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### **CURRENT POSITION**

Associate Economist, RAND Corporation

### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. in Economics, Université Catholique de Louvain (Belgium) and European Doctoral Program. (September 2002).

Master of Arts in Economics, Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium (September 1996).

Bc. Sc. in Economics, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Getafe, Spain (June 1995).

### **MAIN RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Macroeconomics and Applied Econometrics:

*Health Economics:* Health insurance, SES and Health.

*Pension systems:* Social Security Reforms and Labor market

*Entrepreneurship:* Firm size, Self-employment.

*Labor market:* Unemployment persistence, Regional and skill mismatch, Gender disparities

### **AWARDS**

Fondation Gould Fellowship, Ecole d'Economie de Paris, May 2007

Research Fellowship CSEF, University of Salerno 2002-2005.

Marie Curie Fellowship European Commission 2000-2002.

TMR Fellowship European Commission 1997-1998.

## **POSITIONS HELD**

2002- Sep 2005	Researcher at CSEF - University of Salerno
2003-2004	Teaching professor in Macroeconomics, University of Salerno
Sep.-Dec.02	Researcher in the project SHARE (Survey on Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe), Contract number QLK6-CT-2001-00360.
2000-2002	Marie Curie Fellow in CEPREMAP, Paris Contract number: HPMF-CT-1999-00131
2000	Researcher in IRES (Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium) in a FNRS project (Fond National de Recherche Scientifique) in "Unemployment and Business Cycle"
Sept.99-Jul.00	Researcher in Center for Economic Performance (CEP, London School of Economics), in the project "Technology and Growth"
1999-2000	Researcher in IRES (Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium) in the PAI project (Pôles d'Attraction Interuniversitaire) in "Equilibrium Theory for Economic Policy"
1999	Researcher in IRES (Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium) in a BNB project (Banque Nationale Belge) in "Economic Analysis"
1997-1998	TMR Fellow (Training Mobility Research) in IRES (Université Catholique de Louvain). Contract number: ERBFMBICT961395
Nov.-Dec.1996	Research assistant "Fondation Européenne de la Science" in IRES (Université Catholique de Louvain) in the project "Mismatch and Labor Force Heterogeneity"

## **TEACHING**

2003-2004	Teaching professor in Macroeconomics, University of Salerno
Feb. 2003	Visiting assistant professor in the University of Evry (France) teaching macroeconomics PhD courses.

## **VISITING POSITIONS**

May 07	Paris School of Economics, Paris, France
May 06	University of Maine, France
March-May 05	CentER, University of Tilburg, the Netherlands
Oct. 2004	EPEE, University of Evry, France
Feb. 2003	Visiting assistant professor in the University of Evry (France) teaching macroeconomics PhD courses. Visiting researcher in CEPREMAP, Paris.
April 1999	Visiting researcher in EUREQua (Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### *Journals*

- [1] « Entrepreneurship, Wealth, Liquidity Constraints, and Start-Up Costs » joint with P.C. Michaud (RAND) and T. Sopraseuth (University of Evry and PSE), *Comparative Labor Law & Policy Journal*, Vol. 28, No. 4 (2007).
- [2] « Matching Efficiency and Labour Market Reform in Italy » joint with S. Destefanis (CELPE-CSEF, University of Salerno), *Labour: Review of Labour Economics and Industrial Relations*. 21 (1) 57–84 (2007).
- [3] « Can the Matching Model Account for Spanish Unemployment? » joint with R. Muñoz (World Bank) *Investigaciones Economicas*, vol. 27(2), 277-308 (2003).
- [4] « Entrepreneurship, Start-up Costs and Employment » joint with P. Lopez-Garcia (CEP- LSE) and C.A. Pissarides (CEP-LSE). *European Economic Review* 45 Issues 4-5, 692-705 May (2001).

### *Journals in French*

- [5] « Le travail independent passé 50 ans: le role de la richesse individuelle et des coûts de creation d'entreprise » joint with P.C. Michaud (RAND) and T. Sopraseuth (University of Evry and PSE), *Economie et Statistique*, forthcoming 2007.

