


PERSONAL INFORMATION

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1. Current Positions

- March 2018 - current **Professor of Economics**, Department of Economics and Statistics ‘Cognetti de Martiis’, University of Torino, Italy.
- 2012-current Research **Affiliate Collegio Carlo Alberto**, Moncalieri, Torino, Italy
<http://www.carloalberto.org/>
- 2012-current Member of the Faculty of Vilfredo Pareto Doctorate in Economics
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2. Employment history

- 2010- Feb. 2018 Associate Professor of Economics, Department of Economics and Statistics ‘S.Cognetti de Martiis’, University of Torino, Italy.
- 2001-2010 Lecturer in Economics, Department of Economics and Statistics ‘Cognetti de Martiis’, University of Torino, Italy.
- 1999-2001 Research Associate in the Department of Applied Economics, University of Cambridge.
- 1999-2001 College Lecturer in Economics, Director of Studies in Economics, and Fellow, Robinson College, University of Cambridge.
- 1997-1999 Research Fellow at the ESRC Centre for Business Research, University of Cambridge.
- 1988-1997 Researcher in the Research Department of San Paolo Bank, Torino.
- 1987-1988 Budget auditor, Arthur Young & Co, Rome.

3. Education

- 1997 PhD in Economic Sciences, University of Rome, La Sapienza.
- 1991 M.Sc. in Economics, Department of Economics and Related Studies University of York.
- 1987 Degree in Political Sciences, specialisation in Economics, University of Rome, La Sapienza. Final grade: 110/110 *laurea cum laude*.

4. Other academic appointments

- Jan 2019- Aug. 2019 **Scientific Advisor** for the Frisch Center for Economic Research, Oslo, Norway.
<https://www.frisch.uio.no/english/>
- Nov 2018 – Dic 2020 Member of the Committee for the National Academic Qualification in Econometrics (ASN).

Nov 2016- Oct- 2017 Sept. 2016	Visiting Professor at the Frisch Centre for Economic Research, Oslo, Norway.
Feb. 2015	Expert for the European Institute for Gender Equality on the Study on the Economic Benefits of Gender Equality in the European Union.
2004-2012	Invited Visiting Professor, Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo
July 2007 July 2008	Scientific advisor for the Ragnar Frisch Centre for Economic Research, Oslo, Norway
June 2003	Invited visiting Research Fellow, Ragnar Frisch Centre for Economic Research, Oslo
August 2003	Invited Visiting Research Fellow, Department of Economics, The George Washington University, Washington Dc.
	Invited Visiting Research Fellow, Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo

5. Research projects: organization and participation (last 10 years)

June 2020- February 2020	The COVID-19 school closure and math learning inequalities in primary schools in the Torino province (MATGAP). Financed by Compagnia di San Paolo and Collegio Carlo Alberto. Principal Investigator.
Jan 2019- Aug 2019 2017-2020	Economic Incentives for Migrants in Norway for Learning Norwegian. Frisch Center for Economic Research, Oslo. Participant.
2015-2016	Tackling the Gender Gap in Mathematics in Piedmont(GGM) . Funded by the University of Torino, Progetti di Ateneo 2016 call 2. Principal Investigator . Total Budget: 74.880 euro + 12 person months of salary of University of Torino Professors (around 100.000 euro)
2013-2015	Study on the Economic Benefits of Gender Equality in the European Union. Funded by the European Institute for Gender Equality. Participant to the Collegio Carlo Alberto unit.
2013	How to measure and value freedom of choice? Operationalizing Sen's capability approach with a gender perspective. Funded by University of Torino, Progetti di Ateneo 2012 call 2. Principal Investigator . Total budget 80.410 euro + 15 person months of salary for professors of University of Torino (around 125.000 euro)
2012-2016	Migration and Women Empowerment in Western Balkan countries. Funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Department of Foreign Affairs. Mentor .
2011-2013	Changing families and sustainable societies: Policy contexts and diversity over the life course and across generations. Funded by the European Community under Framework Program 7 . Participant to the Collegio Carlo Alberto unit.
	Measuring human development and capabilities in Italy: methodological and empirical issues. Funded by the Ministry of Education, University, and Research (MIUR), PRIN 2009 . National coordinator: Steinar Strom. Participant of the local unit. Supervised the work of 1 research assistant.

6. Publications

6.1. Publications in peer reviewed journals

Di Tommaso M.L. Maccagnan A. Mendolia S. (2020), The Gender Gap in Attitude and Test Scores: a New Construct of the Mathematical Capability, **Feminist Economics** (forthcoming).

