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Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Contract Professor (2024-present)
Full Professor of Economics, University of Cassino: 2005-2024
Full Professor of Economics, University of Trento: 2001-2005
Visiting Professor, University of Bicocca (Milan): 2006
Visiting Professor, S. Anna School of Advanced Studies (Pisa): 2001-2004
Associate Professor, University of Parthenope (Naples), and University of Trento: 1992-2001
Researcher, University of Trento: 1984-1992.

EDUCATION

University of London, Birkbeck: Visiting Researcher, 1983
Cambridge University (UK), Faculty of Economics: M.Phil., 1980
University of Modena (Italy), Faculty of Economics: Laurea *summa cum laude*, 1978

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Economics of Happiness
Economics of Human Capital and Capability
Economics and Psychology
Evolutionary Economics
Economics of Growth, Structural Change, and Cycle
History of Economic Ideas

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- M. Pugno (2023) [*Well-being and Growth in Advanced Economies: The Need to Prioritise Human Development*](#), London, Routledge [paperback edition in 2024]
[Reviewed in the *Journal of Economic Psychology*, Vol 95, March 2023]
- M. Pugno (2016) [*On The Foundations of Happiness in Economics: Reinterpreting Tibor Scitovsky*](#), London, Routledge [paperback edition in 2018] [endorsed by prof. Bruno Frey and prof. Peter Earl; reviewed in *History of Economic Ideas* XXV, 2017/3, pp. 175-8].
- M. Pugno (1992) *R.F.Harrod. Dall'equilibrio dinamico alla instabilità ciclica*, Il Mulino, Bologna (in Italian).

Articles in refereed journals

- M. Pugno (2025). [Does social media harm young people's well-being? A suggestion from economic research](#). *Academia Mental Health and Well-Being*, 2(1), 1-11, Open journal.
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- M. Pugno (2024). [Social media effects on well-being: the hypothesis of addiction of a new variety](#). *Kyklos*. 77(3): 690–704.
- M. Pugno (2024). [Creativity, well-being and economic development: an evolutionary approach](#). *Journal of Evolutionary Economics*, 34(1): 205-225.
- M. Pugno (with F. Sarracino) (2021) [Structural changes in economic growth and well-being. The case of Italy's parabola](#). *Social Indicators Research*, 158: 801-838
[MPRA paper, n. 94150]
- M. Pugno (2019). [Happiness, human development, and economic \(de\)growth](#), *Annals of the Fondazione Luigi Einaudi*, vol. LIII, Dec., pp. 151-172 (A Anvur journal in 14/B2)
- M. Pugno (2017) Scitovsky meets Sen: endogenising the dynamics of capability. *Cambridge Journal of Economics*. 41(4): 1177-96 [cited by J.J.Heckman and C.O.Corbin, 2016, Capabilities and skills, *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities*, 17: 342-59]
- M. Pugno (with G. Lisi) (2015) The underground economy in a matching model of endogenous growth, *International Journal of Economic Theory*, 11(4): 347-69.
- M. Pugno (2015). Trust, family, and education. *International Journal of Happiness and Development*, 2(3): 216-30.
- M. Pugno (2015). Capability and happiness. *Journal of Happiness Studies*, 16(6): 1383-1399.
- M. Pugno (2014). Scitovsky, behavioural economics, and beyond. *Economics: The Open-Access, Open-Assessment E-Journal*, 8 (2014-24) [downloaded more than 5100 times].
- M. Pugno (2014) Scitovsky's *The Joyless Economy* and the economics of happiness, *European Journal of the History of Economic Thought*, 21(2): 278-303.
[included in the top three most downloaded articles that were published and downloaded in 2014]
- M. Pugno (2013) Scitovsky and the income-happiness paradox, *Journal of Socio-Economics*, 43: 1-10.
- M. Pugno (with Bartolini S. and Bilancini E.) (2013) Did the decline in social connections depress Americans' happiness?, *Social Indicators Research*, 110(3): 1033-1059.
[included in the top 4% most cited articles of the journal]
- M. Pugno (2012) Scitovsky's theory of well-being, *History of Economic Thought and Policy*, no. 2, 35-56.

