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Curriculum vitae

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### **Current Positions**

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- Associate Professor (with tenure), Faculty of Political Science, University of Teramo (IT) – since Dec. 2019
- Economist (international consultant) at Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, HQ, Inclusive Rural Transformation and Gender Equality (ESP)

### **Research Interests**

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Applied Microeconomics, Experimental Economics, Development Economics, Health Economics

### **Academic Awards and Fellowships**

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**2020-2029** National Habilitation as Full Professor in Economic Policy (sector 13/A2 according to the Italian academic system)

**2017-current** Fellow at the Centre for Global Health Economics, University College London (UCL), UK.

**2013-current** Research fellow at the Center for Economic and International Studies (CEIS) at University of Tor Vergata, IT.

### **Previous Positions**

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**11/2009-11-2019** Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University Ca' Foscari of Venice (IT)

**03/2009-10/2009** *Research Fellow*, LUISS University (IT), Department of Economics and Management.

**01/2008-02/2009** *Research Fellow*, University College London (UK), Centre for International Health and Development.

**02/2006 – 07/2007** Visiting Scholar, Center for Health Policy, Stanford University (USA)

**09/2006-07/2007** *Research Analyst* in Acumen LLC, Burlingame (USA).

**07/2004-09/2004** Internship at The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), Amman (Jordan).

**02/2004-06/2004** Tutor of the Master of Science in *Development Economics and International Cooperation*, University of Rome Tor Vergata (IT)

## **Education**

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**2004 - 2008** PhD in Economic Theory and Institutions, University of Rome Tor Vergata. Thesis title: Essays on Health Economics.

**02/2006 – 07/2007** Stanford University, courses attended: Advanced Econometrics (Economics), Limited Dependent Variables (Economics), Cost-Benefit Analysis (Graduate Business School), Impact Evaluation of Health Outcomes (Center for Health Policy).

**2003 - 2004** Master of Science in Development Economics and International Cooperation, University of Rome Tor Vergata. Thesis title: "Small and Medium Enterprises in Developing Countries". Grade Point Average 29/30, Final Mark 110/110.

**1999 - 2003** BA (Laurea) in Economics, 110/110 cum laude, University of Rome Tor Vergata. Thesis title: "Fertility and economic growth: theory and empirical analysis of causal links".

**2002** Erasmus Programme, John Moores University, Liverpool (UK).

## **Publications**

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### **Publications in refereed journals (16 class-A publications according to ANVUR)**

[1] "Food waste policy: from theory to practice" (with S. Buseti). Book Routledge, Taylor&Francis, *forthcoming* (March. 2022).

[2] "Cash transfers' role in improving livelihood diversification strategies and well-being: short- and medium-term evidence from Zimbabwe" (with S. Daidone, A.P. Dela O Campos, A. Sebastian, B. Davis), **World Development**, *forthcoming* (2022).

[3] "Mediation analysis of the impact of the Zimbabwe Harmonized Social Cash Transfer Programme on food security and nutrition" (with S. Daidone, A. Sebastian, E. Prifti, B. Davis), **Food Policy**, Vol. 106, 102190 (2022).

