

Curriculum Vitae

Francesco Sarracino



Personal Information

Place and date of birth: Lecco, 13/03/1980
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Current position

Post- doctoral research fellowship at Ceps/Instead, Differdange, Luxembourg.

Research project: **“Social cohesion in changing societies : facing the challenges of globalization”**

Supervisor: Dr. Monique Borsenberger

Education

- ✓ a.y. 2006 – 2010
Ph.D. in “Policy and Economics for Developing Countries” at the Department of Economic Sciences of the Faculty of Economics – University of Florence (Italy).
Supervisor of doctoral work: Professor Stefano Bartolini
title of PhD thesis: **“social capital, economic growth and well-being”**
- ✓ a.y. 2002 – 2003
Master in “Energy Management” directed by Prof. Riccardo Basosi – University of Siena (Italy);
Title of the thesis: Bilancio energetico degli edifici del Comune di Lucignano (AR)
(energetic analysis of the public buildings of the Municipality of Lucignano)
- ✓ a.y. 1998/99 – 2004/05
Diploma of Laurea in Environmental Economics at the University of Siena (Italy) – Faculty of Economics, score 110/110. Title of the dissertation: “Energy, positional goods and social conflicts”, supervisors: Prof. Stefano Bartolini and Prof. Riccardo Basosi;

Other training

- ✓ 10 – 14th July 2006
Unidea-UniCredit Fundation - University of Florence Summer School on Development on “Food Security and Famine Prevention in Developing Countries” Civita Castellana (Vt);
- ✓ 4th of March – 1st of April 2004
Seminar: European Union Environmental Policy and Politics
Prof. Brendan Flynn, National University of Ireland, Galway – University of Siena (Italy);

Working experience

- ✓ from September to December 2009
European Commission fellowship as visiting researcher at the Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER) in Essex, Colchester, Great Britain. Research title: **“European young adults and the choice of leaving parental house: comparative analysis of nest-leaving age determinants across Europe. Lessons from UK.”**
- ✓ from February to April 2009 and from May to June 2009
European Commission fellowship as visiting researcher at CEPS/INSTEAD research centre in Differdange, Luxembourg. Research title: **“Social capital and Subjective well-being: an assessment of the causal nexus”**
- ✓ From the 8th to the 22nd of April 2008
Research assistant at the department of political economics of the Faculty of Economics – University of Siena (Italy). Research title: **“Social Capital and Subjective Well-Being trends in 11 European countries from 1980 to 2005. Analysis of time series data from the World Values Survey”**
- ✓ from November 2006 to June 2007
Research assistant at the department of Economic Sciences "Marco Fanno" of the Faculty of Economics – University of Padova (Italy). Research title: **“Subjective well-being and relational and positional aspects in Developing Countries: an empirical assessment”**.
- ✓ from July 2006 to July 2007
Research assistant at the department of Economic Sciences of the Faculty of Economics – University of Florence (Italy). Research title: **“Food Security and famine prevention in Developing Countries”**;
- ✓ 3rd of November 2003 – 22nd of December 2003
Practical apprenticeship at the “Agenzia Fiorentina per l’Energia – Firenze”. Objective of the training: analysis of the energetic plan of the metropolitan area of Firenze (Italy). Supervisor: Ing. A. Agazzani;

Research interests

- Subjective well-being, social capital and relational goods;
- Relationship between services offshoring and employment;
- Economics of the family;
- Data analysis: panel-data analysis, time-series analysis, multilevel regression models, propensity score matching, structural equation modelling.

Publications:

- **“Social Capital and Subjective Well-Being trends: Evidence from 11 western European countries”**, Journal of Socio-Economics, DOI information: 10.1016/j.socec.2009.10.010.
- **“Esternalità negative, beni posizionali e crescita economica: alcune riflessioni”** offers a review of models of economic growth from negative externalities and of the relevant empirical evidence; “Il Ponte”, Firenze, August 2009;
- **“Subjective Well-being in Low Income Countries: positional, relational and social capital components”**, “Studi e Note di Economia” fascicolo n. 3-2008.
- **“Predicting the evolution of life satisfaction in Germany between 1996 and 2007: The role of sociability, comparisons and adaptation”**, with S. Bartolini and E. Bilancini, University of Siena, *mimeo*, 2009.
- **“Social Capital Predicts Happiness: World-Wide Evidence from Time-Series”**, with S. Bartolini and E. Bilancini, University of Siena, Dipartimento di Economia Politica, Working paper n. 579, October 2009

Publications in progress:

- **“European young adults and the choice of leaving parental house: comparative analysis of nest-leaving age determinants across Europe. Lessons form UK”** uses a four levels model in which individuals are nested within households, which in turn are nested within regions and countries to assess to what extent the pattern of nest-leaving in European countries is determined by economic conditions defined at multiple levels;
- **“Social Capital trends in 27 European countries”** studies the variations across time of several indicators of social capital in western, central and eastern Europe during last 25 years.
- **“Explaining famines: a critical review of main approaches and further causal factors”** analyzes the relationship among food security, famines and poverty focusing on South-Eastern Africa famines of 2002;

- “**Services offshoring in Italy: implications for Italian employees**” studies the effect of service offshoring of Italian firms on domestic employment distinguishing among high-, middle- and low-skill employees.

Conferences Participation

- Economic Development in Africa, Centre for the Study of African Economies Conference 2008 – St. Catherine’s College, 16 – 18 March 2008, Oxford, Great Britain. Paper presented: Subjective well-being in Low Income Countries; positional, relational and social capital components;
- International conference on Perspectives on Social Capital and Social Inclusion, The Social Capital Foundation, Oracle centre, 19 – 22 September 2008, Buggiba, Malta. Paper presented: Social Capital and Subjective Well-Being trends: Evidence from 11 European countries;
- International conference on Well-being: are we happy with our standard of living?, Università degli Studi di Cassino, Dipartimento di Scienze Economiche, 26 – 27 September 2008. Cassino, Italy. Paper presented: Social Capital and Subjective Well-Being trends: Evidence from 11 European countries;
- Conference on Happiness and relational goods: well-being and interpersonal relations in the economic sphere, Isola di San Servolo, Venezia (Italy), 11 – 13 June 2009. Paper presented: Social Capital and Subjective Well-Being trends in Europe and Japan (1980 – 2005);

Linguistic skills

Native language:
Other languages:

Italian

	<i>Oral</i>	<i>Written</i>
English	excellent	excellent
German	elementary	elementary
French	sufficient	sufficient
Spanish	sufficient	sufficient

Informatics skills

- Stata 11
- DOS, Windows (3.x – Vista), GNU – Linux;
- Latex, Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Outlook, FrontPage, PowerPoint, Publisher), Open Office

Hobbies

I enjoy sport (since the first years of high-school, I have been playing basketball), walking in the nature and travelling: I always try to cover new paths. I’d like to learn playing harmonica. My passion is working with wood: creating new objects or repairing existing ones (like restoring various pieces of furniture from the mid XX century). My recent achievement is also the renewing of two Piaggio Vespas, the famous Italian scooters.

Organizational Skills

- ✓ 1999 – 2004: Town Councillor; assignments: majority group head; staff and budget affairs.
TOWN OF LUCIGNANO -AR- ITALY.
- ✓ 2004 – 2009: Chairman of the budget and environment committee.
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Firenze, 30th of November 2009

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