- M. Pugno (with G. Lisi) (2011) Tax morale, entrepreneurship, and the irregular economy", *AUCO Czech Economic Review*, 5(2): 116-131.
- M. Pugno (with G. Lisi) (2010) Entrepreneurship and the hidden economy: an extended matching model, *International Economic Journal*, 24(4): 585-602.
- M. Pugno (with S. Depedri) (2010) Job performance and job satisfaction: an integrated survey, *Economia Politica-Journal of Analytical and Institutional Economics*, 26(1):175-210.
- M. Pugno (2009) The Easterlin paradox and the decline of social capital: an integrated explanation, *Journal of Socio-Economics*, 38(4): 590-600.
- M. Pugno (with M. Malgarini and G. Zezza) (2008) Life satisfaction in Italy: evidence from the ISAE Consumers Survey, *Rivista di Politica Economica*, 9-10: 1-32.
- M. Pugno (2008) Economics and the self. A formalisation of Self-Determination Theory, *Journal of Socio-Economics*, 37: 1328-1346.
- M. Pugno (2006) The service paradox and endogenous economic growth, *Structural Change and Economic Dynamics*, 17: 99-115.
[cited in J. Francois and B. Hoekman (2010) Services trade and policies, *Journal of Economic Literature*, 48(3):642-92; and in R. Ortega-Argilés (2012) The transatlantic productivity gap: A survey of the main causes, *Journal of Economic Surveys*, 26(3):395-419. This article is the fifth most cited article in *Structural Change and Economic Dynamics* from 2006 to 2012 according to Publish or Perish].
- M. Pugno (with M. Cimoli and A. Primi) (2006) A low-growth model: informality as a structural constraint, *Cepal Review*, 88: 85-102.
[cited in Unctad (2006) *The Least Developed Countries*, New York]
- M. Pugno (with M.R. Carillo) (2004) The underground economy and underdevelopment, *Economic Systems*, 28(3): 257-279.
[cited in OECD *Employment Outlook 2003 Edition – Towards more and better jobs*, Paris]
- M. Pugno (2000) *Rent Seeking* e questione meridionale, *Politica Economica*, no.3, 387-419 (in Italian).
- M. Pugno (2000) Economia sommersa e disoccupazione: un modello per l'analisi e le politiche di intervento, *Rivista Italiana degli Economisti*, no.2, 269-290 (in Italian).
- M. Pugno (1998) The stability of Thirlwall's model of economic growth and the Balance-of-Payments constraint, *Journal of Post Keynesian Economics*, 20(4): 559-581.
[re-published in J.S.L. McCombie and A.P. Thirlwall (eds.) (2004) *Essays on Balance of Payments Constrained Growth: Theory and Evidence*, Routledge, London and New York, pp.108-125].
- M. Pugno (1998) Crescita economica e disoccupazione: alcuni recenti sviluppi teorici, *Economia Politica*, 15(1): 119-165 (in Italian).
- M. Pugno (1996) A Kaldorian model of economic growth with labour shortage and major technical changes, *Structural Change and Economic Dynamics*, 7(4): 429-449.
- M. Pugno (1996) Structural stability in a cross-country neoclassical growth model, in *Applied Economics*, 28: 1555-1566.
- M. Pugno (1995) On competing theories of economic growth: cross-country evidence, *International Review of Applied Economics*, 9(3): 249-274.
- M. Pugno (1987) Crescita economica e stabilità strutturale. A proposito di un recente modello della 'Ecole de la Régulation', *Note Economiche*, no.3, 88-101 (in Italian).
- M. Pugno (1986) Kaldor vs. Schumpeter on economic growth and structural change, *Quaderni di Storia dell'Economia Politica*, nos.1-2, 45-70.
- M. Pugno (1986) 'L'ottima distribuzione del reddito' di Sylos Labini: una nota, *Economia Politica*, no.2, 259-275 (in Italian).

