



# PUBLIC CHOICE E POLITICAL ECONOMY

## the positive foundations of public finance theory

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Dipartimento di economia pubblica  
e territoriale - Università di Pavia

### THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> 2009, MORNING SESSION

#### Saloni Rettorato

9:00 Registration

#### Plenary session, Aula Foscolo

10:00 Salutes

**Alessandro PETRETTO**, *Presidente Siep*  
**Angiolino STELLA**, *Rettore dell'Università degli studi di Pavia*  
**Giorgio PANELLA**, *Direttore del Dipartimento di Economia Pubblica e Territoriale, Università degli studi di Pavia*

#### Relazioni invitate

10:15 **FREY, Bruno S.**  
*Political Economy of Happiness for Public Finance*  
Discussant: Massimo BORDIGNON

11:15 **WINER, Stanley**  
*Political Regimes, Institutions and the Nature of Tax Systems*  
Discussant: Silvia GIANNINI

12:15 General discussion

12:30 End of session

13:00 Lunch

17.30 Assemblea dei Soci

20.30 Cena sociale

#### Sessioni parallele

### THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> 2009, AFTERNOON SESSIONS

#### Session T1, Aula Foscolo

##### The politics of the budget

Chair: Antonio PEDONE

14:00 **LARCINESE Valentino, RIZZO Leonzio, TESTA Cecilia**  
*Changing Needs, Sticky Budgets: Evidence from US Federal Budget Allocation to the State*  
Discussant: PUGLISI

14:33 **DE SIMONE Elina**  
*The Concept of Budget Transparency: Between Democracy and Fiscal Illusion*  
Discussant: PEDONE

15:06 **ERCOLI Riccardo**  
*Effetti delle procedure di bilancio: tra miti e 'falsi' miti*  
Discussant: MURARO

15:39 **RODRIGUEZ-TEJEDO Isabel**  
*The Determinants of the Structure of Rainy Day Funds*  
Discussant: FONTANA

16:12 **MONACELLI Daniela**  
*Spesa pubblica e conduzione della politica di bilancio*  
Discussant: BAVETTA

16:45 **GALLI Emma, RICCIUTI Roberto**  
*Sulla Political Economy del Deficit pubblico nell'Italia liberale*  
Discussant: BROSIO

17:18 End of session

17:18 Coffee break

#### Session T2, Aula Volta

##### Politics and politician

Chair: Francesco FORTE

14:00 **GALASSO Vincenzo, NANNICINI Tommaso**  
*Competing on Good Politicians*  
Discussant: RICCIUTI

14:33 **GAGLIARDUCCI Stefano, NANNICINI Tommaso**  
*Do Better Paid Politicians Perform Better? Disentangling Incentives from Selection*  
Discussant: REVELLI

15:06 **BORDIGNON Massimo, TABELLINI Guido**  
*Moderating Political Extremism: Single Round vs Runoff Elections under Plurality Rule*  
Discussant: PADOVANO

15:39 **FEDELI Silvia, FORTE Francesco**  
*The Economics of the Political Class. An Analysis of the Italian Parliament (1946-2008)*  
Discussant: NAVARRA

16:12 **SCAGLIUSI Cosimo**  
*Raising the Voice: Reflexive Citizens, Media Political Pressure and the Market for Newspapers*  
Discussant: LARCINESE

16:45 **FINOCCHIARO CASTRO Massimo**  
*Experimental Political Economy*  
Discussant: PIACENTINO

17:18 End of session

17:18 Coffee break

#### Session T3, Biblioteca Universitaria di Pavia - Salone Teresiano

##### The political economy of taxation and welfare

Chair: Luigi BERNARDI

14:00 **ESTELLER MORE Alejandro, RIZZO Leonzio**  
*Identification of Vertical Tax Externalities In Consumption: An Application to the US Case*  
Discussant: SCABROSETTI

14:33 **CASTANHEIRA Micael, NICODEME Gaetan, PROFETA Paola, TRASBERG Viktor**  
*On the Political Economics of Tax Reforms*  
Discussant: MAZZA

15:06 **LARCINESE Valentino, SNYDER James M. Jr., TESTA Cecilia**  
*Testing Models of Distributive Politics Using Exit Polls to Measure Voter Preferences and Partisanship*  
Discussant: D'AMICO

15:39 **PROFETA Paola, PUGLISI Riccardo, SCABROSETTI Simona**  
*Does Democracy Affect Taxation? Evidence from Developing Countries*  
Discussant: SABANI

16:12 **DI GIOACCHINO Debora, SABANI Laura**  
*The Politics of Social Protection: Welfare State Versus Markets' Regulation*  
Discussant: DARDANONI

16:45 End of session

17:18 Coffee break

### FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> 2009, MORNING SESSIONS

#### Session LM1, Aula Foscolo

##### Decentralization - Regional issues

Chair: Gilberto MURARO

8:30 **AIELLO Francesco, IONA Alfonsina, LEONIDA Leone**  
*Regional Infrastructure and Firm Investment. Theory and Empirical Evidence for Italy*  
Discussant: FLORIO

