
Listening		Reading		Spoken interaction		Spoken production			
C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user

(*) *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages*

Computer skills and competences

Microsoft Office (word, excel, PowerPoint etc.), econometrics and statistical software (Stata, Microfit), mathematics software (Derive), Internet.

Additional information

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

- *The impact of European cohesion policy: a spatial perspective* (with V. Amendolagine and L. Serlenga)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2022: Horizon Europe Seeds, Principal investigator of the project “Digitalizzazione e automazione: utilizzi ed effetti delle nuove tecnologie sul lavoro”
- 2017: FFABR (Fondo per il Finanziamento delle Attività Base di Ricerca) national research grant
- 2003: Epainos Prize for the best work presented by a young researcher at the Congress of the European Regional Science Association (Jyväskylä, Finland)
- 2001: scholarship from University of Bari to attend a postgraduate course abroad

EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

Editorial Board

- *L'Industria. Rivista di economia e politica industriale*: Associate Editor (2018 – current)
- *Regional Studies, Regional Science*: Associate Editor (2015 – current)
- *International Journal of Science, Innovations and New Technology*: member of the editorial board (2011 – current)

Refereeing (in alphabetical order)

AIEL Series in Labour Economics; China Economic Review; Economia Politica - Journal of Analytical and Institutional Economics; Empirical Economics; European Planning Studies; International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health; Journal of Economic Studies; Journal of Industry, Competition and Trade; Papers in Regional Science; Publius: The Journal of Federalism; Regional Studies, Regional Science; Regional Studies; Scientometrics; Scienze Regionali (Italian Journal of Regional Science); Social Indicators Research; Social Science & Medicine; Stato e Mercato; Structural Change and Economic Dynamics

EVALUATOR

- 2020: External examiner (reader) in PhD examinations at the University of Ferrara (Doctoral School in Economics and management of innovation and sustainability)
- 2019: External examiner (reader) in PhD examinations at the University of Macerata (PhD in Legal Studies)
- 2019: External examiner (reader) in PhD examinations at the Universidad Catolica de Murcia
- 2018: Expert evaluator for an annual international research grant at the University of Firenze
- 2017: External examiner (reader) in PhD examinations at the University of Ferrara (Doctoral School in Economics and management of innovation and sustainability)
- 2014: Expert evaluator for a research grant at the University of Insubria
- 2014: Expert anonymous referee for the evaluation of a SIR (Scientific Independence of young Researchers) project

PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES AS INVITED SPEAKER

- Invited speaker at the workshop “GVCs in transition: what opportunities and challenges for developing countries in the new landscape?”, UNCTAD - OECD Development Centre, 20 September 2021
- Invited speaker at the workshop “Smart Specialisation: monitoring and evaluation. State of the play and next steps”, Committee of the Regions, Brussels, 24 January 2019 - presentation title: Evaluation of Smart Specialization Strategy: Methodological Issues
- Invited speaker at the workshop “The Lazarus effect. Territorial inequality and the political economy of places left behind”, Collegio Carlo Alberto, Torino, 24 October 2018
- Invited speaker at the Peer Learning Group Meeting of the PTPR (Production Transformation Policy Review) of Colombia, OECD, Paris, 26 June 2018
- Invited speaker at the 10th Plenary and High-Level Meeting of the OECD Initiative for Policy Dialogue on Global Value Chains, Production Transformation and Development, OECD, Paris, 27-28 June 2018
- Invited speaker at the Regional conference “Creativity, Job and Local Economic Development in the Southern Mediterranean”, co-organized by the Algerian Ministry of Industries and Mines, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the Union for the Mediterranean, 14th-15th November 2017 - presentation title: Agro-food, tourism and creative industries: an integrated cluster approach
- Invited speaker at the seminar “Università, il grande disinvestimento. Tendenze recenti e rimedi possibili”, Dipartimento di Scienze Politiche e Sociali dell'Università della Calabria, 7 April 2016 - presentation title: La qualità della ricerca nelle Università italiane (The research quality in Italian universities)
- Invited speaker at the seminar “Le politiche di coesione in Europa (Istituzioni comunitarie, Stati membri)”, SVIMEZ, Roma, 31 March 2016 - presentation title: L'effetto dell'austerità sulle politiche di sviluppo nei Paesi UE (The effects of austerity on development policies in EU countries)
- Invited seminars at the Chukyo University, Nagoya, 24 February 2015, and at the Nihon University, Tokyo, 27 February 2015 – presentation title: International agreements, backward linkages and technological transfers in Sub-Saharan Africa
- Invited seminar at the University of Salerno, 5 March 2013 – presentation title: Le politiche di sviluppo del Mezzogiorno dopo l'Intervento straordinario (Development policies in the Mezzogiorno after the Extraordinary Intervention)

PARTICIPATION IN THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

- 2020: Member of the Local Conference Committee, 11th Annual Conference in Political Economy “Beyond Neoliberalism and Populism: On the Political Economy of our Societies and Economies”
- 2015: Member of the organizing committee, AISRe (Associazione Italiana di Scienze Regionali) Annual Conference
- 2012 – 2014: Member of the Program Committee, International Workshop “Economics of global interactions: new perspectives on trade, factor mobility and development”, Bari