- M. Pugno (with E. Santarelli) (1986) La controversia *technology push/demand pull*. Una riconsiderazione, in *Economia e Politica Industriale*, n.50, 205-225
[republished in G.Lunghini and S.Vaccà (eds.) (1987) *Cambiamento tecnologico e teorie dell'impresa*, F.Angeli, Milano, pp. 217-237].
- M. Pugno (1985) Are long waves relevant in economic life? A note, *Economic Notes*, no.2, 68-77.
- M. Pugno (1985) Spesa militare e crescita economica: ostacolo o sostegno? Note preliminari sul dibattito e sul caso degli Stati Uniti, *Rivista Internazionale di Scienze Sociali*, no.2, 244-275 (in Italian).
- M. Pugno (1982) Il 'sovrappiù' di Baran e Sweezy: una riformulazione critica ed un confronto con il 'plusvalore' di Marx, *Note Economiche*, no.2, 138-164 (in Italian).
- M. Pugno (1982) L'impatto della domanda pubblica sul sistema produttivo in Italia: evoluzione ed effetti intersettoriali, *Rivista di Diritto Finanziario e Scienza delle Finanze*, no.2, 307-356 (in Italian).

Book chapters

- M. Pugno (2021), "The economics of eudaimonia", in L. Bruni, A. Smerilli and D. De Rosa (eds) *A Modern Guide to the Economics of Happiness*, Elgar, London, pp.46-66.
- M. Pugno (2019), "Why the Easterlin paradox? The Scitovsky hypothesis", in M. Rojas (ed.) *The Economics of Happiness: How the Easterlin Paradox Transformed our Understanding of Wellbeing and Progress*, Cham (Switzerland): Springer International Publishing. Chapter 7, pp. 157-170.
- M. Pugno (2016) "Why policies for children, early education and culture?", in E. Bilancini, L. Bruni, P.L. Porta (eds.) *Policies for Happiness*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, pp. 215-238.
- M. Pugno (2012) "L'economia della felicità", in P. Della Posta (ed.) *Crisi economica e crisi delle teorie economiche*, Liguori, Napoli, pp. 133-161 (in Italian).
- M. Pugno (2011) "Economy, people's personal motivation and well-being", in Chirkov, V. I., Ryan, R. M., and Sheldon, K. M. (eds) *Human autonomy in cultural contexts: Perspectives on the psychology of agency, freedom, and well-being*. Springer, Heidelberg, pp.207-239.
- M. Pugno (2008) "Capabilities, the self, and well-being", in L. Bruni, F. Comim and M. Pugno, *Capabilities and Happiness*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, pp. 224-253.
- M. Pugno (2007) "The subjective well-being paradox: a suggested solution based on relational goods", in L. Bruni e P.L. Porta (eds.) *Handbook on the Economics of Happiness*, Elgar, London, pp. 263-289.
- M. Pugno (2004) "Più ricchi di beni, più poveri di rapporti interpersonali", in L. Bruni and P.L. Porta (eds.) *Felicità ed Economia*, Guerini, Milano, pp. 192-216 (in Italian).
- M. Pugno (with R. Paci and F. Pigliaru) (2003) "Disparities in economic growth and unemployment among the European regions: a sectoral perspective", in B. Fingleton, A. Eraydin e R. Paci (eds.) *Regional Economic Growth, SMEs and the Wider Europe*, Aldershot: Ashgate, pp. 75-102.
- M. Pugno (with J.S.L.McCombie and B.Soro) (2002) "Introduction" of *Productivity Growth and Economic Performance: Essays on Verdoorn's Law*, MacMillan, Londra, pp.1-27.
- M. Pugno (2002) "Verdoorn's law and the analysis of steady state growth: from an unsatisfactory marriage to a new perspective", in J.S.L.McCombie, M.Pugno and B.Soro (eds.)