- [4] “Experimental Evidence of Behavioral Improvement by Learning and Intermediate Advice” (with D. Di Cagno, W. Güth), **Theory and Decision**, Vol. 91, pp. 173–187 (2021).
- [5] “Government Transfers and Time Allocation Decisions: The Case of Child Labour in Ethiopia” (with E. Prifti, S. Daidone, G. Campora), **International Journal of Development Economics**, Vol. 47(4), pp. 1531–1558 (2020).
- [6] “Heterogeneous impacts of cash transfers on farm profitability. Evidence from a randomized study in Lesotho” (with E. Prifti, S. Daidone, B. Davis), **European Review of Agricultural Economics**, Vol. 47(4), pp. 1531–1558 (2020).
- [7] “Stuck exchange: can cash transfers push smallholders out of autarky?” (with E. Prifti, S. Daidone, B. Davis). **The Journal of International Trade & Economic Development**, Vol. 29(5), pp. 495-509 (2019).
- [8] “Cash Transfers and Gender Differentials in Child Schooling and Labor: Evidence from the Lesotho Child Grants Programme” (with A. Sebastian, A.P. Dela Ocampo, O. Niang, S. Daidone, B. Davis, L. Pellerano), **Population and Development Review**, Vol. 45 (S1), pp. 181-208 (2019).
- [9] “Shaping cash transfer impacts through “soft-conditions”: evidence from Lesotho” (with S. Daidone, B. Davis, L. Pellerano), **Journal of African Economies**, Vol. 28, pp. 39-69 (2018).
- [10] “Family Networks and Healthy Behaviour: Evidence from Nepal” (with J. Skordis, M. Vera-Hernandez, I. Rasul, E. Fitzsimons, D. Osrin, D. Manandhar, A. Costello), **Health Economics, Policy and Law**, Vol. 22, pp. 1-18 (2018).
- [11] “Behavioral Patterns and Reduction of Sub-Optimality: An Experimental Choice Analysis” (with D. Di Cagno, A. Galliera; W. Güth), **Theory and Decision**, Vol. 85, pp. 151-177 (2018).
- [12] “One plus one can be greater than two: evaluating synergies of development programmes in Malawi” (with S. Daidone, B. Davis, R. Pickmans, S. Handa, M. Knowles), **Journal of Development Studies**, Vol. 54, pp. 2023-2060 (2017).
- [13] “(Sub) Optimality and (Non) Optimal Satisficing in Risky Decision Experiments” (with D. Di Cagno, A. Galliera, W. Güth, F. Marzo), **Theory and Decision**, Vol. 83, pp. 195-243 (2017).
- [14] “Experience and Gender Effects in Acquisition Experiment with Value Messages” (with D. Di Cagno, A. Galliera, W. Guth, N. Pace, L. Panaccione), **Small Business Economics**, Vol. 48, pp. 71-97 (2016).
- [15] “Make-Up and Suspicion in bargaining with cheap talk. An experiment controlling for gender and gender constellation” (with D. Di Cagno, A. Galliera, W. Guth, L. Panaccione), **Theory and Decision**, Vol. 80 (3), pp. 463-471 (2016).

- [16] “Extending health insurance in Ghana: effects of the National Health Insurance Scheme on maternity care” (with A. Brugiavini), **Health Economics Review**, Vol. 6, pp. 1-10 (2016).
- [17] “The health care system reform in China: Effects on out-of-pocket expenses and saving” (with V. Atella and A. Brugiavini), **China Economic Review**, Vol. 34, pp 182-195 (2015).
- [18] “The Explanatory and Predictive Power of Non Two-Stage-Probability Theories of Decision Making Under Ambiguity” (with J. Hey), **Journal of Risk and Uncertainty**, Vol. 49(1), pp 1-29 (2014).
- [19] “Changes in Individual and/or aggregate?” (with J. Hey), **Applied Economics Letters**, Vol. 22, pp 180-183 (2014).
- [20] “Eliciting ambiguity aversion in unknown and in compound lotteries: a smooth ambiguity model experimental study” (with G. Attanasi, C. Gollier and A. Montesano), **Theory and Decision**, Vol. 77, pp. 485-530 (2014).
- [21] “Health status and portfolio choice: is their relationship economically relevant?” (with S. Bressan and L. Pelizzon), **International Review of Financial Analysis**, Vol.32, pp. 109-122 (2014).
- [22] “Human resource management and productivity in the Trust Game Corporation” (with L. Becchetti and G. Gianfreda), **International Review of Economics**, Vol. 59, pp. 3-20 (2012).
- [23] “Le discriminazioni retributive: un approccio giuridico ed economico” (with S. Foffano), **Lavoro e Diritto**, Vol. 4, pp. 663-688 (2012).
- [24] “Health Status and Portfolio Choice: Does feeling better affect your attitude towards risk?” (with L. Pelizzon and S. Bressan), in **Geneva Association Information Newsletter: Health and Ageing**, Geneva, The Geneva Association , Vol. 26, pp. 9-13 (2012).
- [25] “Maternal and Neonatal Health Expenditure in Mumbai Slums, India: A Cross Sectional Study” (with J. Skordis-Worrall, U. Bapat, S. Das, N. Shah More, W. Joshi, A. Pulkki-Brannstrom, D. Osrin), **BMC Public Health**, Vol. 11:150, pp. 1-12 (2011).
- [26] “Food commodity derivatives: a new cause of malnutrition?” (with A. Seal and A. Costello), **Lancet**, Vol. 371, pp.1648-1650 (2008).
- [27] “Futures and food prices -- Authors' reply” (with A. Seal and A. Costello), **Lancet**, Vol. 372, pp.628-629 (2008).
- [28] “Are Employers discriminating with respect to weight? European Evidence using Quantile Regression” (with V. Atella and D. Vuri), **Economics and Human Biology**, Vol. 6, issue 3, pp.305-329 (2008).