### *Book Chapters*

- [6] « Matching efficiency and Labour market reforms across Italian Regions » joint with S. Destefanis (CELPE and University of Salerno), in F.Caroleo, S. Destefanis (eds.) *Regions, Europe and the Labour Market: recent problems and development*, Physica Verlag, (2006).
- [7] « *Unemployment Persistence and Mismatch* » Dissertation thesis, (published by UCL Presses Universitaires, September 2002).

### *Book Chapters in Italian*

- [8] « Curva di Beveridge, mismatch e domanda di lavoro qualificato » (joint with S. Destefanis (Università Degli Studi di Salerno)) in A. Mocavini, P.A. Paliotta (eds.) *La domanda di lavoro qualificato in Italia*, Franco Angeli, Milano (2004).
- [9] « Un nuovo approccio alla misura del mismatch: la funzione di produzione » (joint with S. Destefanis (Università Degli Studi di Salerno)) in A. Mocavini, P.A. Paliotta (eds.) *La domanda di lavoro qualificato in Italia*, Franco Angeli, Milano (2004).
- [10] « Domanda e Offerta – Flussi di lavoro per genere e regione », joint with F.E. Caroleo, in A.Amendola, E Rustichelli (eds.) *Rapporto sul mercato del lavoro nel Mezzogiorno*, Parte I, “Monografie sul Mercato del lavoro e le politiche per l’impiego”, n. 12/2005 ISFOL – RP(MDL)-12/05, (2005).

- [11] « Il mercato del lavoro femminile nel Mezzogiorno » in F.E. Caroleo, E Rustichelli (eds.) Rapporto sul mercato del lavoro nel Mezzogiorno, Parte II, “Monografie sul Mercato del lavoro e le politiche per l’impiego”, n. 12/2005 ISFOL – RP(MDL)-12/05, (2005).

#### WORKING PAPERS

- [1] Business Cycle Comovement and Labor Market Institutions: An Empirical Investigation, joint with Lise Patureau (University of Cergy) and Thepthida Sopraseuth (University of Evry and PSE), RAND Working Paper WR-511, 2007, *submitted to a journal*.
- [2] Welfare Effects of Social Security Reforms across Europe: The Case of Italy and France, joint with T. Sopraseuth (EPEE-Université d’Evry and PSE) RAND WP 437, 2007. [http://www.rand.org/pubs/working\\_papers/2007/RAND\\_WR437.pdf](http://www.rand.org/pubs/working_papers/2007/RAND_WR437.pdf), *submitted to a journal*.
- [3] Divergence in Labor Market Institutions and International Business Cycles joint with L. Patureau (University of Cergy-Pontoise) and T. Sopraseuth (EPEE CEPREMAP PSE Jourdan) 2007. Mimeo
- [4] Employment protection-laws, barriers to entrepreneurship, financial markets and firm size joint with N. Utrero (Universit  Autonoma de Barcelona) RAND Working Paper 454, 2007. [http://www.rand.org/pubs/white\\_papers/2007/RAND\\_WR454.pdf](http://www.rand.org/pubs/white_papers/2007/RAND_WR454.pdf)
- [5] Finance development, Labor and Product Market Regulations and Growth, joint with N. Utrero (CSEF and University of Salerno), EPEE Working Paper 05-05 <http://econwpa.wustl.edu/eps/fin/papers/0509/0509016.pdf>
- [6] Structural Change and Policy Choices in US and European Labor Markets, joint with S. Destefanis (CELPE and University of Salerno) and R. S. Warren (University of Georgia, USA) In preparation for a book *Welfare State Reform In The United States And The European Union – Policy Choices And The Constitution Of The New Welfare Society*, editors J. Cordes and C. Toft, 2007.
- [7] Spanish Unemployment Persistence and Ladder Effect" with F. Collard (GREMAQ-CNRS) and R. Mu oz (CE) CSEF 106 Working Papers October 2003. <http://www.dise.unisa.it/WP/wp106.pdf>

#### **Work in progress**

- The Effect of Institutions on Health and Savings, with A. Kapteyn (RAND) and P.C. Michaud (RAND), Presented in Workshop of Ageing in CePR meeting, in Turin 2007.
- Italian and Spanish unemployed workers. Why don't they move? Presented in AEA Meeting in Naples, 2006.
- The Role of Technology in the Anesthesiology Labor Market, joint with K. Kumar (RAND) and P.C. Michaud (RAND).