Productivity Growth and Economic Performance: Essays on Verdoorn's Law, MacMillan, Londra, pp. 239-258.

- M. Pugno (2002) Under-tertiarisation and unemployment, in R. Balducci and S. Staffolani (eds.) *Income distribution, Growth and Employment*, Esi, Napoli, pp.223-244.
- M. Pugno (2001) Economia sommersa, disoccupazione e crescita, in R.M. Carillo and A. Zazzaro (eds.) *Istituzioni, capitale umano e sviluppo del Mezzogiorno*, Edizioni Scientifiche Italiane, Napoli, pp.114-136 (in Italian).
- M. Pugno (1998) "In search of Harrod's contribution to economic dynamics. A note", in A.P.Thirlwall, G.Rampa and L.Stella (eds.) *Economic Dynamics, Trade, and Growth. Essays on Harroddian Themes*, MacMillan, London, pp.89-106.
- M. Pugno (1998) "Harrod's economic dynamics as a persistent and régime-changing adjustment process", in A.P.Thirlwall, G.Rampa and L.Stella (eds.) *Economic Dynamics, Trade, and Growth. Essays on Harroddian Themes*, MacMillan, London, pp.152-178.
- M. Pugno (1998) "Crescita, ciclo e vincolo esterno", in N. De Vecchi and M.C.Marcuzzo (eds.) *A cinquant'anni da Keynes. Teorie dell'occupazione, interesse e crescita*, Unicopli, Milano, pp.273-295 (in Italian).
- M. Pugno (1995) "La Nuova teoria della crescita e la endogenità del progresso tecnico", in *Commercio internazionale e crescita economica*, a cura di M.Pugno e M.L. Segnana, Nuova Italia Scientifica, Roma, pp. 21-91 (in Italian).
- M. Pugno (1989) "Labour's share, growth and structural change. The case of the U.S. industrialisation", in M. Di Matteo, R.M. Goodwin e A.Vercelli (eds.), *Technological and Social Factors in Long Term Fluctuations*, Springer-Verlag, New York, pp.242-268.
- M. Pugno (1988) "L'industrializzazione degli Stati Uniti fino al '29: una applicazione del Linkage Approach", in L. Marcolungo, M. Pugno and F. Targetti (eds.), *L'economia mondiale in trasformazione. Contributi per una comparazione tra sistemi economici*, AISSEC, F.Angeli, Milano, pp.320-335 (in Italian).

Edited books

- M. Pugno (with L. Bruni and F. Comim) (2008) *Capabilities and Happiness*, Oxford University Press, Oxford
[reviewed in *Economics and Philosophy*, 27, 2011, pp.175-179]
- M. Pugno (with J.S.L. McCombie and B. Soro) (2002) *Productivity Growth and Economic Performance: Essays on Verdoorn's Law*, MacMillan, London.
[reviewed in *Economic Journal*, vol.115, n.501, 2005, pp.F138-F140(1); and in *Journal of Economic Literature*, vol.42, n.3, 2004, pp.862-864; this book has been cited about 265 times, according to Publish or Perish].
- M. Pugno (with M.L. Segnana) (1995) *Commercio internazionale e crescita economica*, Nuova Italia Scientifica, Roma (in Italian).
- M. Pugno (with L. Marcolungo and F. Targetti) (1988) *L'economia mondiale in trasformazione. Contributi per una comparazione tra sistemi economici*, AISSEC, F.Angeli, Milano.

Other articles

- M. Pugno (2023) I social fanno emergere problemi personali latenti: la dipendenza da big tech. *Domani*, p.10, 28 aprile 2023.
- M. Pugno (2023) E' tempo di riconoscere i danni procurati ai giovani dai social-media *EticaEconomia*, n.186/2023.