[29] “Understanding how women's groups improve maternal and newborn health in Makwanpur, Nepal: a qualitative study” (with J. Morrison, R. Thapa, S. Hartley, D. Osrin, M. Manandhar, K. Tumbahangphe, R. Neupane, B. Budhathoki, A. Sen, D.S. Manandhar, A. Costello), **International Health**, Vol. 2, issue 1, pp.25-35 (2010).

### **Articles published in books**

[30] “Rethinking the Role of Social Protection in African Food Systems Post-COVID” (with Benammour, O., Davis, B., Knowles, M., and N. Sitko), Chapter 8, ReSAKSS Annual Trends and Outlook Report (2021).

[31] “Costi, opportunità ed implicazioni economiche dei flussi migratori Siriani” in SIOI - Osservatorio sulle Attività delle Organizzazioni Internazionali e Sovranazionali, Universali e Regionali sui Temi di Interesse della Politica Estera Italiana, (2020).

[32] “Is there a European land of opportunity? Cross-country differences in intergenerational mobility in 14 European countries and Israel” (with L. Antonova, L. Aranda, E. Havari) in **Ageing in Europe Supporting Policies for an Inclusive Society**, De Gruyter, pp. 209-222 (2014).

[33] “The Chinese health care system reforms and household saving patterns: some stylized facts” (with V. Atella, A. Brugiavini, and H. Chen). In “**The Globalisation of Chinese Business: Implications for Multinational Investors**”, Chandos Publishing, Oxford (2014).

[34] “Crisi economica e riduzione del reddito: effetti sullo stato di salute” (in Italian - with E. Croda). In Rizzi and Zantomio **Analisi e strumenti di politica sociale**, Edizione Ca' Foscari Collana Politiche Sociali Studi e Ricerche (2013).

[35] “Riforme nel settore sanitario in Cina: rassegna degli effetti sulla domanda di cure sanitarie, spese out-of-pocket e risparmio familiare” (in Italian). In Rizzi and Zantomio **Analisi e strumenti di politica sociale**, Edizione Ca' Foscari Collana Politiche Sociali Studi e Ricerche (2013).

[36] “Does Health Insurance Make you Fat?” (with J. Bhattacharya, K. Bundorf, and N. Sood), **NBER book Economic Aspects of Obesity** (M. Grossman and N. Mocan eds.). University of Chicago Press (2011).

[37] “Corporate Trust Game in Modern Knowledge Economies” (with L. Becchetti) in **Corporate Social Responsibility and Corporate Governance: the contribution of economic theory and related disciplines** (L. Sacconi, M. Blair, E. Freeman, A. Vercelli eds.) (2011). Palgrave Macmillan.

### **Working Papers**

[38] “Evaluating Spillovers and cost-effectiveness of complementary agricultural and social protection interventions. Evidence from Lesotho. *Submitted* (2022).

[39] “The effect of social distancing on risk aversion, trust, and solidarity “ (with A. Filippin). Working paper, *Submitted* (2022)

[40] “Public Expenditure and Agricultural Growth: The Case of Social Protection in Asia” (with E. Prifti, Staffieri, I., Ogundeji, A.). *Submitted* (2022).

