

CURRICULUM VITAE OF MARIO FERRERO
SUMMARY

Nationality: Italian

Current position

Professor of Economics (DISUM, University of Eastern Piedmont, Vercelli, Italy).

Teaching

Courses (at various times): Intermediate microeconomics, Comparative economic systems, Economics of institutions, Economics of risk and incentives, Social and economic history, Public Economics.

During 2009-2011, while on leave at the University of Western Ontario: Principles of mathematical economics, several courses in Intermediate microeconomics, Economics of religion.

Education

Graduate diploma “Laurea” in Economics, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Turin, 1972.

Honors, fellowships, appointments

Otto Eckstein Prize for the best article published in the *Eastern Economic Journal* in the years 1993 and 1994;

Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics, University of California, Berkeley, California, USA, March 1976 – March 1977;

Visiting Professor, Department of Economics, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada, September-November 1998.

Visiting Professor, Department of Economics, University of California, Berkeley, California, USA, August-December 2000.

Visiting Professor, Department of Economics and King’s College, University of Western Ontario, September 2009 – May 2011

Research interests

In the past: Socialist and transitional economies

Revolutions, redistribution, alternative ownership regimes

Labor-managed and participatory firms, profit-sharing

Volunteer labor and nonprofit organizations

Economic models of political systems

Currently: Economic approach to political and religious extremism

Economics of religion

Economics of conflict

Served as referee for the following journals:

AUCO – Czech Economic Review, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Economic Journal, Economic Systems, European Journal of Comparative Economics, European Journal of Law and Economics, European Journal of Political Economy, Homo Oeconomicus, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Politics, Journal of Public Economics, Kyklos, Peace Economics Peace Science and Public Policy, Public Choice, Revue d’Economie Politique, Social Science Quarterly.

PUBLICATIONS**Books and edited journal issues**

The Political Economy of Theocracy (ed.) (with R. Wintrobe), Palgrave-Macmillan, New York, 2009.

“The Rationale of Revolutions” (ed.), special issue of *Homo Oeconomicus*, 21, 2, 2004.

Share Systems and Unemployment: A Theoretical Analysis (with F. Cugno), Macmillan, London, 1991.

Journal articles

“Jesus and the ratchet”, *Homo Oeconomicus*, forthcoming, 2016.

“The rationality of Serb leaders in the Bosnian war”, *Defence and Peace Economics*, DOI: [10.1080/10242694.2015.1016294](https://doi.org/10.1080/10242694.2015.1016294), 2015.

“From Jesus to Christianity: The economics of sacrifice”, *Rationality and Society*, 26, 4, 2014c.

“Competition between exclusive religions: The Counter-reformation as entry deterrence”, *Scottish Journal of Political Economy*, 61, 3, 2014b.

“Competition between Judaism and Christianity: Paul’s Galatians as entry deterrence”, *Kyklos*, 67, 2, 2014a.

“You Shall Not Overkill: Substitution between means of group removal”, *Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy*, 19, 3, 2013c.

“The cult of martyrs”, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 57, 5, 2013b.

“The rise and demise of theocracy: Theory and some evidence”, *Public Choice*, 156, 3-4, 2013a.

“The infallibility of the pope”, *Economics of Governance*, 12, 1, 2011.

“Review of *From Socialism to Capitalism: Eight Essays* by Janos Kornai”, *Journal of Economics*, 96, 2, 2009.

“Review of *Transition and Beyond. Essays in Honor of Mario Nuti* by Saul Estrin, Grzegorz W. Kolodko, Milica Uvalic (Eds.)”, *European Journal of Comparative Economics*, 5, 2, 2008b.

“The triumph of Christianity in the Roman Empire: An economic interpretation”, *European Journal of Political Economy*, 24, 1, 2008a.

“Martyrdom contracts”, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 50, 6, 2006.

“Radicalization as a reaction to failure: An economic model of Islamic extremism”, *Public Choice*, 122, 1-2, 2005.

“Revolution or reform? Socialism’s dilemma as a rational choice problem”, *Homo Oeconomicus*, special issue on “The Rationale of Revolutions” (Ed. M. Ferrero), 21, 2, 2004c.

“A rational theory of socialist public ownership”, *Rationality and Society*, 16, 4, 2004b.

"Competition among volunteers" (with F. Cugno), *European Journal of Political Economy*, 20, 3, 2004a.

“Competition for sainthood and the millennial Church”, *Kyklos*, 55, 3, 2002.

Reprinted in: R.D. Congleton, A.L. Hillman and K.A. Konrad (eds.), *40 Years of Research on Rent Seeking 2. Applications: Rent Seeking in Practice*, Springer Verlag, Berlin, 2008.

