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ACADEMIC POSITION

- January 2009 – *current*: Lecturer in Economics at the University of Bari "Aldo Moro"
- April 2015: National Scientific Habilitation (*Abilitazione*) as Associate Professor in Economics
- December 2013: National Scientific Habilitation (*Abilitazione*) as Associate Professor in Applied Economics and in Economic Policy

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in Agricultural and Environmental Economics, University of Napoli "Parthenope" (Istituto di Studi Economici)
- Master of Philosophy in Environmental and Sustainable Development, University of Glasgow (Department of Economics, Centre for Development Studies) - UK
- BA in Economics and Business (*summa cum laude*), University of Bari

VISITING PERIODS ABROAD

- March 2003 – September 2003: Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration (Department of Economics) - Bergen, Norway

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 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

TEACHING

- 2014/2015 – 2016/2017: *Topics in Development Economics* (PhD courses - Research Doctorate Programme in Economics, Management and Quantitative Methods), University of Salento
- 2014/2015 – 2016/2017: *Development Economics* (Master of Science's degree courses), University of Bari "Aldo Moro"
- 2014/2015: *International Economics* (Master of Science's degree courses), University of Bari "Aldo Moro"
- 2008/2009 – 2012/2013: *Macroeconomics* (Bachelor's degree courses), University of Bari "Aldo Moro"

SUPERVISION

- Undergraduates students: 15 students (a.a. 2008/2009 – a.a. 2014/2015)
- Postgraduate students: 3 students (ERASMUS MUNDUS M.A. *Economics of Globalisation and European Integration*)

INSTITUTIONAL OFFICES AND ROLES IN ITALIAN UNIVERSITIES

- 2014 - current: Member of the Teaching board of the Doctoral School in *Economics, Management and Quantitative Methods*, University of Salento
- 2009 – 2013: Member of the Teaching board of the Doctoral School in *Economics, Statistics and Management*, University of Bari "Aldo Moro"
- Member of the Committee of the Master in "*Economics of Globalisation and European Integration*", jointly taught and organised by a consortium of nine Universities (Universiteit Antwerpen, Università degli Studi di Bari 'Aldo Moro', Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Universidad de Cantabria, Université de Lille 1, Vysoká škola Ekonomická v Praze (Prague University of Economics), Staffordshire University, Xiamen University and Universidade de Brasília)

EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

Editorial Board

- *Regional Studies, Regional Science*: Associate Editor (2015 – current)
- *International Journal of Science, Innovations and New Technology*: member of the editorial board (2011 – current)

Refereeing

Regional Studies, European Planning Studies, Social Science & Medicine, Economia politica - Journal of Analytical and Institutional Economics, Scienze Regionali (Italian Journal of Regional Science), AIEL Series in Labour Economics

EVALUATOR

- 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 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

- 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

MAIN RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Development economics; Regional economics and international economic integration; public policy evaluation; innovation economics

COORDINATION OF RESEARCH PROJECTS

- May 2012 – June 2012: Lead Researcher of the project “*Boosting industrial linkages for African development: the role of foreign and diaspora investors*”, financed by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
- March 2011 – December 2011: Scientific Director of the research project “*Capitale umano, mobilità geografica e sviluppo economico: analisi e politiche per la Puglia*”, financed by the Istituto di Ricerche Economiche e Sociali – IRES Puglia

PARTICIPATION TO RESEARCH PROJECTS

- July 2016 – September 2016 / May 2014 – June 2014: International Expert on Regional Economic Development for the project “*Enhancing the competitiveness of local SMEs in Montenegro through cluster development*”, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
- February 2013 - March 2013: Senior Researcher for the project “*Cluster and value chain development*”, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
- November 2011 – December 2011: International Research Expert on Cluster Development for a project aimed to formulate a novel methodology for the development of natural and agro-resources based clusters in Developing Countries, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
- 2010 – 2014: Researcher for the Tempus project “*Achieving Sustainable Programmes in Regeneration and Entrepreneurship: Jordan, Lebanon and Palestinian Territories, Occupied – ASPIRE*”, financed by the European Union
- 2010: Researcher for the project “*Regolamentazione, azzardo morale e instabilità finanziaria e conseguenze per l’area dell’euro*”, financed by University of Bari “Aldo Moro”
- 2009: Researcher for the project “*FDI, spillovers e produttività in un panel di imprese italiane*”, financed by University of Bari “Aldo Moro”