- M. Pugno (2023) I social media fanno male. Anche la politica se ne è accorta, ma non basta. *MicroMega*, 23 gennaio 2023.
- M. Pugno (2022) Lo sviluppo umano delle economie avanzate si sta deteriorando? *EticaEconomia*, n.178/2022.
- M. Pugno (2020) La libertà economica è sempre benefica?. *EticaEconomia*, n.139/2020.
- M. Pugno (2020) La libertà come bene collettivo. *MicroMega*, 17 novembre 2020.
- M. Pugno (2019) Istruzione, istruzione, istruzione. Alle origini del declino economico italiano. *Etica Economia* n.96.
- M. Pugno (2007) Ricchezza e ben-essere: l'importanza delle relazioni sociali e personali, *Studi e Note di Economia*, 12(1):23-58 (in Italian).
[downloaded 800 times from the website of researchgate.net]
- M. Pugno (1997) "Income Distribution and the Business Cycle" in D. Glasner (ed.), *Business Cycles and Depressions. An Encyclopedia*, Garland Publishing, New York, pp.319-21.
- M. Pugno (1996) Sud Corea e Taiwan: due modelli di sviluppo economico e di intervento dello stato, in *Diritto ed Economia*, no.1, pp.219-244 (in Italian).
- M. Pugno (1991) "Catching up in the (Old and New) Theories of Economic Growth", in *Annali Scientifici* a cura del Dipartimento di Economia di Trento, no.4, pp. 71-99.
- M. Pugno (1990) *Teorie del ciclo economico: appunti dalle lezioni di R.M.Goodwin*, Corso di Politica Economica e Finanziaria, Anno Accademico 1989/90, Università degli Studi di Trento, pp.30 (in Italian).
- M. Pugno (1988) "Instabilità di Harrod e tasso d'utilizzo", *Annali Scientifici*, Dipartimento di Economia di Trento, no.1, pp.113-144 (in Italian).

Working papers (not published elsewhere)

- Pugno, M (2021) [Italy's parabolae of GDP and subjective well-being: the role of education.](#) *MPRA paper*, n. 107948, 30 May 2021.
- Pugno, M (2020) [Enjoying life takes time and needs people, but economic progress runs and offers things.](#) *MPRA paper*, n. 104378, 20 November 2020, pp. 18.
- M. Pugno (2016) Beyond the distinction between necessities and luxuries, *MPRA paper*, n.73729, 17 Sept., pp. 22
- M. Pugno (with P. Verme) (2011) Life satisfaction, social capital and the bonding-bridging nexus, *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper* n.5945, and *Working Paper* n.8, Department of Economic Sciences and CreaM, University of Cassino.
- M. Pugno (with M. Malgarini e G. Zezza) (2009) "Life satisfaction in a survey of Italian households" *Working Paper* n.6, Department of Economic Sciences and CreaM, University of Cassino.
- M. Pugno (2004) "Rationality and affective motivation: new ideas from neurobiology and psychiatry for economic theory?", *Discussion Paper*, n.1, Department of Economics of Trento, pp. 49.
- M. Pugno (2001) "Unbalanced growth and women's homework", *Discussion Paper*, n.7, Department of Economics of Trento, pp.21 (published also in SSRN Electronic Library).

Works in progress

- M. Pugno, *Emergenza Malessere* (mimeo)
- M. Pugno, *Freedom and well-being* (project)

RESEARCH EVALUATION BY ANVUR

(national evaluation agency of the university research)

2004-2010: 0.87 over 1

2011-2014: 0.85 over 1

2015-2019: 0.89 over 1

CITATIONS AND WEB-SITES

- H-index in Google Scholar: 24 with 2341 citations

H-index in Scopus: 11 with 397 citations

MEMBER OF THE WORLD WELLBEING PANEL

<https://wellbeing.research.mcgill.ca/www/>

discussant of the issues:

