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## EDUCATION

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<b>University College London (London, UK)</b> PhD in Economics	2004
<b>University of Siena (Siena, ITA)</b> Doctorate in Economics	2000
<b>University College London (London, UK)</b> MSc in Economics	1994
<b>University of Cagliari (Cagliari, ITA)</b> Laurea (B.A.) summa cum laude in Political Science (Economics)	1992

## CURRENT POSITION AND AFFILIATIONS

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<b>Full Professor of Economics</b> <i>Department of Economics and Management, University of Cagliari</i>	December 2016 - Present <i>Cagliari, Italy</i>
<b>Research Fellow IZA</b> <i>IZA (Institute for the Study of Labor)</i>	2014 - Present <i>Bonn, Germany</i>
<b>Research Fellow CRENoS</b> <i>Centre for North South Economic Research, University of Cagliari and Sassari</i>	2002 - Present <i>Italy</i>
<b>Member of the Board of Regents</b> <i>Bank of Italy</i>	July 2023 - Present <i>Italy</i>

## PAST APPOINTMENTS

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<b>Associate Professor of Economics</b> <i>Department of Economics and Management, University of Cagliari, Italy</i>	January 2014 - December 2016
<b>Assistant Professor of Economics</b> <i>Department of Economics and Management, University of Cagliari, Italy</i>	2002 - December 2014
<b>Post-doc position (assegno di ricerca)</b> <i>Department of Economics and Management, University of Sassari, Italy</i>	2000 - 2002
<b>Research assistant</b> <i>University of Cagliari, Italy</i>	1994 - 1996
<b>Research assistant</b> <i>FEEM (Fondazione ENI Enrico Mattei), Milano, Italy</i>	1992 - 1993

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Economics of Education, Labor Economics, Growth and Human Capital

## VISITING

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- September 2024 - present: Visiting Scientist, University of Potsdam (Potsdam), and Associate Scientist, DIW (German Institute for Economic Research, Berlin).
- 2013 IFN - Research Institute of Industrial Economics, Stockholm (February).
- 2011 IZA - Institute for the Study of Labor, Bonn (July).

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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- 2024: Member of the evaluation committee, program “A Scuola per il Futuro – Insieme per contrastare l’abbandono scolastico”, Editions 2023 and 2024, Fondazione Cassa Depositi e Prestiti (CDP), Rome.
- 2018 Advisor - evaluation project “CI SIAMO!”, Cooperativa Sociale Schema Libero, research funding ‘Impresa Sociale Con i Bambini - Fondazione per il Sud.
- 2014 Advisor – “Gruppo di lavoro per l’elaborazione degli indicatori per la valutazione dei Dirigenti scolastici”, INVALSI (National Institute for the Educational Evaluation of Instruction and Training), Rome.
- 2011-12 Advisor - research project “Sviluppo di un sistema di indicatori di capitale umano” (Developing a system of human capital indicators), ISTAT, Italian National Institute of Statistics, Rome.
- 2009-10 Regional policies Steering Group member “Politiche regionali contro la dispersione scolastica”, Regione Autonoma della Sardegna.

## PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED JOURNALS

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1. 2023 “Vested interest and local decision making as barriers to eradicating a pandemic disease. The case of African Swine Fever in Sardinia”, with Francesco Pigliaru, *Studi Economico-Giuridici*, Vol. 64 (1), pp. 75-96.
2. 2022 “Grading practices, gender bias and educational outcomes: evidence from Italy”, with Laura Casula and Sara Pau, *Education Economics*, Vol. 30 (5), pp. 481-508.
3. 2015 “Managerial Practices and Students’ Performance”, with Fabiano Schivardi and Giovanni Sulis, *Economic Policy*, Vol. 30 (84).
4. 2015 “Employment Subsidies, Informal Economy and Women’s Transition into Work in a Depressed Area: Evidence from a Matching Approach”, with Manuela Deidda, Marta Foddi and Giovanni Sulis, *IZA Journal of Labor Policy*, Vol. 4, 7 (24 April 2015).
5. 2015 “Past dominations, current institutions and the Italian regional economic performance”, with Marco Sideri, *European Journal of Political Economy*, Vol. 38.
6. 2015 “Length of the stay in the host country and educational achievement of immigrant students: the Italian case”, *International Journal of Manpower*, Vol. 36, n. 4.
7. 2013 “High skills, high growth: is tourism an exception?” *Journal of International Trade and Economic Development*, vol. 22 n. 5.

