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Current position

Post-doctoral researcher at the KOF Swiss Economic Institute at the ETH, Zurich

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

- 2018- Post-doctoral researcher, ETHZ-KOF, Zurich
- 2015-2017 Swiss National Science Foundation post-doctoral fellow, Institut d’Economia de Barcelona (UB) and Institut d’Anàlisi Econòmica (CSIC), Barcelona
- 2010-2014 Research and teaching assistant, University of Lugano, Lugano

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

- “Does direct democracy affect individual’s preference?”
“The effect of equalization transfers on local authority’s decisions”
“Fiscal spillovers and electoral incentives”

PROJECTS

- 2018-2019 “Citizens’ preferences and direct democracy” - Applicant
2016-2017 “Political scandals and spillover effects” - Applicant
2015-2016 “The Incentive Effects of Formula-based Equalization Schemes” - Applicant
2010-2016 “The Swiss Confederation: A Natural Laboratory for Research on Fiscal and Political Decentralization” - Collaborator
2010-2013 “Partial Fiscal Decentralization” - Collaborator

Grants

- 2018-2019 Postdoc.mobility return grants, Swiss National Science Foundation
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

Conferences and seminars

- 2017 ASSA Chicago, SSES Lausanne, Workshop on Political Economy & Fiscal Federalism Barcelona, Petralia Workshop Siracusa, SEA Lugano, Seminar at JRC Ispra
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