Piazzalunga D., Di Tommaso M. L., 2019, “The increase of the gender wage gap in Italy during the 2008-2012 economic crisis”, **Journal of Economic Inequality**, 17 (2), pp 171–193.
Doi 10.1007/s10888-018-9396-8

Andreassen, L. Di Tommaso M.L. (2018), “Estimating capabilities with random scale models. Women’s freedom of movement”, **Social Choice and Welfare**, 50(4), pp 625-661, doi.org/10.1007/s00355-017-1099-8

Bettio F. Della Giusta M. Di Tommaso M.L. (2017), “Sex work and trafficking: Moving beyond dichotomies”, **Feminist Economics**, 23(3). pp 1-22
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/13545701.2017.1330547>

Contini D., Di Tommaso M.L., Mendolia S. (2017), “The gender gap in mathematics achievement: Evidence from Italian data.” **Economics of Education Review**, 58, pp 32-42. doi 10.1016/j.econedurev.2017.03.001

Andreassen, L., Di Tommaso, M.L., Strøm S. (2017), Nurses and physicians: A longitudinal analysis of mobility between jobs and labor supply. **Empirical Economics**, 52 (4) pp 1235-1269 doi:10.1007/s00181-016-1116-2.

Della Giusta, M., Di Tommaso M.L., Jewell S. (2017) Stigma and Risky Behaviors Among Male clients of Sex Workers in the UK in 2001, **Feminist Economics**. doi: 10.1080/13545701.2016.1203453

Della Giusta, M., Di Tommaso M.L., Jewell S. (2017), Men buying sex. Differences between urban and rural areas in the UK. **Urban Studies**, 54(3) pp713-729.

Addabbo T. Di Tommaso M. L., Maccagnan A. (2016), Education capability: a focus on gender and science. **Social Indicators Research**. 128 (2):793-812.

Addabbo T. Di Tommaso M. L., Maccagnan A. (2014), “Gender Differences in Italian Children Capabilities”, **Feminist Economics**, vol. 20, 2, pp 90-121.

Andreassen, L. Di Tommaso, M. L., Strøm S. (2013), “Do medical doctors respond to economic incentives?” **Journal of Health Economics**, vol 32, pp 392-409.

Bonomi, G., Brosio G. Di Tommaso M.L. (2013) “The Impact of Gender Quotas on Votes for Women Candidates: Evidence from Italy”, **Feminist Economics**, vol. 19, 4, pp 48-75. DOI:10.1080/13545701.2013.825375.

Di Tommaso M. L (2012), Book review of “Women, Work, and Politics: The Political Economy of Gender Inequality”, by Torben Iversen and Frances Rosenbluth. New Haven: Yale University Press,

2010. 224 pp. ISBN-13: 9780300153101, **Feminist Economics**, vol 18, 3, pg 146-150. DOI:10.1080/13545701.2012.717176

Di Tommaso M.L., Saether E.M., Strøm S. (2009). “Nurses Wanted. Is the job too harsh or is the wage too low?” **Journal of Health Economics**, vol. 28, pp 748-757.

Di Tommaso M.L., Shima I., Strøm S. Bettio F. (2009) “As bad as it gets. Well-being deprivation of sexually exploited trafficked women.” **European Journal of Political Economy**, vol. 25, pp. 143-162.

Della Giusta M., Di Tommaso M.L., Strøm S. (2009) “Who’s Watching? The market for Prostitution Services.” **Journal of Population Economics**, Vol. 22, 2, pp. 501-516.

Della Giusta, M., Di Tommaso M.L., Shima I., Strøm S. (2009) “What money buys: clients of street sex workers in the US” (with Della Giusta, Shima, Strøm), **Applied Economics**, vol.41,18, pp.2261-2277.

Di Tommaso M.L., Raiser M., Weeks M. (2007) “Home Grown or Imported? Initial Conditions, External Anchors, and the Determinants of Institutional Reform in the Transition Economies”, **Economic Journal**, vol 117, pp 858-881.

Di Tommaso M.L. (2007) “Children capabilities: a structural equation model for India.” **Journal of Socio Economics**, vol 36, pp 436-450.

Di Tommaso M.L. (2007) Book Review of “Sex Work, Mobility and Health in Europe”, (eds Sophie Day and Helen Ward), **Feminist Economics** 2007, vol 13, pp. 123-127.

Colombino U. Di Tommaso M.L. (2000) “Identifying Demand and Supply of Part-time Using Personnel Data. An Application to Italy”, **Labour**, vol. 14, 4, pp 609-622.

Di Tommaso M.L. (1999) “A trivariate model of participation, fertility and wages: the Italian case”, **Cambridge Journal of Economics**, vol 23, 5, pp 623-640.