[41] “Risk preferences among small farmers in Lesotho: evidence from laboratory experiments in the field and survey data” (with S. Daidone). *Submitted* (2022)

[42] “Cash transfers, future expectations and women economic inclusion – Experimental evidence from Zambia” (with Viberti, F., Daidone, S. and Sitko, N.) Rome, FAO (2021). <https://www.fao.org/publications/card/en/c/CB7510EN/>

[43] “Disentangling risk aversion from ambiguity aversion in unknown and in compound lotteries: A KMM Experimental Approach” (with G. Attanasi, C. Gollier and A. Montesano), Working Papers Department of Economics, University Ca’ Foscari of Venice, vol. 23, pp 1-48. <https://ideas.repec.org/p/ler/wpaper/26533.html>

[44] “Does Health Insurance Make you Fat?” (with J. Bhattacharya, K. Bundorf, and N. Sood), NBER Working Paper 15163 (2009). <https://www.nber.org/papers/w15163#:~:text=We%20find%20weak%20evidence%20that,body%20mass%20index%20and%20obesity.>

[45] “Are employers discriminating with respect to weight? European Evidence using Quantile Regression” (with V. Atella and D. Vuri), CEIS Research Paper 123/2008, University of Rome Tor Vergata (2008). <https://www-2020.ceistorvergata.it/ceis-research-papers/36-264/-are-employers-discriminating-with-respect-to-weight-european-evidence-using-quantile-regression>

### **Policy Reports and Briefs**

[46] “Strengthening coherence between social protection and productive interventions – The case of Lesotho” (with S. Daidone, P. Pozarny, G. Bhalla). Rome, FAO (2021). <https://www.fao.org/documents/card/en/c/cb3864en>

[47] “Evaluation of Lesotho’s Child Grants Programme (CGP) and Sustainable Poverty Reduction through Income, Nutrition and Access to Government Services (SPRINGS) project” (with Daidone, S., Prifti, E. and Bhalla, G.) Rome, FAO (2021). <https://www.fao.org/documents/card/en/c/cb4862en>

[48] “Local Economy Impacts and Cost-Benefit Analysis of Social Protection and Agricultural Interventions in Malawi” (with J. Kagin, J.E. Taylor, L. Pellerano, S. Daidone, F. Juergens, M. Knowles). FAO Working paper. <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4312en/ca4312en.pdf>

[49] “Impact evaluation of Lesotho’s Child Grants Programme (CGP) and Sustainable Poverty Reduction through Income, Nutrition and access to Government Services (SPRINGS) project” (with ESP/SOCPRO Analytical team and UNICEF Lesotho). FAO Working paper. <http://www.fao.org/documents/card/en/c/CA1916EN>

[50] “Impacts of the Child Grants Programme and Sustainable Poverty Reduction through Income, Nutrition and Government Service Support in Lesotho”. FAO Policy Brief. <http://www.fao.org/3/ca1429en/CA1429EN.pdf>

[51] “The Social Cash Transfer Programme and Farm Input Subsidy Programme in Malawi: complementary instruments for increasing consumption and productive activities” (with S. Daidone, B. Davis, S. Handa, M. Knowles, R. Pickmans). FAO Working paper. <http://www.fao.org/3/a-i6810e.pdf>

## **Works in Progress**

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- Field Experiments in Developing Countries.
- Impact of social protection interventions on productive activities, food security and nutrition in Developing Countries.
- Investigation of non-standard theories of economic behavior under risk and ambiguity.

## **Teaching (undergraduate U- graduate G, in italics courses in English)**

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### **2021-2022** (second semester)

Microeconomics (U), University of Teramo (IT)

Economics (U), University of Teramo

*Advances in Microeconomics and Macroeconomics* (U), University of Teramo.

*Impact Evaluation Methods* (G), Master in Development Economics and International Cooperation, University of Rome Tor Vergata (IT).

*Impact Evaluation of Individual Interventions* (G), University of Bonn-Rhein-Sieg of Applied Sciences (DE)

### **2020-2021**

Microeconomics (U), University of Teramo (IT)

Economics (U), University of Teramo

*Advances in Microeconomics and Macroeconomics* (U), University of Teramo.

*Impact Evaluation Methods* (G), Master in Development Economics and International Cooperation, University of Rome Tor Vergata (IT).