8. 2011 “Tourism and Development: A recent phenomenon built on old (institutional) roots?”, with Rinaldo Brau and Francesco Pigliaru, *The World Economy*, vol. 34, no. 3.
9. 2011 “International TFP dynamics and human capital stocks: a panel data analysis, 1960-2003”, with Francesco Pigliaru and Piergiorgio Chelucci, *The Review of Income and Wealth*, vol. 57, no. 2.
10. 2011 “Measuring productivity”, with Massimo Del Gatto and Carmelo Petraglia, *Journal of Economic Surveys*, vol 25, no.4.
11. 2010 “La valutazione degli effetti degli aiuti de minimis in un comune della Sardegna: aspetti preliminari e fattibilità”, with Margherita Meloni, *Rivista Economica del Mezzogiorno*, no. 4.
12. 2008 “How to Measure the Unobservable: a Panel Technique for the analysis of TFP Convergence”, with Francesco Pigliaru and Roberto Mura, *Oxford Economic Papers*, vol. 60, no. 2.
13. 2008 “Education and Italian Regional Development”, *Economics of Education Review*, vol. 27, no.1.
14. 2007 “Convergence and Divergence in Neoclassical Growth Models with Human Capital”, *Economia Politica*, no. 2/2007.
15. 2003 “Some Econometric Issues in Convergence Regressions”, with James Symons, *The Manchester School*, vol.71, no.3.
16. 2001 “Stock di Capitale Umano e Crescita delle Regioni Italiane: un Approccio Panel”, *Politica Economica*, no.2.
17. 1999 “Istruzione disuguale, crescita differente”, *Equilibri*, no.3.
18. 1994 “Crescita endogena e Distribuzione del Reddito: una Analisi Empirica”, *Il Giornale degli Economisti e Annali di Economia*, Vol. LII (N.S.), no.1-3.

## BOOKS AND CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

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1. 2023 “Barriere economiche alla eradicazione della Peste Suina Africana: il caso della Sardegna”, with F. Pigliaru, *forthcoming* in “Autonomia della Regione e degli Enti locali: dal sistema delle competenze ai risultati dell’azione amministrativa. Un’analisi teorico-empirico-valutativa”, I. Ruggiu ed., Edizioni Scientifiche Italiane.
2. 2019 “Il mondo che cambia”, A. Di Liberto and A. Pavan eds., Franco Angeli.
3. 2019 “Le competenze manageriali dei Dirigenti Scolastici Italiani”, in “Il mondo che cambia”, A. Di Liberto and A. Pavan eds., Franco Angeli.
4. 2019 “La valutazione dell’efficacia dei contributi de minimis alle imprese: un approccio basato sul Regression Discontinuity Design”, in “Il mondo che cambia”, A. Di Liberto and A. Pavan eds., Franco Angeli.
5. 2018 “Shirking and Social Capital: Evidence from Skilled vs Unskilled School Workers”, with M. Sideri, in *Regional Development Trajectories Beyond The Crisis*, M. Bellandi, B. Biagi, A. Faggian, E. Marrocu, S. Usai eds., Franco Angeli.
6. 2017 “School management and student achievements”, in *Handbook of Contemporary Education Economics*, Geraint Johnes, Jill Johnes, Tommaso Agasisti, Laura López-Torres eds., Edward Elgar.

