

# Sergio Galletta

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## Current position

*Swiss National Science Foundation post-doctoral fellow* at the Institut d'Economia de Barcelona (IEB) and Institut d'Anàlisi Econòmica (CSIC), Barcelona

*Post-doc researcher* at the University of Lugano (USI), Lugano

## Research interests

Public Finance • Political Economy • Applied Microeconometrics

## Education

- 2010-2014 PhD in Economics, University of Lugano
- 2014 Visiting research student, McMaster University, Hamilton
- 2013 Visiting research student, University of Toronto, Toronto
- 2011-2012 Swiss Program for Beginning Doctoral Students in Economics, Study Center Gerzensee
- 2007-2009 MSc in Economics, Catholic University of Milan
- 2004-2007 BSc in Economics, Catholic University of Milan

## Experiences

- 2015- Swiss National Science Foundation post-doctoral fellow, Institut d'Economia de Barcelona (IEB) and Institut d'Anàlisi Econòmica (CSIC), Barcelona
- 2014- Post-doc researcher, University of Lugano, Lugano
- 2010-2014 Teaching assistant, University of Lugano, Lugano
- 2010 Research assistant, Catholic University, Milan and Rome

## Grants

- 2016-2017 Advanced postdoc.mobility fellowship, Swiss National Science Foundation
- 2015-2016 Early postdoc.mobility fellowship, Swiss National Science Foundation
- 2013 ProDoc mobility, Swiss National Science Foundation

## Research

### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2017 S. Galletta, "Law enforcement, municipal budgets and spillover effects: Evidence from a quasi-experiment in Italy", *Journal of Urban Economics*
- 2017 S. Galletta and A. Redonda, "Corporate Flat Tax Reforms and Businesses' Investment Decisions. Evidence from Switzerland", *International Tax and Public Finance*

- 2016 S. Galletta, “On the determinants of happiness: a Classification And Regression Tree (CART) approach”, *Applied Economics Letters*
- 2015 S. Galletta and M. Jametti, “How to Tame Two Leviathans? Revisiting the effect of direct democracy on local public expenditure in a federation”, *European Journal of Political Economy*
- 2015 S. Galletta, M. Jametti and A. Redonda, “Highway to Economic growth? Competition in public works tenders in the Democratic Republic of Congo”, *South African Journal of Economics*

#### CURRENT WORKING PAPERS

- 2017 G. Daniele, S. Galletta and B. Geys “Abandon Ship? Party Brands and Politicians’ Responses to a Political Scandal”, *IdEP Economic Papers n. 1703*
- 2016 F. Cavalcanti, G. Daniele and S. Galletta “Popularity shocks and political selection: The effects of anti-corruption audits on candidates’ quality”, *IdEP Economic Papers n. 1607*
- 2015 S. Galletta, “Direct Democracy, Partial Decentralization and Voter Information: Evidence from Swiss Municipalities”, *R & R Economics and Politics IdEP Economic Papers n. 1501*

#### WORK IN PROGRESS

S. Galletta “Citizens’ preferences and direct democracy”

S. Galletta “The effect of equalization transfers on local authority’s decisions”

#### PROJECTS

- 2016-2017 “Political scandals and spillover effects” (SNSF Advanced Postdoc.Mobility grant n. 167635) - Applicant
- 2015-2016 “The Incentive Effects of Formula-based Equalization Schemes” (SNSF Early Postdoc.Mobility grant n. 158603) - Applicant
- 2010-2016 “The Swiss Confederation: A Natural Laboratory for Research on Fiscal and Political Decentralization” (SNSF Sinergia grants n. 130648 and n. 147668) - Collaborator
- 2010-2013 “Partial Fiscal Decentralization” (SNSF ProDoc grant n. 130443) - Collaborator

### **Conferences and seminars**

- 2017 ASSA Chicago, SSES Lausanne, Workshop on Political Economy & Fiscal Federalism Barcelona
- 2016 ZEW PFC Mannheim, Economics of Organized Crime Bergamo, SSES Lugano, IIPF Lake Tahoe, SIEP Lecce, Seminar at IAE/UAB Barcelona, Seminar at KOF-ETH Zürich
- 2015 YSEM Zürich, EPCS Groningen, SIEP Ferrara, CESifo Dresden, Seminar at IEB Barcelona
- 2014 IIPF Lugano, CPEG Ottawa
- 2013 CIRANO Fiscal Rules Montreal, CAE Montreal, PCS New Orleans, Seminar at McMaster University Hamilton
- 2012 SIEP Pavia, SPAN doctoral symposium Berne