*Impact Evaluation of Individual Interventions* (G), University of Bonn-Rhein-Sieg of Applied Sciences (DE)

*Methodologies and topics in behavioural analysis of the law* (G), LUISS, Dottorato in Diritto e Impresa, XXXVI ciclo.

### **2019-2020**

Microeconomics (U), University of Teramo

Economics (U), University of Teramo

*Introduction to Economics* (U), University Ca' Foscari of Venice (IT)

*Political Economy of Development* (U), LUISS University (IT)

*Impact Evaluation of Individual Interventions* (G), University of Bonn-Rhein-Sieg of Applied Sciences (DE)

*Experimental and Behavioral Economics* (G), Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance (EIEF)

*Impact Evaluation Methods* (G), Master in Development Economics and International Cooperation, University of Rome Tor Vergata.

*Methodologies and topics in behavioural analysis of the law* (G), LUISS, Dottorato in Diritto e Impresa, XXXVI ciclo.

#### **2018-2019**

*Introduction to Economics* (U), University Ca' Foscari of Venice

*Political Economy of Development* (U), LUISS University

*Impact Evaluation of Individual Interventions*, University of Bonn-Rhein-Sieg of Applied Sciences

*Experimental and Behavioral Economics* (G), Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance (EIEF)

*Impact Evaluation Methods* (G), Master in Development Economics and International Cooperation, University of Rome Tor Vergata.

#### **2017-2018**

*Introduction to Economics* (U), University Ca' Foscari of Venice.

*Political Economy of Development* (U), LUISS University

*Evaluation of Individual Interventions* (G), University of Bonn-Rhein-Sieg of Applied Sciences

#### **2016-2017**

*Introduction to Economics* (U), University Ca' Foscari of Venice.

*Evaluation of Individual Interventions* (G), University of Bonn-Rhein-Sieg of Applied Sciences

#### **2015-2016**

Microeconomics (U), University Ca' Foscari of Venice.

*Political Economy of Development* (U), LUISS University.

Economics of Information (G), with D. Di Cagno, LUISS University.

#### **2014-2015**

Macroeconomics (U), University Ca' Foscari of Venice

#### **2013-2014**

*The Gender Wage Gap and Job Discrimination* (U and G), Ca' Foscari-Harvard Summer School.

Microeconomics (U), University Ca' Foscari of Venice.

Economics of Information (G), with P. Paiardini, LUISS University.

#### **2012-2013**

Microeconomics (U), University Ca' Foscari of Venice.

Economics of Information (G), with D. Di Cagno, LUISS University.

#### **2009-2012**

Microeconomics (U), University Ca' Foscari of Venice.

## **Seminars and Conference Presentations**

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#### **2022 (scheduled)**

- CSAE Conference: Economic Development in Africa. *Online* 14-18 March

- IFAD Conference on Jobs, innovation and rural value chains in the context of climate transition: Bridging the gap between research and policy. Hybrid – *Online&IFAD HQ* 22-24 June.

#### **2021**

- XVI EAAE Congress on Rising the Impact of Agricultural Economics: Multidisciplinary, Stakeholder Engagement and Novel Approaches. Invited discussant at the “High Frequency Phone Surveys on COVID-19. Insights from the LSMS-ISA experience” session. *Online* 21 July.

- 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Public Policy, *Online* 5-9 July



- Institute for Global Health – Brown Bag Seminar, *Online* 21 April.
- Behavioral Economics Experiments & Insights on Covid-19 Virtual Conference. Johns Hopkins - University - London School of Economics, *Online* 12 and 19 February.

## **2020**

- SEET 2020 Workshop, Naples 6-8 February
- III Forum Gran Sasso, *Online* 1-3 October
- UNITE Workshop di Celebrazione del 75° Anniversario delle Nazioni Unite “Istituzioni Internazionali, Politiche di Sviluppo e Lotta all’insicurezza alimentare”, *Online* 15-16 October
- SIE – Societa’ Italiana degli Economisti, *Online* 20-23 October
- UNU-WIDER Conference Evidence to enhance inclusive growth, *Online* 2-6 November
- UNITE Faculty Conference “Aree Interne”, *Online* 2-3 December

## **2019**

- Synergies for rural inclusion and poverty reduction, IFAD, Rome, 2-4 October.
- 2019 Symposium on Economic Experiments in Developing Countries (SEEDEC), University of Berkeley (USA), 30-31 May.
- Africa and Europe moving forward together – evidence based approach for development in Africa, Luneburg (DE), 24-25 January.