Di Tommaso M.L. (1997) “Nora Federici e l’economia della famiglia”(with D. Del Boca) **Storia del pensiero economico**, vol. 33-34, pp 183-191.

Colombino U. Di Tommaso M.L. (1996) “Is the Preference for Children so Low or is the Price of Time so High? A simultaneous model of fertility and participation in Italy with cohort effects”, (with U.Colombino) **Labour**, vol.10, 3, pp 475-493.

Di Tommaso M.L. (1994) “Effetto della riduzione dell’orario standard di lavoro sull’occupazione” (Effect of the reduction of the working time length on occupation), **Economia e Lavoro**, 3-4, pp 235-240.

6.2. Books

Della Giusta M. Di Tommaso M.L. Strøm S. (2008) *Sex markets: a denied industry*, Routledge, London.

6.3. Contributions to books/International Reports

Villosio C., Di Tommaso M.L, Grinza E., Rossi M.C., Piazzalunga D., Mantouvalou K. and Caisl J. (2017). Economic benefits of gender equality in the European Union. Literature review: existing evidence and methodological approaches. European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) ISBN 978-92-9493-197-9 doi:10.2839/3096

Della Giusta M. Di Tommaso M.L. (2016) Affluent and Devout. Men's paying for sex in the United Kingdom. Chapter 6 in Cunningham S. and Shah M. (2016), Handbook of the Economics of Prostitution, Oxford University Press.

Addabbo T. Di Tommaso M.L. Maccagnan A. (2012) Capacità cognitive e sviluppo umano, in L. Tronti (ed) "Il capitale umano. Definizione e misurazioni ", Padova, Cedam-Kluwer, ISBN: 978-88-13-33528-1.

Di Tommaso M.L. (2012) Un approccio economico al mercato del sesso a pagamento. In C. Cipolla, E. Ruspini (eds) "Prostituzioni visibili e invisibili", pg 333-346, Milano, Franco Angeli.

Addabbo T. Di Tommaso M.L.(2011)'Children's Capabilities and Family Characteristics in Italy: Measuring Imagination and Play', pp 222-242 in Jerome Ballet, Mario Biggeri and Flavio Comim (ed), *Children and the Capability Approach*, New York, Palgrave Macmillan, ISBN: 978-0-230-28481-4.

Di Tommaso M.L (2006) Children capabilities: conceptualisation and measurement issues. Chapter in Reboud, V., "Amartya Sen : un économiste du développement?", *Notes et Documents*, Agence Française de Développement, Paris.

Di Tommaso M.L, Krkoska, Raiser M., Structural Change in Transition, chapter 4 in the Transition Report 1999 –Ten years of transition, European Bank for Reconstructing and Development, London, UK, October 1999.

6.4. Working papers under revision in international journals

Marina Della Giusta, Maria Laura Di Tommaso, Sarah Jewell, and Francesca Bettio (2020) Quashing demand or changing clients? Evidence of criminalisation of sex work in the UK

Andreassen L., Di Tommaso M.L: Maccagnan A., Do men care? Men's Supply of Unpaid Labour. Working Paper, Dept. of Economics and Statistics, QR 45/2015, ISSN: 2039-4004.

7. Research

7.1. Editorial activities

2012-2016 **Associate editor** of the journal *Feminist Economics*.

2008-2012 Member of the **Editorial Board** of the journal *Feminist Economics*.

Refereeing: *Journal of Health Economics*, *Review of the Economics of the Household*, *Cambridge Journal of Economics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, *Journal of Population Economics*, *Labour*, *Feminist Economics*, *Journal of Socio-economics*, *Review of*

Economics of the Household, European Journal of Political Economy, Health Economics, Journal of Human Development and Capabilities, Kyklos.

7.2. Organization of conferences and workshops (last 10 years)

1 June 2016	Workshop on Gender and STEM subjects , CHILD and Collegio Carlo Alberto, Scientific Responsible.
7 May 2015	Colloquia on the Capability Approach , Collegio Carlo Alberto, Moncalieri, Italy. Scientific responsible.
September 2013	Annual Conference of the European Association of Labour Economists (EALE) , Torino. Local organizer.