- Tariffs, international trade, and wellbeing (May 2025)
- USA elections, small government, and wellbeing (Nov. 2024)
- How news about mass suffering reported by media affects wellbeing (Feb. 2024)
- Home ownership and well-being (published in Oct. 2023)
- Well-being and social media (published in February 2023) (M. Pugno is a co-organizer)
- Wellbeing, the Ukraine conflict and long-term challenges (published in October 2022)
- The impact of inflation on well-being (published in June 2022)
- Should the wellbeing of future generations condition the policies of today? (published in February 2022)
- Legalized euthanasia and assisted dying policies (published in November 2021)
- Is happiness a way of life, shared with others? (published in July 2021)
- Drug decriminalization and wellbeing (published in May 2021)
- Teenage wellbeing (run in November 2020)
- Fighting Covid: Confinement and Wellbeing (run in August 2020)
- Migration and Wellbeing (run in June 2020)
- How to keep up wellbeing during the COVID-19 pandemic (run in April 2020)

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

STATEC (National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg) – Research Division

MAIN SEMINARS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (since 2004)

- International Conference on “Economic Growth and Distribution”, Lucca 16-18 June 2004, presentation of “The service paradox and endogenous economic growth”.
- International Workshop “Happiness, Economics, and Interpersonal Relationship”, Dipartimento di Economia, Università di Trento, 3-4 December 2004, presentation of “The happiness paradox: a formal explanation from psycho-economics”
- Seminar at Capp (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia”) on “Unbalanced growth, housework, and female participation in the labour market”, 11 Jan. 2005
- International Workshop “A Micro-approach to Poverty Analysis”, Trento, 4-5 Feb. 2005, presentation of “An Enclave-Led Model of Growth: the Structural Problem of Informality

Persistence in Latin America”

- Seminar at the Dipartimento di Scienze Economiche dell'Università di Bologna on “The happiness paradox: a formal explanation from psycho-economics”, 8 Feb. 2005
- Seminar at the Università di Siena on “The happiness paradox: a formal explanation from psycho-economics”, 9 March 2005
- International Workshop “Capabilities and Happiness”, Milan, 16-18 June 2005, presentation of “Capabilities, the self, and well-being: a research in psycho-economics”
- International Workshop “Capabilities and Identity”, Cambridge (UK), 21-23 June 2005, presentation of “Capabilities, the self, and well-being: a research in psycho-economics”
- International Conference “The Keynesian Legacy in Macroeconomic Modeling”, 16-17 Sept. 2005, Cassino, co-organizer
- International Symposium “Happiness, Economics, and Interpersonal Relationship” within the Conference “Absurdity in Economics”, 21-24 settembre 2005, presentation of “The happiness paradox: a formal explanation from psycho-economics”
- Seminar at the Università di Roma – La Sapienza su “Economics and the Self”, 9 May 2006
- Conference on ‘Le nuove frontiere del Non-Profit’, Forlì, presentation of “Paradosso della felicità, reddito relativo, e relazioni sociali”, 1 Dec. 2006
- International Conference “Policies for Happiness”, Certosa di Pontignano, 14-16 June 2007, presentation of “A Scitovskyian model of happiness and unhappiness” and of “Did the decline in social capital decrease American happiness? A relational explanation of the happiness paradox”
- International Workshop “Managing time, natural, and social environment for well-being” Cassino University, Faculty of Economics, Department of Economic Sciences, 18 giugno 2007, Introduction.
- V Convegno Nazionale Storep, 6-7 giugno 2008, presentation of “A Scitovskyian model of happiness and unhappiness”
- International Conference on “Well-being: are we happy of our standard of living?”, Cassino 26-27 Sept. 2008, presentation of “Life satisfaction in a survey of Italian households”, and of “Did the decline in social capital decrease American happiness? A relational explanation of the happiness paradox”
- International Workshop on “Entrepreneurship, Creativity and Innovation”, Cassino, 2-3 April 2009, presentation of “Entrepreneurship and the hidden economy: a matching model”
- International Conference on Measuring the progress of Italian society, Rome 3-4 June 2009, presentation of “Measuring Life Satisfaction in Italy”
- International Conference “Happiness and Relational Goods”, Venice 11-13 June 2009, presentation of “Social capital is ‘good’ if personal relations are good”
- International Conference on Poverty Traps: an Empirical and Theoretical Assessment, Naples, 30-31 October 2009, presentation of “Entrepreneurship and the hidden economy: an extended matching model”
- International Conference on From GDP To Well-Being, Ancona, 3-5 December 2009, presentation of “Microfoundations of social capital”
- Conference on Crisi economica e crisi delle teorie economiche, Fondazione Piaggio, Pontedera, 19 marzo 2010, presentation of “Economia della felicità”.
- VII Convegno Nazionale Storep, 31/5-1/6/2010, presentation of “A microfoundation of social capital”
- Conference on Market and Happiness, Milan-Bicocca, June 8-9 2011, presentation of “A Scitovskyian theory of well-being”

