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Personal Details

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Employment

May 2024	Reader (Associate Professor), Westminster Business School
Sept 2015	Senior Lecturer, Westminster Business School
Aug 2014	Research Fellow IZA Institute for the Study of Labor, Bonn
Sept 2013	Research Associate Institute of Fiscal Studies, London
2012 - 2015	Senior Lecturer, London Metropolitan Business School
2010 - 2012	Intra-European Marie Curie Research Fellow, University College London
2009	Marie Curie Research Fellow, the Geary Institute, University College Dublin

Education

Jan 2009	Ph.D. in Economics, “Vilfredo Pareto” Graduate School, University of Torino (Italy) Dissertation: <i>Three Essays on Education</i> Dissertation supervisor: Professor Pietro Garibaldi
2005	Master of Science in Economics, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona
2003	<i>Laurea</i> (B.A.) in Economics at Catholic University, Milan. Final grade: 110/110 cum laude
June 2017	Course in Evaluating Social Programs, Poverty Action Lab, MIT, Boston
June 2012	Summer school on empirical strategy, University of Tor Vergata, Roma
June 2010	Summer school on wage determination, UPF, Barcelona
July 2009	Summer school on policy evaluation, UPF, Barcelona
Fall 2007	Visiting Ph.D. student, CEMFI, Madrid
Sept. 2007	Summer school on panel data econometrics, CEMFI, Madrid
Fall 2002	Exchange Student program, University of Galway (Ireland)

Research Interests

Applied Micro Econometrics, Labour Economics, Development Economics

Scholarships and grants

2024	Ministry of Justice “Evaluation of New Prisons Programme”, with RAND, £175K
2024	Nuffield Foundation “Out of sight: missing school and life outcomes for young people”, with FFT Education lab, £117K
2024	Youth Future Foundation “Self-employment trial feasibility study”, (PI: Richard Dorsett) £ 265,3K

2023	Nuffield Foundation “The impact of exclusion on peers’ educational and labour market outcomes”, (PI) £ 205,3K
2021	Youth Endowment Foundation Grant “Evaluation of the SAFE (Support, Attend, Fulfil, Exceed) Taskforce” – with RAND Europe, £ 212,5K
2020	Endowment Education Foundation Grant “Evaluation of Tuition Partners” – with NFER and Kantar, £ 206,8K
2019	Nuffield Foundation “The causes and consequences of youth custody”, (PI: Richard Dorsett) £ 231,8K
2018	British Academy Small Grant for “Fostering inmates’ well-being and mental health through Transcendental Meditation: a prison pilot” (PI: Francesca Cornaglia), £10K
2018	UCL Grand Challenges Small Grant for “Boosting positive development in adolescence: a pilot study on meditation in school” (PI: Gabriella Conti), £5K
2010 - 2012	Intra-European Marie Curie Research Fellow
2005 - 2009	Scholarship, Doctoral Program, University of Torino
2004	Scholarship, Fondazione Einaudi (Torino)
2002	Scholarship for Excellence in Studies, Fondazione Famiglia Legnanese

Publications

“A Demonstration Study of the *Quiet Time* Transcendental Meditation Program”, with G. Conti, O. Doyle and P. Fearon, 2022, *Frontiers in Psychology*, 6130

“Should I stay or should I go? Sibling effects in household formation”, with A. Aparicio, 2016, *Review of Economics of the Household*, Vol. 14:4

“Should cash transfer be conditional? Condition, preventive care, and health outcomes” (with O. Attanasio and M. V. Hernandez), 2015, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, Vol. 7:2

“Fostering household formation: evidence from a Spanish rental subsidy”, (with A. Aparicio), 2015, *The B.E. Journal of Economic Policy and Analysis: Contributions*, Vol. 23:1

“What are the causes of educational inequality and their evolution over time? Evidence from PISA” (with G. Turati), 2015, *Education Economics*, Vol. 23:1

“Higher education expansion and unskilled labour market outcomes”, 2014, *Economics of Education Review*, Vol. 40

“The surprising effect of larger class sizes: evidence using two identification strategies” (with K. Denny), 2013, *Labour Economics*, Vol. 23:4

“The (adverse) consequences of expanding higher education: evidence from Italy”, 2011, *Economics of Education Review*, Vol. 30:5

“Private school quality in Italy”, (with G. Bertola and D. Checchi), 2007, *Giornale degli Economisti e Annali di Economia*, Vol. 66:3

Policy reports

Oppedisano, V., Poet, H., Zhang, M., Lord P., Styles B. and Dorsett, R. (2022). *Evaluation of Year 1 of the Tuition Partners Programme: Impact Evaluation Report for Year 11. Evaluation Report: An exploration of impact in Year 11*. NFER and University of Westminster. Part of an overarching evaluation of year 1 of the Tuition Partners programme, conducted by NFER, the University of Westminster and Kantar Public. Either: London: Education Endowment Foundation [[Available online](#)]

Poet, H., Oppedisano, V., Zhang, M., Lord, P., Styles, B. and Dorsett, R. (2022). *Evaluation of Year 1 of the Tuition Partners Programme: Impact Evaluation for Primary Schools. Evaluation Report*. NFER and University of Westminster. Part of an overarching evaluation of year 1 of the Tuition Partners programme, conducted by NFER, the University of Westminster and Kantar Public. Either: London: Education Endowment Foundation [[Available online](#)]

Roy, P., Oppedisano, V., Smith, A., Zhang, M., Lord, P., Marden R., Styles, B. and Dorsett, R. (2022). *Evaluation of Year 1 of the Academic Mentoring Programme: Impact Evaluation for Year 11. Evaluation Report: An exploration of impact in Year 11*. NFER and University of Westminster. Either: London: Education Endowment Foundation [[Available online](#)]

Working Papers

“School voucher: a theoretical analysis and an empirical experiment on Lombardy.” *Quaderni dell’Istituto di Economia e Finanza*, Catholic University, Milan, 2004

Work in progress

“Peer effects in youth custody”, with R. Dorsett, E. Gorman, G. Morando, D. Thomson, M. Zhang *under revision*

“School exclusions and youth custody”, with G. Buchmueller, C. Cathro, R. Dorsett, A. Sutherland, G. Tagliaferri

“Self-employment trial feasibility study”, with R. Dorsett, G. Buchmueller, K. Kameshwara

“Exclusion and peers’ educational and labour market outcomes”, with R. Dorsett, D. Thomson, M. Zhang

“Reduction of youth violence: the impact of the SAFE intervention in England” with R. Dorsett

Teaching

2015-	Microeconomics II
2012-2015	Microeconomics, Labour Economics, Research Methods, Business Economics
2008	Teaching assistant, University of Torino, Microeconomics I, Macroeconomics I, and Public Economics
2007	Teaching assistant, University of Torino, Microeconomics I, Macroeconomics I, and Public Economics
2006-2008	Master CORIPE Piemonte (Torino), Microeconomics I

Languages

Italian (mother tongue), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent)