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### Present Professional Position:

2008 to present                      Economist, Economic Research and Statistics Division, WTO

### Past Professional Positions:

2004 to 2008                      Marie Curie Fellow, Economics Department, and Jean Monnet Fellow, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute

### Education:

1999-2004 Ph.D.                      Economics, Columbia University  
Thesis Advisors: Alessandra Casella, Kyle Bagwell  
1998-2003 Doctorate                Economics, University of Siena  
1999-2002 M.Phil.                    Economics, Columbia University  
1999-2001 M.A.                      Economics, Columbia University  
1993-1998 B.A.                      Economics, University of Rome "La Sapienza", summa cum laude  
Fall 1997                              Erasmus Program, University of Lille (France)

### Short Term Visiting and Professional Positions:

Spring 2007                      Visiting Professor, MacMillan Center, Yale University  
Summer 2005                      Research Affiliate, Leitner Program in International Political Economy, Yale University  
Fall 2002                              Graduate Research Program, European Central Bank, Directorate Research  
Summer 2002                      Research Fellow, Ente "Luigi Einaudi", Bank of Italy

### Teaching:

Fall 2008                              International Trade (Master), World Trade Institute  
Spring 2007                            International Trade (Master), Yale University  
Fall 2006 and 2007                  Political Economics (Ph.D.), EUI  
Fall 2004 and 2005                  Macroeconomics (Undergraduate), LUISS  
Spring 2004                          Teaching Assistant, International Economics (Master), Columbia University  
Spring 2002                          Teaching Assistant, Development Economics (Undergraduate), Columbia University  
Fall 2001                              Teaching Assistant, Macroeconomics (Undergraduate), Columbia University

### Research:

*Fields:*                              Political Economy; International Economics  
*Interests:*                          Global Governance; European Integration; WTO; Special Interest Politics; Immigration

### **Awards, Fellowships and Grants:**

2006	Research Grant, Centro Studi sul Federalismo, Fondazione Collegio Carlo Alberto (Turin), for “Political Constraints to Growth: Why Lisbon Fails”
2005	Marie Curie Grant, European Commission, for “Political (Dis)Integration and Growth”
2001-04	Teaching Fellow, Columbia University
2003	Wueller Research Prize, for best research project, Economics Dept, Columbia University
2002	Vickrey Prize, for best 3 <sup>rd</sup> year paper, Economics Dept, Columbia University
1999	Costa Prize, for undergraduate dissertation, <i>Rivista di Politica Economica</i>

### **Publications (refereed):**

- Monetary Politics in a Monetary Union: A Note on Common Agency with Rational Expectations, *Economics Letters*, Forthcoming
- Why Lisbon Fails, *CESifo Economic Studies*, Forthcoming
- Political Pressures and Exchange Rate Stability in Emerging Market Economies (joint with Ester Faia and Massimo Giuliadori), *Journal of Applied Economics*, 11:1, May 2008 (leading article)
- Special Interests and the Gains from Political Integration (joint with Daniel Brou), *Economics and Politics*, 18:2, July 2006
- Economic Theories of Political (Dis)Integration, *Journal of Economic Surveys*, 19:1, February 2005
- The Allocation of Competencies in an International Union: a Positive Analysis, *European Central Bank Working Paper Series*, No. 220, April 2003
- Lobbying, Bargaining and EU Enlargement (joint with Daniel Brou), *Rivista di Politica Economica*, January 2003
- Inflation Targeting versus Monetary Targeting in a Unionized Economy, *Rivista di Politica Economica*, December 1999

### **Working Papers:**

- The Economics of WTO Arbitrations (joint with Chad Bown), July 2008
- Prejudice and Immigration (joint with Paolo Giordani), July 2008
- A Political Economy Model of Merger Policy in International Markets (joint with Massimo Motta), CEPR Discussion Paper 6894, June 2008 (*submitted*)
- Economic Integration, Political Integration, or Both? (joint with Daniel Brou), December 2007 (*submitted*)
- Political Constraints to Growth in an International Union, December 2007 (*revise and resubmit to Journal of Public Economics*)
- Mergers and National Champions, (joint with Massimo Motta), September 2007 (*submitted*)
- Rent Seeking, Market Structure and Growth (joint with Daniel Brou), March 2007 (*submitted*)
- Lobbying and Endogenous (De)Centralization, May 2006 (*under revision*)