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Dates	January 2014 – April 2014
Name and address of the Employer	Public Investment Evaluation Unit of the Department for Development Policies and Economic Cohesion (Italian Ministry of Economic Development)
Position held	Consultant (expert in innovation and industrial

	policies)
Main activities/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)
Dates	August 2013 – December 2013
Name and address of the Employer	Department for the Planning and Coordination of Economic Policy - Presidency of the Council of Ministers
Position held	Consultant (expert in economics)
Main activities/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
Dates	June 2012 – December 2012
Name and address of the Employer	Unit for the Evaluation of Public Investments of the Apulia Region
Position held	Consultant (expert in public policy evaluation)
Main activities/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
Dates	June 2007 – December 2008
Name and address of the Employer	ARTI (Regional Agency for Technology and innovation) - Apulia Region
Position held	Senior economist
Main activities/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
Dates	March 2007 – December 2007
Name and address of the Employer	Regional Agency for the Right to Education - Basilicata Region
Position held	Consultant (expert in public policy evaluation)
Main activities/responsibilities	<i>Ex post</i> evaluation of a locally funded human capital investment policy
Dates	July 2005 – April 2006
Name and address of the Employer	Department for Development Policies and Economic Cohesion
Position held	Consultant (expert in public policy evaluation)
Main activities/responsibilities	<i>Ex post</i> evaluation of socio-economic effectiveness of the Contratti di Programma

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- “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) [Impact Factor: 2.068]
- “Foreign direct investment, employment and wages in Sub-Saharan Africa”, *Journal of International Development*, 2015, vol. 27 (with N. Coniglio, A. Seric) [Impact Factor: 0.622]
- “Which Domestic Firms Benefit from FDI? Evidence from Selected African Countries”, *Development Policy Review*, 2015, vol. 33 (with A. Boly, N. Coniglio, A. Seric) [Impact Factor: 1.024]
- “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) [Impact Factor: 0.510]
- “Diaspora Investments and Firm Export Performance in Selected Sub-Saharan African Countries”, *World Development*, 2014, vol. 59 (with A. Boly, N. Coniglio, A. Seric) [Impact Factor: 1.965]
- “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) [Impact Factor: 1.965]
- “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) [Impact Factor: 1.228]

- “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) [Impact Factor: 1.012]

Books

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

Occasional papers and working papers

- “Public expenditure in time of crisis: are Italian policymakers choosing the right mix?”, GEN Working Paper B 2016 – 2 (with M.J. Grisorio)
- “The regional effects of the economic crisis in Europe”, *nelMerito.com*, 20/04/2015 (with G. Viesti)
- “Which European Investment Clause?”, *Social Europe Journal*, 28/10/2013 (with G. Viesti)
- “Which domestic firms benefit from FDI? Evidence from selected African countries”, *UNIDO DEVELOPMENT POLICY, STATISTICS AND RESEARCH BRANCH WORKING PAPER* 08/2012 (with A. Boly, N. Coniglio, A. Seric)
- “Diaspora investments and firm export performance in selected sub-Saharan African countries”, *UNIDO DEVELOPMENT POLICY, STATISTICS AND RESEARCH BRANCH WORKING PAPER* 06/2012 (with A. Boly, N. Coniglio, A. Seric)
- “Diaspora can help boost exports from Sub-Saharan Africa”, *UNIDO Policy Brief* 01/2013 (with A. Boly, N. Coniglio, A. Seric)
- “Exiting the crisis: A European growth strategy”, *Social Europe Journal*, 14/12/2012 (with G. Viesti)

- “1930s or 2020s? A European Growth Strategy”, *IAI Working Paper*, Novembre 2012 (with G. Viesti)

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Trade agreements, backward linkages and technological transfers in Sub-Saharan Africa” (with V. Amendolagine, N. Coniglio, A. Seric)
- “Responding to local needs: which role for fiscal decentralization in Italy?” (with M.J. Grisorio)
- “Expanding the trade margins: Learning from domestic and foreign firms in Sub-Saharan Africa and Vietnam” (with N. Coniglio, M. Sanfilippo, A. Seric)
- “Investment behaviour of MNEs and domestic firms in developing countries: evidence from Africa and Vietnam” (with N. Coniglio, M. Sanfilippo, A. Seric)