## **2018**

- 12th IMPRS Uncertainty Topics Workshop, LUISS University, Rome, 24-28 September.
- Foundation of Utility Theory, University of York, 25-28 June.

## **2017**

- UNU-WIDER Conference on Public Economics for Development, Maputo, Mozambique, 5-7 July.
- Annual World Bank Conference on Africa (ABCA 2017) – University of Berkeley (USA), 1-2 June.
- CSAE Conference on Development in Africa, Oxford University (UK), 19-21 March.
- International Health Policy Conference, London School of Economics (UK), 16-19 Feb.

## **2016**

- International Meeting on Experimental and Behavioral Economics and Social Sciences (IMEBESS), LUISS

## **2014**

- Conference on China After 35 Years of Economic Transition, London Metropolitan University (UK), 8-9 May.
- International Meeting on Experimental and Behavioral Social Sciences, University of Oxford (USA), 10-12 April.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Southern Europe Experimentalists Meeting, Sesimbra, Lisbon Region, 30 Jan.-1 Feb.

## **2013**

- Experimental Workshop, Rome (IT), 3-4 Oct.
- International Meeting on Experimental and Behavioral Economics (IMEBE), Madrid (SP)
- QED Jamboree, University of Vienna (AU) 2-4 May.

## **2012**

- SHARE Users' Conference, Venice, 28-29 June
- QED Jamboree, University of Copenhagen, 4-5 May
- SHARE Wave 5 Meeting, Brixen, 22-23 March
- International Meeting on Experimental and Behavioral Economics (IMEBE), Castellòn (SP)
- NETSPAR Pension Workshop, Amsterdam

**2011**

- ESA European Conference, Luxembourg, 14-17 September
- 8<sup>th</sup> World Health Congress on Health Economics (iHEA), Transforming Health & Economics, Toronto (Canada), 10-13 July.
- International Economic Science Association (ESA) Conference, Chicago (USA), 7-10 July.

## **Funding Information [grants as Investigator]**

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- 10/2020 to 09/2023. Progetto di ricerca “FOSTER: FOod STreet Rresearch & Development“ related to the PON “Imprese e Competitività” 2014-2020 FESR -F/200059/01-03/X45 Overall project: 792.830€ - Project UNITE: 345.075€.
- 02/2013 to 01/2016. Progetto di Rilevante Interesse Nazionale (PRIN) “L’impatto economico dell’invecchiamento della popolazione in Europa”. PROTOCOL: 2010T8XAXB\_001
- 01/2011 to 12/2015. European Project VII PQ “Survey for Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE)”. Website project: <http://www.share-project.org/>
- 01/2009 to 12/2013. European Project VII PQ “Survey for Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE) – M4”. Website project: <http://www.share-project.org/>
- 09/2008 to 09/2010. Progetto di Rilevante Interesse Nazionale (PRIN) “Il costo dei figli nei modelli di scelta collettiva: costo di accrescimento, scelte di fertilità e stima della povertà dei bambini”. PROTOCOL: 2007S8JLFN\_004

## **Other professional activities**

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- Faculty Delegate for Cooperation and Development
- Member of the Commission for the assignment of the thesis’ Grants Federico Caffè
- Member of Ca’ Foscari Economics PhD faculty board member (until December 2019)
- Referee for: *Econometrica*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Journal of Risk and Uncertainty*, *Economic Journal*, *World Development*, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, *Social Science and Medicine*, *Applied Economics*, *China Economic Review*, *Journal of Population Research*, *Journal of Economic Psychology*, *Bulletin of Economic Research*, *Economics of Education*, *Health Economics*, *Health Policy and Planning*, *Labour*, *PlosOne*, *Research in Economics*.