### **Work in Progress:**

- Cross-Retaliation (joint with Chad Bown)
- The Immigration Policy Puzzle (joint with Paolo Giordani)
- The New Political Economy of Trade Policy (joint with Daniel Brou)

### **Contributions to Reports:**

- World Trade Report 2008, *Trade in a Globalizing World*, WTO, July 2008

### **Other Publications (in Italian):**

- Fusioni e Campioni Nazionali (joint with Massimo Motta), *L'Industria*, 2/2008

- Integrazione Europea e Gruppi d'Interesse, in *Legittimare l'Europa*, Barca L. and M. Franzini (eds.), il Mulino, 2005
- Unione Monetaria e Contrattazione Salariale, in *Rapporto sulle Retribuzioni e il Costo del Lavoro*, Documenti CNEL, 30, 2000

#### **Non Academic Articles:**

Columns published in: Financial Times, La Voce, RGE Monitor, Mainichi Newspaper, L'Unita' Europea, Menabo' di Etica ed Economia

#### **Invited Conference and Seminar Presentations:**

**2008:** Geneva Workshop on Trade and Development, University of Milan-Bicocca, Fedea (Madrid), Conference on "The Calculation and Design of Trade Sanctions in WTO Dispute Settlement" (The Graduate Institute, Geneva), University of Milan-Cattolica, University of Geneva, European Trade Study Group (Warsaw); **2007:** Conference on "Do we need National or European champions?" (CESifo, Munich), European Economic Association Annual Meeting (Budapest), CESifo Venice Summer Institute on "Reinventing Europe", WZB Berlin, WTO, Conference on "Constitutions and Markets" (EUI, Florence), Dublin Summer School, Yale University; **2006:** CREI/Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Discussant IADB Euro-Latin Study Network on Integration and Trade (Paris), European Economic Association Annual Meeting (Vienna), Silvaplana Workshop in Political Economy, European University Institute, LUISS, Dublin Summer School; **2005:** Conference on "Dynamic Macroeconomics: Theory and Applications" (University of Bologna), IADB Euro-Latin Study Network on Integration and Trade (Kiel Institute for World Economics), Dublin Summer School, University of Amsterdam/Tinbergen Institute, European University Institute, LUISS, Ente "Luigi Einaudi"; **2004:** European University Institute, Nova University of Lisbon, UQAM, LUISS, Columbia University; **2003:** European Economic Association Annual Meeting (Stockholm University), Student Inter-University Conference (Yale University), Columbia University; **2002:** European Central Bank, Conference on "Lobbying and the Institutional Structure of Policymaking" (University of Rome "La Sapienza"), Ente "Luigi Einaudi"

#### **Conference Organized:**

- *The New Political Economy of Trade*. Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute, Florence, June 2009.
- *Political and Institutional Constraints to Growth: Lessons for the European Union*. Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute, Florence, June 2006.

#### **Referee for:**

*CESifo Economic Studies, ECB Working Paper Series, Economic Journal, Economics and Politics, Economics of Governance, European Economic Review, European Journal of Political Economy, European Union Politics, European Union Review, International Organization, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of International Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Public Economic Theory, MIT Press, Oxford Economic Papers, Public Choice, Rivista di Politica Economica, RSCAS Working Papers*

#### **Other Activities for the WTO:**

**2008:** Lecturer, Regional Trade Policy Course for the Caribbean (Kingston, Jamaica); Discussant, Ph.D. Workshop, Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (Cape Town, South Africa); Co-organizer of the WTO Chair Program

#### **Intern Supervisor at the WTO:**

Mariya Teteryatnikova ("R&D in the Network of International Trade", Summer/Fall, 2008)  
Amadou Amdy Fall ("Negotiating with the World Trade Organization: the case of the Sub Saharan Nations, 1996-2006", Summer/Fall, 2008)

**Languages:**

Italian (native), English (fluent), French (basic)

**Personal:**

Place and Date of Birth	Rome, December 18 <sup>th</sup> , 1974
Citizenship	Italian
Gender	Male