Selected Publications

Journal Articles

- "Bilateral Investment Treaties and Backward Linkages in Sub-Saharan Africa", *International Economics*, 2021, vol. 165, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.inteco.2021.01.001> (coautore V. Amendolagine)
- "Italy's national research assessment: some unpleasant effects", *Studies in Higher Education*, 2019, doi: 10.1080/03075079.2019.1693989 (coautrice M.J. Grisorio) [Impact Factor: 2.854]
- "The impacts of spatially targeted programs: evidence from Guangdong", *Regional Studies*, forthcoming, doi: 10.1080/00343404.2019.1635688 (coautrici E. Barbieri, C. Pollio)
- "Public expenditure in time of crisis: are Italian policymakers choosing the right mix?", *Economia Politica. Journal of Analytical and Institutional Economics*, 2018, vol. 35 (with M.J. Grisorio)
- "The Impact of Fiscal Decentralization on the Composition of Public Expenditure: Panel Data Evidence from Italy", *Regional Studies*, 2015, vol. 49 (with M.J. Grisorio)
- "Foreign direct investment, employment and wages in Sub-Saharan Africa", *Journal of International Development*, 2015, vol. 27 (with N. Coniglio, A. Seric)
- "Which Domestic Firms Benefit from FDI? Evidence from Selected African Countries", *Development Policy Review*, 2015, vol. 33 (with A. Boly, N. Coniglio, A. Seric)
- "The short and the long run relationship between fiscal decentralization and public expenditure composition in Italy", *Economics Letters*, 2015, vol. 130 (with M.J. Grisorio)
- "Diaspora Investments and Firm Export Performance in Selected Sub-Saharan African Countries", *World Development*, 2014, vol. 59 (with A. Boly, N. Coniglio, A. Seric)
- "FDI and local linkages in developing countries: evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa", *World Development*, 2013, vol. 50 (with V. Amendolagine, A. Boly, N. Coniglio, A. Seric)
- "The economic case for cluster policies: lessons from international experience for Vietnam", *Vietnam Economic Management Review*, 2012 (with N. Coniglio e G. Viesti)
- "Regional innovation systems: which role for public policies and innovation agencies? Some insights from the experience of an Italian region", *European Planning Studies*, 2011, vol. 19 (with A. Fiore, M.J. Grisorio)
- "International delocalization in the Italian fashion industry", *European Review of Industrial Economics and Policy*, 2010, n° 1 (with G. Viesti)
- "Human capital accumulation and migration in a peripheral EU region: the case of Basilicata", *Papers in Regional Science*, 2008, vol. 87 (1) (with N. Coniglio)

In Italian

- "Innovation Policy Evaluation: What Next?", *L'industria*, 2019, 1
- "Circolazione del capitale umano e politiche universitarie: un'analisi del caso italiano", *Politiche Sociali, Social policies*, 3, 2018 (with D. Cersosimo, R. Nisticò, E. Pavolini, G. Viesti)
- "Un'analisi territoriale degli esercizi di valutazione della ricerca italiana", *Rivista economica del Mezzogiorno*, 3, 2017 (with M.J. Grisorio)
- "Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale e Valutazione della Qualità della Ricerca. Un confronto a livello territoriale", *Scuola Democratica*, 2, 2017 (with Maria Jennifer Grisorio, Emmanuele Pavolini)
- "I due decenni dell'innovazione Made in China", *L'industria*, 4, 2016 (with C. Petti, L. Rubini)

Books

- *Combining Agro-Value Chain and Cluster Development: a case study from Ethiopia*, UNIDO, Vienna, 2013 (with N. Coniglio)

In Italian

- *Senza cassa. Le politiche di sviluppo del Mezzogiorno dopo l'Intervento straordinario*, Il Mulino, Bologna, 2012 (with G. Viesti)
- *Le nuove politiche regionali dell'Unione Europea*, Il Mulino, Bologna, 2008 (with G. Viesti)

Book chapters

- "Human capital formation and the missing regional upgrading in the EU periphery: the role of migration and education-job mismatch" (with N. Coniglio) in Fonseca M., Fratesi U. (eds.) *Regional upgrading in Southern Europe: spatial disparities and human capital*, Springer, London/Berlin, 2017
- "The regional innovation agencies in Europe: a comparative analysis" (with A. Fiore, M.J. Grisorio) in Bellini N., Danson M., Halkier H. (eds.) *Regional Development Agencies: The Next Generation. Networking, Knowledge and Regional Change*, Routledge, 2012
- "Economic Crises and Regional Convergence in the EU: an Exploration of Facts, Theories and Policy Implications" (with N. Coniglio) in W. Meeusen (ed.) *The Economic Crisis and Euro Area Integration*, Edward Elgar, Cheltenham, 2011

In Italian

- "La qualità della ricerca" (coautrice M.J. Grisorio) in Viesti G. (a cura di) Università in declino. Un'indagine sugli atenei da Nord a Sud, Donzelli Editore, 2016
- "Un confronto fra l'Abilitazione scientifica nazionale e la Valutazione della qualità della ricerca" (coautrice M.J. Grisorio, E. Pavolini) in Viesti G. (a cura di) Università in declino. Un'indagine sugli atenei da Nord a Sud, Donzelli Editore, 2016

Giovinazzo, February 13, 2022

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Prota Francesco', with a stylized, cursive script.