- Invited participation to the round table on “Blackout dell’homo economicus e costruzione dell’homo reciprocans”, Scuola di Formazione “Società Italiana Gestalt” 5 June 2010.
- Invited lecture on Economia & Felicità, University of Trento, 14 March 2011.
- Storep 2011 Conference, Università di Lecce, June 9-11, 2011, presentation of “A Scitovskyian theory of well-being”
- 38th Eastern Economic Association Conference, Boston, 9-11 March 2012, presentation of “A Scitovskyian theory of well-being: from comfort to creativity”
- Storep 2012 Conference, Università di Padova, June 1-2, 2012, presentation of “Scitovsky and behavioural economics”
- Conference on “How to bring Joy into Economics. Revisiting Tibor Scitovsky (1910-2002), Gaeta, 26-27 June 2012, presentation of “Scitovsky and behavioural economics” and of “Scitovsky and the income-happiness paradox”
- Storep 2013 Conference, Università di Cassino e del Lazio Meridionale, May 31-June 2, 2013, presentazione di “Scitovsky meets Sen”
- Conference on “Public Happiness”, Rome, June 4-5 2013, presentazione di “Sen meets Scitovsky” e di (in collaborazione con Borja Lopez-Noval), “Understanding the relationship between education and life satisfaction”
- Simposio ‘Il concetto di felicità e il suo spazio semantico: prospettive a confronto, Università di Bergamo, 12-13 giugno 2015, invited presentation of “Felicità, crescita economica e sviluppo delle capacità umane”
- Conference on “The challenge between subjective and objective wellbeing indicators”, Rome, March 15 2016, presentation of “On the foundations of happiness in economics: hedonism vs. eudaimonia, and economic growth”
- Conference on “Inequalities in Economic Thought”, Paris, 26-28 May 2016, presentation of “Well-being and equity in Scitovsky’s thought: a development of Classic and Cambridge economists’ insights”
- Invited seminar at the economic Department of the University of Trento, Italy, 2 Feb. 2017, on the book *On the Foundations of Happiness in Economics*
- Conference on “A World to Win”, Rotterdam, 21-23 March 2017, presentation of “The eudemonic pursuit of happiness and economic growth”
- Conference on “Policies for Happiness and Health”, Siena, 19-21 March 2018, presentation of “From hedonic adaptation to building preferences”
- Invited seminar on “The Economics of Eudemonic Well-being” at STATEC, Luxembourg, 16 May 2018
- Conference on “Happiness, Capabilities, and Opportunities”, Naples, 15-17 November 2018, presentation of “Approaching the bliss but then losing the chance: the case of happiness in Italy” (with F. Sarracino).
- Invited seminar at the workshop "Happiness, Well-Being and (De)Growth", Fondazione Einaudi di Torino, 20-21 June 2019
- Invited lecture on “Well-being, Economic Growth, and Human Development”, University of L’Aquila, 23 May 2022
- Conference on “Wellbeing 2022: Knowledge for Informed Decisions”, Luxembourg, 1-4 June 2022, presentation of “*Well-being and Growth in Advanced Economies: The Need to Prioritise Human Development*”
- Invited speakers in the Symposium on Subjective Well-Being and Global Development, co-organized by the United Nations Development Programme, Dartmouth NH, 27-28 Oct. 2025

OTHER RESEARCH ACTIVITY

Member of the Board of professors of the PhD Course in economics and other social disciplines in the University of Cassino since 2014.