7.3. A selection of international and national conferences attended as presenter (last 10 years)

- Società Italiana degli Economisti (SIE) Palermo, October 2019.
- European Society for Population Economics (ESPE) Antwerp June 2018.
- Società Italiana degli Economisti (SIE) Bologna, October 2018.
- Associazione Italiana di Economia del Lavoro (AIEL) Ancona, October 2018.
- Annual conference of the Italian Association for Quality of Life (AIQUAV), Firenze 1 Dec. 2017
- Italian Economic Association (SIE), Bocconi University Milano, Oct. 2016.
- Italian Labour Economics Association, (AIEL), Trento, Sept. 2016.
- European Society for Population Economics (ESPE), Berlin, 2016.
- European Society for Population Economics (ESPE), Izmir University, 2015
- International Association for Feminist Economics, Berlin, 2015.
- European Association for Labour Economics (EALE), Lubiana, 2014
- Human Development and Capability Association, (HDCA) Athens, 2014.
- European Association for Labour Economics, Torino, 2013.
- OECD-Universities Joint Conference - Economics for a Better World, Paris, 2013.
- Symposium of the Cambridge Journal of Economics on “Equal Pay: Fair Pay? A forty-year perspective” University of Cambridge, 2013.
- International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies (ISQOLS), Venice, 2012.
- Human Development and Capability Association, (HDCA) Jakarta, Indonesia, 2012.
- International Association for Feminist Economics, (IAFFE) Barcelona, June 2012.
- International conference on Children's Capabilities and Human Development, School of Education, University of Cambridge April 2011.

7.4. A selection of invited presentation (last 10 years)

October 2018	Third CANTATA meeting – COST action CA 15117, Gender and Physics. The gender gap in mathematics achievements and in attitudes . Valencia.
26-28 Oct 2018	The gender gap in mathematics test: Exploring variation across items . Invited speaker at the seminar of the Istituto INVALSI, Bari.
13 Nov 2017	Leave no One Behind: why is gender equality key to sound macro-economics and sustainable development. Invited speaker at the Gender Academy, organised by the International Labour Organization.

- 27 February 2017 **Seminar series** of the Department of Economics, University of Reading. Title of the seminar: The gender gap in mathematics achievement: Evidence from Italian data.
- 22 May 2014 Seminar Series of the **Institute for Social Research, Oslo**, Norway. Title of the seminar: Measuring capabilities with random scale models. Women's freedom of movement.
- 12 November 2013 Seminar series of the Dept. of Policy Analysis and Public Management, **University Bocconi**, Milano. Title of the seminar: Measuring capabilities with random scale models. Women's freedom of movement.
- 5 June 2013 **Scientific Discussant** for the final workshop of the EU funded Marie Curie programme *Education as Welfare* (EduWel), University of Valencia.
- 22 May 2013 **Plenary Lecture** for the conference on "Well Being and Public Policy" at the University of Reading. Title of the lecture: How to measure and value freedom of choice? Operationilizing Sen's capability approach with a gender perspective.
- September 2012 **Plenary Lecture** at the pre-conference event of Annual Conference of the Human Development and Capability Association, Jakarta. Book Lecture: Amartya Sen's Capability Approach: Theoretical Insights and Empirical Applications by Wiebke Kuklys (Springer Verlag, 2005)
- February 2012 Measuring capabilities. Freedom of movement of Italian women, **seminar series** of the Department of Economics, University of Reading
- February 2012 No sex please: we are British. Stigma and risky behaviors among clients of prostitution. **Speaker** at the **Workshop** on Human Trafficking, International Crime and National Security: A Human Rights Perspective, University of Goettingen

8. Contribution to Teaching

Micro-economics, Labour Economics, Economics of Gender, Quantitative methods for social Sciences, Gender and Poverty, Economics of Inequality.

8.1. Doctoral schools

- 2012-current **Member of the Faculty of Vilfredo Pareto Doctorate in Economics**
- 2009-2010 Member of the Scuola di Dottorato Vilfredo Pareto, University of Torino.
- 2007-2008 Family and the Labour Market, PhD Lecture course, Advanced Programme in Labour Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Oslo.

8.2. Organisation of Summer schools

- July 2016 Summer School in Gender Economics and Society, International Training Center, International Labour Organization, Turin.
- July 2015 Summer School in Gender Economics and Society, International Training Center, International Labour Organization, Turin.

9. Institutional responsibilities

- July 2019 Member of the Committee for selecting a permanent Associate Professor at the University of Cagliari, Italy.

Oct- Dec 2018	Member of the Committee for selecting a lecturer with career track (RTD B) for the University of Torino.
June 2018- current	Member of the Board of the Interdisciplinary Center for Gender Studies, University of Torino.
2012-2014	Deputy Director, Department of Economics and Statistics ‘Cognetti de Martiis’ University of Torino, Italy.
2009/2014	Member of the Board, Department of Economics and Statistics ‘Cognetti de Martiis’ University of Torino, Italy
2008-2011	Member of the Equal Opportunity Committee of the University of Turin, Italy