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Current Positions and Affiliations

Tufts University, Medford, MA, USA

Professor of Economics, since 2004

Chair of the Economics Department, since 2006

National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), Cambridge, MA, USA

Member, Political Economy Program, since 2006

CESifo, Munich, Germany

Research Fellow, since 2004

Economics & Politics

Co-editor, since 2006

Education

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA

Ph.D. in Economics, 1993; A.M. in Economics, 1991.

Università degli Studi di Siena, Siena, Italy

Dottorato di Ricerca in Economia Politica, 1992.

Università degli Studi di Roma “La Sapienza,” Rome, Italy

Laurea in Economia e Commercio, *summa cum laude*, 1987.

Research Interests

Political Economy, Economic Growth and Development, International Economics

Publications

Journal Articles

The Diffusion of Development

Quarterly Journal of Economics, forthcoming, May 2009
(with Romain Wacziarg).

Efficiency and Stability of National Borders

Review of Business and Economics, forthcoming

Civil Conflict and Secessions

Economics of Governance, vol. 9(1), pages 45-63, January 2008

Conflict, Defense, and the Number of Nations

European Economic Review, vol. 50(1), pages 91-120, January 2006
(with Alberto Alesina).

Borders and Growth

Journal of Economic Growth, vol. 10(4), pages 331-386, December 2005
(with Romain Wacziarg).

War, Peace, and the Size of Countries

Journal of Public Economics, vol. 89(7), pages 1333-1354, July 2005
(with Alberto Alesina).

Why Chads? Determinants of Voting Equipment Use in the United States

Public Choice, vol. 123(3), pages 363-392, June 2005
(with Phillip Garner).

Is Small Really So Ugly?

World Trade Review, vol. 3(03), pages 447-452, December 2004.

Economic Integration, International Conflict and Political Unions

Rivista di Politica Economica, 94 (3) 9-10, pages 3-50, September-October 2004.

Adjustments in Different Government Systems

Economics & Politics, vol. 16(2), pages 117-146, July 2004.

On the Evaluation of Economic Mobility

Review of Economic Studies, vol. 69(1), pages 191-208, January 2002
(with Peter Gottschalk).

Journal Articles (continues)

Economic Integration and Political Disintegration

American Economic Review, vol. 90(5), pages 1276-1296, December 2000
(with Alberto Alesina and Romain Wacziarg), reprinted in Pomfret, Richard (ed.),
The Economics of Regional Trading Arrangements, The International Library of
Critical Writings in Economics, vol. 161, Chapter 23, pp. 471-491, Cheltenham,
UK: Edward Elgar, 2003.

On the Number and Size of Nations

Quarterly Journal of Economics, vol. 90(5), pages 1276-1296, November 1997
(with Alberto Alesina).

Economic Theories of the Break-up and Integration of Nations

European Economic Review, vol. 40(3-5), pages 697-705, April 1996
(with Patrick Bolton and Gérard Roland).

Together or Separately? Issues on the Costs and Benefits of Political and Fiscal Unions

European Economic Review, vol. 39(3-4), pages 751-758, April 1995
(with Alberto Alesina and Roberto Perotti).

How Cynical Can an Incumbent Be? A Strategic Model of Government Spending

Journal of Public Economics, vol. 55(1), pages 121-140, September 1994
(with Gian Maria Milesi-Ferretti).

Book

The Size of Nations

MIT Press, Cambridge, MA, December 2003; Paperback edition: 2005.
(with Alberto Alesina)

Professional Scholarly Publishing Award (Honorable Mention) in Economics 2003,
from the Association of American Publishers (AAP).

Catalan edition: *La Mida de Les Nacions*, Lid Editorial, Barcelona, 2008

Book Chapters

Federalism, Interregional Redistribution, and Country Stability

in *Regional Fiscal Flows and the Stability of Federations*, Wallace Oates Studies in Fiscal Federalism and State-Local Finance series, Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar, in preparation

Borders and Barriers, Considerations on the Political Economy of Geography, Institutions, and Cross-Country Inequality

in *Égalité – Inégalité (s) dans les Amériques*, edited by Christine Zumello and Polymnia Zagefka, Éditions de l'IHEAL / Éditions de l'Institut des Amériques, Paris, 2008.

Economics Approach to the Size of Nations

in *The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics*, 2nd edition, edited by Steven Durlauf and Lawrence Blume, Palgrave Macmillan, 2008

Herschel Grossman

in *The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics*, 2nd edition, edited by Steven Durlauf and Lawrence Blume, Palgrave Macmillan, 2008

National Borders and the Size of Nations

in *Oxford Handbook of Political Economy*, edited by Barry Weingast and David Wittman, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006.

Monetary and Fiscal Policies with Adjustment Costs

in *Monetary Policy and Institutions. Essays in Honor of Mario Arcelli*, edited by Giorgio Di Giorgio and Fabio Neri, Rome: LUISS University Press, 2006.

Trade, Growth, and the Size of Countries

in *Handbook of Economic Growth*, edited by Philippe Aghion and Steven Durlauf, Amsterdam: North-Holland, 2005
(with Alberto Alesina and Romain Wacziarg).

Book Reviews

Democracy as Commitment

Review of *The Economic Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy* by Daron Acemoglu and James Robinson (Cambridge University Press, 2006), *Economic Journal*, vol. 117(517), pages F174-F179, 2007

Separatism and Integration

Review of *Separatism and Integration: A Study in Analytical History* by Bertrand M. Roehner with the collaboration of Leonard J. Rahilly (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2002). *EH.NET* (<http://eh.net/bookreviews/library/1029>).