7. 2013 “Valutazione quantitativa”, in L’impatto della politica regionale contro la dispersione scolastica: i laboratori didattici attuati in seguito alla delibera regionale n. 47/29 del 2007, Adriana Di Liberto, Giuseppe F. Dettori and Corrado Zoppi eds., Kata Consulting.
8. 2013 “TFP convergence across European regions: a comparative spatial dynamics analysis”, with Stefano Usai, in Geography, Institutions and Regional Economic Performance (R. Crescenzi e M. Percoco eds.), Springer.
9. 2010 “Il cambiamento delle imprese nella percezione dei laureati”, Occupazione e occupabilità dei laureati”, with Stefano Usai, in ”XI Rapporto sulla condizione occupazionale dei laureati. Occupazione e occupabilità dei laureati. A dieci anni dalla Dichiarazione di Bologna”, Consorzio Universitario ALMALAUREA ed., Il Mulino.
10. 2007 “Convergence clubs and the role of human capital in Spanish regional growth”, in Knowledge and Regional Economic Development, J. Surinach, R. Moreno e E. Vayà eds., Edward Elgar.
11. 2006 “Il capitale educativo: dati regionali e confronti internazionali” in Economia dell’Istruzione e del Lavoro in Sardegna, A. M. Pinna e G. Sulis eds., CUEC.

## **WORKING PAPERS, WORK IN PROGRESS AND POLICY PIECES**

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1. 2025 “Managerial Practices and Student Performance: Evidence from Changes in School Principals”, with L. Giua, F. Schivardi, M. Sideri, G. Sulis, CEPR Discussion Paper No. 19919 and previously IZA Discussion Paper No. 16203.
2. 2025 “Spatial abilities and the gender gap in mathematics (Matabì)”, with Politecnico di Torino and Fondazione Agnelli, Torino.
3. 2024 “Remote learning during the Covid-19 pandemic: evidence from a three-level survey of Italian schools”, with A. Caria and S. Pau, IZA Discussion Paper No. 17545.
4. “Does a Part-Time School Principal Harm Students? Evidence from a School Consolidation Program in Italy”, with S. Pau and R. Ballatore, mimeo.
5. “Regional heterogeneity and school workers behavior: the role of social capital and skills.” with Francesco Pigliaru and Marco Sideri, mimeo.
6. 2013 “Le competenze manageriali dei Dirigenti Scolastici italiani”, with Fabiano Schivardi, Marco Sideri and Giovanni Sulis, Working Paper Fondazione Giovanni Agnelli n. 48.
7. 2001 “Education and Italian Regional Development”, with James Symons (UCL, University College London), CEP (Centre for Economic Performance, London School of Economics) Discussion Paper No. 496.
8. 1994 “Convergence across Italian Regions”, Working Paper FEEM (Fondazione ENI Enrico Mattei), No. 68., Milano.

## **FINANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS (COMPETITIVE GRANTS PROCESSES)**

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### ***INTERNATIONAL***

- **2022** “Economic, Social and Spatial Inequalities in Europe in the Era of Global Mega-trends (ES-SPIN)”, Horizon program (EU), Grant agreement ID: 101061104 (from 01/10/2022 to 30/09/2025). Participant.

- **2022** "Growing Resilient Inclusive And Sustainable (GRINS)", Piano Nazionale di Ripresa e Resilienza (PNRR), NextGenerationEU funding, Project code MUR: PE0000018, CUP: F53C22000760007 (from 01/12/2022 to 30/11/2025). Participant.
- **2011** "Sharing Knowledge Assets: Interregionally Cohesive Neighborhoods - SEARCH", Finanziamento Settimo Programma Quadro (SSH - 2010 Socioeconomic Sciences and Humanities) FP7 (2007-2013) grant agreement n° 266834. Participant.
- **2007** "Intangible Assets and Regional Economic Growth - IAREG", Finanziamento Settimo Programma Quadro (SSH – 2007 Socioeconomic Sciences and Humanities), FP7 Collaborative Research Project (Commissione Europea, Grant Agreement no. 216813). Participant.

