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EDUCATION

- European University Institute, Department of Economics, Florence, Italy 2006-Present
 - PhD Candidate (Degree expected July 2010)
Supervisor: Prof. Pascal Courty
 - Thesis Title: Antitrust Interventions, The effects of Price Transparency and an Agent Based Model of the Retail Gasoline Market

- University of Southampton, Department of Economics, UK, 2005
 - Master of Science in Economics (distinction)
 - Thesis Title: Are Household Members Altruistically Linked? An Examination Based on the Mexican Anti-Poverty Programme Progresa

- Università Commerciale “Luigi Bocconi”, Milan, Italy, 2004
 - Degree in Economics of International Markets and New Technologies (grade: 110 cum laude/110)
 - Thesis Title: Appropriate Technology. A case study: The diffusion of fuel-efficient stoves in LDCs

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Applied Microeconomics, Public Economics, Industrial Organization, Agent Based Modelling, Policy Evaluation

TEACHING INTERESTS

- Microeconomics
- Econometrics
- Industrial Organization
- Game Theory

RESEARCH PAPERS

- Does price information matter? Price comparison in the Italian motorway refuelling market
- Does price information matter? An agent based analysis
- The impact of antitrust investigations and fines on firms' market value: The Italian case (joint with Massimo Motta)
- The effect of EU antitrust investigations and fines on a firm's valuation (joint with Gregor Langus and Massimo Motta)

TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- External Collaborator, International Labour Office, Geneva (Switzerland) and Lusaka (Zambia), 2009
Project name: The concept of fiscal space and its applicability to the case of Social Protection policy development in Zambia
- Research Assistant, European University Institute, 2007-2008
For Prof. Massimo Motta
- Teaching Assistant, Applied Contract Theory, European University Institute, April 2008
For Prof. Pascal Courty
- Assistant Economist, Department for Work and Pension, London, UK, 2005
State Pension division, micro-dynamic simulation of pension policy reforms

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 6th CEPR School on Applied Industrial Organization, Mannheim, Germany, May 2009
“Does Price Information Matter? Price Comparison in the Italian Motorway Refuelling Market”
- CLEEN (Competition Law and Economics Network) Workshop, Norwich, UK, June 2008
“Price Comparison and Pricing Strategies. A case study: the Italian Motorway Refuelling market”

AWARDS

- European University Institute, Fourth Year completion grant, 2009
- Ministero degli Affari Esteri, PhD scholarship, 2006-2008
- Andrew Dumble prize, for the best performance in the diploma examinations, University of Southampton, June 2005.
- Awarded a scholarship to attend a semester abroad in the USA. University Bocconi, Milan, Jan 2004.

SKILLS

- Languages: English (fluent), Italian (mother tongue), Spanish (basic)
- Computers: Stata, SAS, MathCAD, Matlab, R, Office Package (Excel VBA), Scientific Workplace, NetLogo

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Nationality: Italian
- Date of birth: 25 March 1982

JOB PREFERENCES

- International Organizations, Private/Public Institutions, Academia
- Available from September 2010

REFERENCES

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JOB MARKET PAPER ABSTRACT

Does Price Information Matter? Price Comparison in the Italian Motorway Refuelling Market

The availability of price information is crucial in shaping market competition. Policy interventions aimed at informing consumers about prices and making possible price comparison have the potential to lower search cost and empower consumers. This might in turn trigger competition among retailers that compete to attract informed (and active) consumers. This paper studies the implementation of a consumer policy aimed at facilitating fuel price comparison on Italian toll motorways. We empirically test the effect of introducing price comparison on the price final consumer face.