## **RESEARCH CONTRACTS**

### *Principal investigator:*

- 2004 Project entitled "Labour Market and Social Security Reforms" (LMSSR), European Commission Contract no. MERG-CT-2004-510542. with Tullio Jappelli
- 2000-2002: Marie Curie Fellow in CEPREMAP, Paris Contract number: HPMF-CT-1999-00131
- 1997–1998: TMR Fellow (Training Mobility Research) in IRES (Université Catholique de Louvain). Contract number: ERBFMBICT961395

### *Participant:*

2002-2005 Participant to Economics of Ageing in Europe (AGE) RTN European Program HPRN-CT-2002-00235.

2002-2005 Participant to the Financing Retirement in Europe: Public Sector Reform and Financial Market Development (FINRET) RTN European Program.

2002 Participant to Economics of Ageing (SHARE).

## **CONSULTANCY**

- Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Inc., a Johnson & Johnson company (The Role of Technology in the Anesthesiology Labor Market, in process, 2007).
- ABP (the pension fund for employers and employees in service of the Dutch government and the educational sector.), September 2006.
- Report "Labour market in the South of Italy 2004" for the ISFOL (Istituto per lo Sviluppo della Formazione dei Lavoratori), Rome, 2004.
- Belgium employment pact for the report « European Employment Pacts », for IZA institute, Bonn, November 1999
- Consultant in the in the Service d'Analyse Economique in the Economic Departement in the Université catholique de Louvain 1998-1999.
- Report « Adjustement structurelle et persitence du chômage : une aplication au cas français et espagnole », for the Employment Office in France (le Bureau Emploi et Salaires, Direction de la Prévision, Ministère de l'Economie et des Finances en France) 1998.

## **PRESENTATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES**

- LACEA-LAMES, Mexico City 2006; AEA Policies to fight unemployment" Conference Naples, 2006; EALE, (2004, 2002, 1999, 1998); EALE/SOLE (2000, 2005); European Economic Association (EEA) (2004, 2000, 1999); Associazione Italiana Economisti del

Lavoro (AIEL) (2004, 2003); Asociación Española de Economía Aplicada, Vigo (2004); T2M Théories et Méthodes en Macroéconomie (2002, 1998, 1997); Association Française de Science Economique (AFSE) (2002); European Association of Labor Economics Conference Young Economists Conference (2000); European Doctoral Program-Jamboree (2002, 2001, 2000); Jornadas de Economía Laboral (2001, 1999); Stoke Rochford Conference, CEP, UK, 2000; Stoke Rochford Conference, CEP, UK, 2000.

### **SUMMER SCHOOLS**

- RAND Summer Institute, Workshop on Demography, Economics and Epidemiology of Aging, to be held at RAND on July 2006, 2007.
- First Mediterranean Summer School Theoretical and Applied Economics « Inequality, Welfare and Redistribution », Mallorca, 2001.
- IZA Second Summer Schools in Labor Economics, Buch, 1999.
- EEA 97 Summer School of the European Economic Association “The Political Economy of Reforms”, FEDEA Madrid, 1997.