### ***NATIONAL***

- **2020** "Autonomia della Regione e degli Enti locali: dal sistema delle competenze ai risultati dell'azione amministrativa. Un'analisi teorica-empirico-valutativa", Regione Sardegna Legge 7/2022 (grant CUP F25C20001170002). Unit coordinator.
- **2012** "Che cosa fa nascere un imprenditore?", Regione Sardegna Legge 7/2007 grant no. CRP 60619. Participant.
- **2010** "La valutazione delle politiche scolastiche della Regione Sardegna", Regione Sardegna, Legge 7/2007 (grant CUP F71J09000300002). Participant.
- **2002** "I fattori che influenzano i processi di crescita economica e di convergenza tra le regioni europee". MURST funding, Italian Ministry of Education (Cofin). Participant.
- **1998** MURST funding, Italian Ministry of Education (Cofin) "European Integration and Regional Disparities in Economic Growth and unemployment". MURST funding, Italian Ministry of Education (Cofin). Participant.

### ***OTHER FINANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS***

- **2021** "Indagine informativa sulle pratiche della Didattica a Distanza (DaD) e della Didattica Digitale Integrata (DDI)", funding from Fondazione Agnelli, Torino.
- **2010** "La valutazione della politica ICS (Interventi di coesione sociale)". In.Sar S.p.A. funding.

### **MAIN UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

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- 2019- present PhD Program in Economics, Committee member, University of Cagliari.
- 2015-2018 Degree Program Director, Laurea Magistrale in Economics (Second cycle degree/Two year Master, 1 July 2015 - 30 June 2018), University of Cagliari.
- 2016 National Assessment of Italian research (PRIN projects) 2015, Referee.
- 2016 National Assessment of Italian research (VQR) 2011-2014, Referee.
- 2015 Committee member - International evaluation of the proposals submitted for the Human Capital: 21st Century Skills Dutch program, (Board of the division of Social Sciences, MaGW and the Netherlands Initiative for Education Research, NRO and of the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research, NWO).
- 2005 – 2013 PhD Program in Economics, Committee member, University of Cagliari and Sassari.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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- 1997-98 University College London: European Economy I (undergrad. TA).

- 1998-99 University College London: European Economy I (undergrad. TA), Macroeconomics (undergrad. TA), European Economy II (undergrad. TA).
- 2000-01 University of Cagliari: Macroeconomics (undergrad.).
- University of Sassari: Econometrics (undergrad.), European Economy (grad.) course sponsored by the Jean Monnet EU program.
- 2001-02 University of Cagliari: Macroeconomics (undergrad.).
- 2003-04 University of Sassari: Econometrics of Panel Data (Master in Applied Statistics).
- 2003-09 University of Cagliari: Macroeconomics (undergrad.), Introductory Economics (undergrad.).
- 2010-11 University of Cagliari: Introductory Economics (undergrad.).
- 2004-11 University of Cagliari: Applied Macroeconomics (grad., laurea specialistica).
- Since 2011 University of Cagliari: Intermediate Policy Evaluation (grad., laurea magistrale).
- Since 2011 University of Cagliari: Principles of Policy Evaluation (grad., laurea magistrale).
- Since 2015 University of Cagliari Macroeconomics (undergrad.)

## REFeree SERVICES

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*Journal of Development Economics, Economic Journal, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Oxford Economic Papers, Journal of Economic Geography, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Productivity Analysis, Economics of Education Review, Education Economics (2), Regional Studies (3), Journal of Agricultural Economics, Papers in Regional Science, Applied Economics (3), Economics of Innovation and New Technologies, Bulletin of Economic Research, Journal of International Trade and Economic Development, Emerging Markets Finance and Trade, Applied Energy, The Review of Income and Wealth (2), Empirical Economics, Metroeconomica, International Economics Journal, Higher Education Quarterly, Giornale degli Economisti, Rivista Internazionale di Scienze Economiche e Commerciali, Scienze Regionali, Economia Politica (2).*