Other Publications

De deugdzaamheid van de kleintjes (in Dutch)

Secessie, Quarterly Journal for the Study of Secessions and Direct Democracy,
20, September 2005

Crecimiento económico y tamaño de las economías (in Spanish)

Claves de la Economía Mundial, Instituto Español de Comercio Exterior (ICEX),
2004.

Other Academic and Professional Experience

Previous Job Experience

Brown University, Providence, RI, USA

Kutayba Alghanim Assistant Professor of Political Economy, Assistant Professor
of Economics, and Assistant Professor of Political Science (courtesy), 1998-2004.
Faculty Associate, Watson Institute for International Studies, 2002-2004.

Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, USA

Assistant Professor of Economics, 1997-1998

Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, 1993-1994 and 1995-1996

The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, USA

Assistant Professor of Economics, and Assistant Professor of Political Science
(courtesy), 1996-1997

Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB), Brussels, Belgium

Research Fellow, European Center for Advanced Research in Economics
(ECARE), 1994-1995.

Short Visiting Positions

University of California, Los Angeles, CA, USA

Visiting Scholar, February 2009

Università degli Studi di Firenze, Florence, Italy

Visiting Professor, December 2007.

Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá, Colombia

Visiting Professor, July 2007.

IMT Institute for Advanced Studies, Lucca, Italy
Visiting Professor, July 2006 and July 2008.

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich, Germany
Visiting Professor, Center for Economic Studies (CES), June 2004.

Ente Luigi Einaudi, Rome, Italy
Visiting Professor and Fellow, June-July 2003.

Stanford University, Stanford, CA, USA
Visiting Scholar, Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law
(CDDRL), May-June 2003

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA
Visiting Scholar, Center for Basic Research in the Social Sciences (CBRSS),
January-May 2003

IMPA (Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Visiting Professor, January 1995.

Other Professional Positions

Desarrollo & Sociedad
Universidad de Los Andes, Bogotá
Editorial Committee, since 2007

University of San Francisco
External Reviewer, Economics Programs, Spring 2007

European Commission
Economic Consultant, DG IV- Industry, February-March 1995.

Confindustria (General Confederation of Italian Industries)
Economic Consultant, August-November 1988.

Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

European University Institute

Economics Chair, 2004-2013 (declined).

Association of American Publishers (AAP)

Professional Scholarly Publishing Award (Honorable Mention) in Economics to the book *The Size of Nations*, February 2004.

Brown University

Kutayba Alghanim Junior Chair in Political Economy, 1998-2004.

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Research Grants 1994-1997, “Democratization, Secessions, and Fiscal Institutions,” Co-principal investigator
(with Alberto Alesina and Roberto Perotti)

European Commission

Human Capital and Mobility Fellowship, through the European Center for Advanced Research in Economics (ECARE), 1994-1995.

National Science Foundation (NSF) and Harvard/MIT

Research Training Group in Positive Political Economy
Doctoral Fellowship, 1992-1993

Ente Luigi Einaudi

Doctoral Fellowship, 1992-1993

Istituto Bancario San Paolo di Torino

Luciano Jona Fellowship, 1990-1992.

Mediocredito Centrale

Marco Fanno Fellowship, 1989-1990.

Refereeing

American Economic Review (received “Excellence in Refereeing Award,” AER 2007-2008), American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Blackwell Publishing, British Journal of Political Science, Cambridge University Press, Canadian Journal of Economics, Economic Journal, Economics of Governance, Economics Letters, Economic Notes, Economics & Politics, Economic Systems, European Economic Review, European Journal of Political Economy, IMF Staff Papers, Journal of Economic Development, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Economic Integration, Journal of Economic Studies, Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Money, Credit and Banking, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Public Choice, Oxford University Press, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Southern Economic Journal, Swedish Journal of Economics, and others.

Seminar and Conference Presentations

APSA Meetings, ASSA Meetings, Banca d’Italia, Banco de la Republica (Central Bank of Colombia), Birkbeck College, Boston College, Boston University, Brigham Young University (Smith Lecture), Brown University, IEB Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Università di Bologna, University of California at Irvine, University of California at Los Angeles, University of Chicago, Università Cattolica di Milano, Center for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) conferences, Claremont McKenna College, Columbia University, University of Connecticut, CORE - Catholic University of Louvain, Duke University, ECARES (Free University of Brussels), Econometric Society Meetings, Ente Luigi Einaudi, European University Institute, Flemish Parliament, Università di Firenze, Florida International University, Jordi Pujol Foundation (Barcelona), George Mason University, Harvard University, Harvard-MIT Political Economy workshop, Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics (IMPA - Rio de Janeiro), International Monetary Fund, IMT Institute for Advanced Studies Lucca, KU Leuven, London School of Economics, LUISS (Free International University for the Social Sciences, Rome), Università di Modena, University of Munich, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) conferences, Northwestern University, University of Nuremberg, Ohio State University, Pennsylvania State University, Princeton University, Università di Roma, Santa Fe Institute, Stanford University, Tel Aviv University, Tufts University, Venice International University, University of Warwick, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung (Social Science Research Center Berlin), World Bank, Yale University, and others.

Teaching

Undergraduate courses

Macroeconomics (principles and intermediate)
International Economics
Economic Development
Political Economy
Money & Banking
The Economies of the Middle East
The Number and Size of Nations

Graduate courses

Macroeconomic Theory
Microeconomic Theory
Economic Growth
Mathematical Economics
Political Economy
Trade and Growth

Personal Information

Family: Married to Deborah Menegotto; one child (Edoardo).

Citizenship: Italian and U.S.

Languages: Italian (native), English (fluent), Portuguese (fluent), French (rusty)