### **SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS**

- Invited Seminars:

Group de Travail, PSE, Paris (France), May 2007; Seminar in the Université de Maine (France), May 2006; Brown Bag Seminar RAND (US), November 2005; Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona (Spain), February 2005; Universidad Jaume I (Spain), January 2005; CSEF Seminar in Università di Salerno, April 2003; Seminar in the Université d'Evry, April 2003; Seminar in the Universidad Publica de Navarra (Spain), May 2002; Seminar in the Universidad de Santiago de Compostela (Spain), April 2002; Seminar in the Università di Salerno (Italy), February 2002; Seminar in CREST (Paris), January 2002; Seminar « Marché du Travail » in EUREQua (Paris) October, 2001; Seminar in the Département des Sciences Economiques EUREQua, Université Paris1-Panthéon-Sorbonne, March 1999; FEDEA, Madrid, June 1998; Seminar « Jeunes en Macroéconomie », CEPREMAP-ENSAE-INSEE-PARIS I, Paris, February 1997.

- Invited International Workshops:

Aging Workshop, RAND, July 2007, Presenter; Aging Workshop, CePR, Turin, May 2007, Presenter; Entrepreneurship: Law, Culture, and the Labor Market Conference, University of Illinois, Chicago, March 2007, Presenter; MRRC Researcher Workshop, April 2007; Netspar Workshop, November 2006, Presenter; HRS -ELSA- SHARE Comparative Conference, July 2006, Presenter; Ageing Workshop, Paris, May 2006; Ageing Workshop, Frankfurt, May 2005; Ageing Workshop, Tilburg, October 2004, Discussion.; Labor Market Workshop, Ascea, September, Italy 2004 Presenter; The Fourth “Villa Mondragone Workshop” in Economic Theory and Econometrics, June, Rome, 2004. Presenter; Ageing Workshop, Manheinn, May 2004, Presenter; Conferencia Ramon Areces: Policy evaluation applied to Labor Market, Seville May 2004; Conferencia Ramon Areces, Women's wages and work in

Alicante, November 2003.; Ageing Workshop, London, October 2003; Ageing Workshop à Naples, May 2003; Ageing Workshop à Copenhagen, October 2002; Workshop Macroeconomic Dynamics, Vigo, July 2000. Presenter. Workshop of Marie Curie Fellows, Paris, France, September 2000, Presenter. “Employment Pact in Europe”, IZA, Bonn, November 1999, Presenter.; IZA Second Summer School in “Labor Economics”, April 1999. Presenter; HCM Workshop, Dynamic General Equilibrium Models: Policy Issues. Université Paris I-Pantheon-Sorbonne, Paris, 1996.; Workshop on Mismatch and Labor Force Heterogeneity, ESF project in Lisbon, October 1996, Presenter;

### **OTHER RESPONSABILITIES**

- 2007 : Member of Marie Curie Fellowship Association.
- 2004 Co-organizer: Workshop on Labor market and Social Security Reforms, December 2004. The workshop is financed by the European Commission Contract no.MERG-CT.2004-510542.
- 2004 : Member of Marie Curie Fellowship Committee for Scientific Exchange.
- 2000-2003 : Member of Marie Curie Fellowship Association. (Co-ordinator in the France group ) and Web-master of the French National web page.
- 1999-2001 : Member of MCFA SEA (Scientific Excellence and Advancement) Committee.
- 1998-1999 : Member of Marie Curie Fellowship Association (Co-ordinator of the Belgian group).
- 1998 : Member of the Organizing Committee of the 1998 Youth Conference by European Commission, November 25-29, Brussels.
- 1998-1999 : Member of IRES council as representative of researchers.

### **Referees Activities**

*Scandinavian Journal of Economics, International Review of Law and Economics, Small Business Journal, The Journal of Economic Inequality, Economic Modelling, Journal of Economic and Business, CESifo Economic Studies, Recherches Economiques de Louvain, Economique et Statistiques, Economia Aplicada, Revista Gallega de Economia, Cuadernos de Economia ICE.*

### **OTHERS**

- Languages: Spanish (Native), English, French and Italian.
- Computing skills: MATLAB, DYNARE, OX, STATA, TSP, SAS, Scientific Word, Latex, Word, Excel, Html.

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