

Maria Ferrara

Curriculum Vitae

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Personal Information

Date of Birth: 10 January 1984

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Contact Information

Department of Economics

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Current Position

- Research fellow at the Department of Economics, University of Naples Parthenope (January 2015 - Present)

Previous Positions

- Research fellow at the Department of Economics, Management and Statistics of the University of Milano-Bicocca (October 2012 - January 2015)
- Teaching Assistant at University of Milano-Bicocca:
Advanced Macroeconomics (September 2012 -) – postgraduate
- Teaching Assistant at University of Milano-Bicocca:
Macroeconomics (September 2011 – September 2013) – undergraduate

Education

- Ph.D. in Economics, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart (Milano), (June 2014)
Thesis Title: *Disinflation and Fiscal Consolidation Experiments under Limited Asset Market Participation*.
Supervisor: Prof. Patrizio Tirelli (University of Milano-Bicocca)
Examiners: Prof. Giovanni Di Bartolomeo (University of Rome “La Sapienza”), Prof. Salvatore Nisticò (University of Rome “La Sapienza”), Prof. Roberto Tamborini (University of Trento).
- M.Sc. in Economics, University of Naples Parthenope (2009)
Thesis Title: *Bubbles and Real Effects: the Case of the Housing Market in the U.S.*
Supervisors: Prof. Elisabetta Marzano, Prof. Bruno Chiarini
Mark: summa cum laude
- B.Sc. in Economics, University of Naples Parthenope (2007)
Thesis title: *L'Economia Sommersa: Natura e Metodi di Rilevazione*
Supervisor: Prof. Antonio Garofalo
Mark: 108/110

Research

Research Interests: DSGE models, monetary policy, fiscal policy, financial frictions, inequality, tax evasion and underground economy.

Working Papers:

- *Can a DSGE Model Explain a Costly Disinflation?*; (With Patrizio Tirelli); Working Paper 306 (**August 2015**), University of Milano-Bicocca, Department of Economics.
- *Disinflation and Inequality in a DSGE Monetary Model: a Welfare Analysis*; (With Patrizio Tirelli); Working Paper 305 (**July 2015**), University of Milano-Bicocca, Department of Economics.
- *Can Civilian Disability Pensions Overcome the Poverty Issue? A DSGE Analysis for Italian Data*; (With Massimiliano Agovino), MPRA Working Paper 65851; (**July 2015**), University of Naples Parthenope, Department of Economics and Legal Studies; *submitted*
- *Fiscal Consolidations: Can We Reap the Gain and Escape the Pain?*; (With Patrizio Tirelli); Working Paper 283 (**October 2014**), University of Milano-Bicocca, Department of Economics; *submitted*

Works in Progress:

- *Tax Evasion and Investment Shocks: A DSGE Analysis with Financial Frictions*. (With Bruno Chiarini e Elisabetta Marzano)
- *Financial Frictions and Rule of Thumb Consumers*. (With Patrizio Tirelli)

Participation to Conferences

- 56nd Conference of The Italian Economic Association (speaker); October 22 - 24, 2015; University of Naples Parthenope.
- 18th Annual Conference on Macroeconomic Analysis and International Finance (speaker), May 29-31, 2014; University of Crete
- 22nd Symposium of the Society for Nonlinear Dynamics and Econometrics (speaker); April 17-18, 2014; Baruch College CUNY, New York
- XXII International Conference on Money, Banking and Finance (speaker); December 12-13, 2013; LUISS University, Rome

Grants

- Research Grant, Department of Economics and Legal Studies, University of Naples Parthenope (January 2015 - Present)
- Research Grant, Department of Economics, Management and Statistics, University of Milano-Bicocca (October 2012 – December 2013)
- Research Grant, Department of Economics, Management and Statistics, University of Milano-Bicocca (January 2014 - January 2015)
- Three-years merit-based PhD scholarship by Ministry of Education, University and Research (September 2009 – September 2012)

Courses

- 1st DEFAP-LASER Summer School on Theoretical and Empirical Advanced Macroeconomics (Prof. Robert G. King and Prof. Giorgio E. Primiceri); (June 2012)
- Advanced Course of English at the World Wide School of English (October 2008 – October 2010)

Skills

- Operating Systems: Microsoft Windows and Mac OS
- Softwares: Dynare in Matlab, Stata, Microsoft Office Package
- Text Editors: Scientific WorkPlace

Languages

Italian (native), English (fluent), Spanish (basic)