"Political exchange in mass party regimes and the transition from socialism", *Economic Systems*, 25, 4, 2001.

"Heavy investment and high pollution as rational choices under socialism", *European Journal of Political Economy*, 15, 2, 1999.

"Public choice in the labor-managed economy", *Economic Analysis: Journal of Enterprise and Participation*, 1, 2, 1998b.

"Rejoinder to Martelli" (with G. Brosio), *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, 10, 2, 1998a.

"Nomenklatura rule under democracy: solving the Italian political puzzle" (with G. Brosio), *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, 9, 4, 1997.

"Why were investment ratios so high in Soviet-type economies? A public choice approach", *Eastern Economic Journal*, 19, 1, 1993.

"Employment-restraining agreements in Weitzman's share system" (with F. Cugno), *Economic Letters*, 22, 4, 1986.

"Individual incentives by adjusting work hours: Bellamy's egalitarian economy" (with F. Cugno), *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 8, 2, 1984.

Book Chapters

"A theory of conversion to exclusive religious and political faiths", in: F. Cabrillo and M. Puchades Navarro (eds.), *Constitutional Economics and Public Institutions. Essays in Honour of José Casas-Pardo*, Edward Elgar, Cheltenham, 2013.

"The economics of theocracy", in: M. Ferrero and R. Wintrobe (eds.), *The Political Economy of Theocracy*, Palgrave-Macmillan, New York, 2009.

"An economic approach to religious extremism", in: C. Timmerman, D. Hutsebaut, S. Mels and W. Nonneman (eds.), *Faith-based Radicalism. Christianity, Islam and Judaism between Constructive Activism and Destructive Fanaticism*, Peter Lang, Brussels, 2007.

"Guild Socialism revisited, and its Yugoslav counterpart", in: P. Kalmi and M. Klinedinst (eds.), *Advances in the Economic Analysis of Participatory and Labor-Managed Firms*, vol. 9, Elsevier, Amsterdam, 2006.

"The political life cycle of extremist organizations", in: A. Breton et al. (eds.), *Political Extremism and Rationality*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2002.

"The economics of socialist nationalism: evidence and theory", in: A. Breton et al. (eds.), *Nationalism and Rationality*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1995.

"Bureaucrats versus Red Guards: a politico-economic model of the stability of communist regimes", in: R.W. Campbell (ed.), *The Post-Communist Economic Transformation. Essays in Honor of Gregory Grossman*, Westview Press, Boulder (Co), 1994.

"The economics of a volunteer labor system", in: S. Mahalingam et al. (eds.), *Labour-Managed Market Economies*, Mittal Publications, New Delhi, 1993.

"Free access vs. revenue sharing as alternative systems for managing employment externalities" (with F. Cugno), in: D. Jones and J. Svejnar (eds.), *Advances in the Economic Analysis of Participatory and Labor-Managed Firms*, vol. 3, JAI Press, Greenwich (Conn.), 1988.

Unpublished works

"Jihad against Hamas? The Herostratos syndrome and the paradox of targeting European Jews" (with Jean-Paul Azam), paper presented at the annual meeting of the European Public Choice Society, Freiburg (DE), March 30 – April 2, and at the 16th Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference, Milan, June 20-22, 2016.

"Islamism and socialism: A comparison", paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture, Boston (MA), March 20-21, and at the 15th Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference, University of Warwick (UK), June 22-24, 2015.

"Why the Arab Spring has been turning Islamic: The political economy of Islam", paper presented at the annual meeting of the European Public Choice Society, Groningen, April 7-10, 2015.

"Communist repression: A research note", paper presented at the 14th Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference, The Hague, June 23-25, 2014.

“Extermination as a substitute for assimilation or deportation: An economic approach”, POLIS Working Paper no. 206, University of Eastern Piedmont, 2013.

“Thresholds in religion: Christianity, Judaism, and Islam”, paper presented at the 12th conference of the Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture, Arlington (VA), April 11-14, 2013.

“Competition between exclusive religions: The demise of Jewish proselytism and the Counter-reformation”, paper presented at the session “Economics and Religion” at the annual conference of the Canadian Economic Association, Quebec City, May 28-30, 2010.

“Cult and unobservable extreme sacrifice”, paper presented at the annual meeting of the European Public Choice Society, Jena, March 27-30, 2008.

“Exclusivity and strictness: A model of extremism in sects and universal religions”, paper presented at the annual meeting of the European Public Choice Society, Turku, April 20-23, 2006.

"A model of the political enterprise", POLIS Working Paper, University of Eastern Piedmont, 1999.

Journal articles and book chapters in Italian

20 items (list available on request)