Member of the Editorial Board of the *International Journal of Happiness and Development*

Member of the Editorial Board of *Scienza e Pace* ISSN 2039-1749 (recognised by ANVUR for the areas 10, 11, 13 e 14).

Co-organisier of the conferences and workshops:

- “Wellbeing 2022: Knowledge for Informed Decisions”, Luxembourg, 1-4 June 2022
- “Happiness, Capabilities, and Opportunities”, Naples, 15-17 November 2018
- “Policies for Happiness and Health”, Siena, 19-21 March 2018
- “Public Happiness”, Rome, 4-5 June 2013
- “How to bring Joy into Economics. Revisiting Tibor Scitovsky (1910-2002)”, Gaeta, 26-27 June 2012
- “Well-being: are we happy of our standard of living?”, Cassino 26-27 Sept. 2008
- “Managing time, natural, and social environment for well-being” Cassino, 18 June 2007
- “Policies for Happiness”, Certosa di Pontignano, 14-16 June 2007
- “The Keynesian Legacy in Macroeconomic Modeling”, 16-17 Sept. 2005, Cassino
- “Capabilities and Happiness”, Milano, 16-18 giugno 2005
- “A Micro-approach to Poverty Analysis”, Trento, 4-5 febbraio 2005
- “Happiness, Economics, and Interpersonal Relationship”, Department of Economics, University of Trento, 3-4 December 2004

Local Coordinator of the Inter-University Research Project “Economics, Happiness and Social Interaction” (Prin2004) (2005-2006)

Local Coordinator of the Inter-University Research Project (Murst40%) (1997-99)

Local Coordinator of the Inter-University Research Project “Employment: problems of analysis and policy” (1994-95)

Refereeing of economic journals

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| - Journal of Post Keynesian Economics | - Applied Economics |
| - Journal of Economics | - Economic Notes |
| - International Review of Applied Economics | - Rivista Italiana degli Economisti |
| - Structural Change and Economic Dynamics | - Politica Economica |
| - History of Economics Review | - Rivista di Politica Economica |
| - B.E. Journals in Economic Analysis and Policy | - Journal of Socio-Economics |
| - Economics. Open Access E-Journal | - Economia Politica |
| - International Review of Economics | |
| - European Journal of the History of Economic Thought | |
| - Cambridge Journal of Economics | |

Refereeing of interdisciplinary and extra-economic journals

- PloS ONE (h=332 Scimago)
- Frontiers in Psychology (h=110 Scimago)
- Journal of Happiness Studies (h=73 Scimago)

- Journal of Human Development and Capabilities (h=48 Scimago)
- International Social Science Journal (h=43 Scimago)
- Economics and Philosophy (h=37 Scimago)
- International Journal of Happiness and Development
- PsyCh Journal
- Academia Mental Health and Well-Being

TEACHING

Economics of Human Capital (2008-2025)

Micro- and Macro-economics (1992-2024)

International Economics (2018-2024)

Behavioural Economics and Happiness Economics (2005-2008)

Growth Theory (2006-2007)

Growth Theory (advanced) at S. Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa (2001-2004)

History of Economic Thought (1992-99)

Economics of the EU at School of International Studies, Trento (2004-2005)

MAIN ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES

Member of the Academic Senate (2016-2021)

Chairman of the Committee for the Quality of the Research of the department (2014-present)

Chairman of the Degree Course in Economics, University of Cassino (2006-2012), and University of Trento (2001-2003)

Delegate at the University Library for the Faculty of Economics, University of Cassino (2006), and University of Trento (2004-2005)

Member of the Doctoral Board of the PhD Program in Economics, University of Cassino (2006-present), University of Trento (2004-2005), and University of Pavia (1997-2000)

Member of National and Local Commissions for the evaluation of professorship (2016, 2008, 2006, 2002-2003, 2000, 1996, 1994-1995)