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PERSONAL DATA

Born in Vercelli, Piedmont, 1947.

BIO AND EDUCATION

Liceo Classico Diplome, 1966; Laurea, economics (1971), University of Torino. Specialization: ISTAO, Ancona, 1973-74.

UNIVERSITY CAREER

2002-	Professor, Università del Piemonte Orientale
1994-2002	Associate Professor, Università del Piemonte Orientale
1989-1990	Associate Professor, Università Luiss, Roma
1973-1989	Researcher, Università di Torino

UNIVERSITY POSITIONS

1998-2010	Director, Laboratorio di Economia Sperimentale e Simulativa (ALEX) of the Università del Piemonte Orientale
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MAIN FIELDS OF INTEREST

1. Experimental economics
 2. Behavioral economics
 3. Public choice
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4. Macroeconomic policies
 5. Comparative economic systems

CURRENT ISSUES OF RESEARCH

1. Contendibility of electoral systems

The debate on electoral systems points mostly towards an (alleged) trade-off between representativeness and governability. It is argued that a more relevant dimension is contendibility. I am elaborating a contendibility index, to be employed to compare electoral systems through simulation.

2. Indignation, punishment and cooperation.

The evolutionary approach to human behavior, as well as the experimental evidence, show that second and third party punishment are essential to the maintaining the cooperation within a society. The psychological mood sustaining the punishment is indignation. It is argued that the indignation should consequently decrease if the technical possibility of punishment decreases. This hypothesis will be tested experimentally.

TOP FIVE PAPERS

1. (Con M. Migheli e F. Ponzano), Competition among parties and power: an empirical analysis, "Annals of Operations Research", 215, 201-214. (2014)
2. (con G. Lotito e M. Migheli), Is cooperation instinctive? Evidence from the response times in a Public Goods game, "Journal of Bioeconomics", 15, 123-133. (2013).
3. Economia del comportamento xenofobo, UTET libreria, 2002.
4. Comment: examining risk preference under high monetary incentives, "American Economic Review", 84, 1104. (1994).
5. (con F. Scacciati), New experiments on the endowment effect, "Journal of economic psychology", 13, 277-296. (1992).

FURTHER INFORMATION

With some colleagues of the Universities of Pavia, Piemonte Orientale and Torino I am presently (2016) working on the elaboration of an emergency employment project for Italian public sector. Further details in the site www.propostaneokeynesiana.it.