9:05 **ASHWORTH John, GALLI Emma, PADOVANO Fabio**  
*Government Decentralization and Public Spending Programs*  
Discussant: ARACHI

9:40 **PADOVANO Fabio**  
*The Drivers of Interregional Policy Choices: Evidence From Italy*  
Discussant: TURATI

10:15 **ANTONELLI Maria Alessandra, GREMBI Veronica**  
*Decentralizing Central Targets*  
Discussant: Edoardo REVIGLIO

10:50 Coffee break

11:10 **FIORILLO Fabio, ROBOTTI Lorenzo, SEVERINI Francesca**  
*Standard di spesa e di entrata nella Legge Delega sul Federalismo Fiscale. Un'analisi con un modello CGE*  
Discussant: ZANARDI

11:45 **FIORILLO Fabio, ROBOTTI Lorenzo**  
*Federalismo tra identità e accountability*  
Discussant: GALLI

12:20 **BISES Bruno, SACCHI Agnese**  
*On the Size of Local Jurisdictions*  
Discussant: PIACENZA

12:55 End of session

13:00 Lunch

#### Session LM2, Aula VI di Lettere

##### Health care policies - I

Chair: Rosella LEVAGGI

9:05 **AUTERI Monica, MARUOTTI Antonello**  
*An Empirical Analysis of Health Care Utilizations: Waiting Times in the Italian National Health Service*  
Discussant: LEVAGGI

9:40 **BERRITTELLA Maria, LI DONNI Paolo**  
*Macroeconomic Effects of Public Health Expenditure in the United States*  
Discussant: PRETAROLI

10:15 **CIASCHINI Maurizio, PRETAROLI Rosita, SOCCI Claudio**  
*Health care Services as an Economic Engine of Total Output Change*  
Discussant: BERRITTELLA

10:50 Coffee break

11:10 **DARDANONI Valentino, LI DONNI Paolo**  
*Reporting Heterogeneity in Subjective Health Measures: An Extended Latent Class Approach*  
Discussant: BIANCHINI

11:45 **FERRARIO Caterina, ZANARDI Alberto**  
*Fiscal Federalism and the NHS in Italy: an Analysis of Interregional Redistributive Effects*  
Discussant: PARADISO

12:20 **FEDELI Silvia, PARADISO Massimo**  
*The Impact of Political Variables on Health Care Expenditure and Deficits: The Case of Italy (1982-2005)*  
Discussant: FERRARIO

12:55 End of session

13:00 Lunch

#### Session LM3, Aula Magna

##### Regulation

Chair: Ilde RIZZO

8:30 **RANDON Emanuela, SIMMONS P.**  
*Strategic Consumption Complementarities: Can Price Flexibility Eliminate Inefficiencies and Instability?*  
Discussant: D'AGOSTINO

- 9:05 **D'AGOSTINO Elena**  
*Fine Print and Naïve Buyers*  
Discussant: VINELLA
- 9:40 **KALMO Hent, SCOPELLITI Alessandro**  
*Microsoft Europe Case: the Refusal to Supply Interoperability*  
Discussant: FETZ
- 10:15 **EUSEPI Giuseppe, WAGNER Richard E.**  
*Enterprise-Based Public Finance: Blending the Old and the New*  
Discussant: SCIALA'
- 10:50 **Coffee break**
- 11:10 **BENTIVOGLI Chiara, PANICARA Eugenia, TIDU Alfredo**  
*Il Project Financing nei servizi pubblici locali: poca finanza e poco progetto?*  
Discussant: Ilde RIZZO
- 11:45 **DANAU Daniel, VINELLA Annalisa**  
*Multi-Agent Contracting with Countervailing Incentives and Limited Liability*  
Discussant: SCOPELLITI
- 12:20 End of session
- 13:00 Lunch

## Session LM4, Aula Scarpa

### Inequality

Chair: Paolo LIBERATI

- 8:30 **COWELL Frank A., FIORIO Carlo V.**  
*Inequality Decompositions - A Reconciliation*  
Discussant: LIBERATI
- 9:05 **CHECCHI Daniele, PERAGINE Vito, SERLENGA Laura**  
*Income Inequality and Opportunity Inequality in Europe*  
Discussant: PETRETTO
- 9:40 **COCO Giuseppe, PIGNATARO Giuseppe**  
*Violation of Equality of Opportunity in the Credit Market*  
Discussant: FIORIO
- 10:15 **CEPPARULO Alessandra, GASTALDI Francesca, LIBERATI Paolo, PISANO Elena**  
*The Distributional Impact of Inflation in Italy*  
Discussant: Giuseppe PIGNATARO
- 10:50 **Coffee break**
- 11:10 **BAVETTA Sebastiano, MAIMONE ANSALDO PATTI Dario, NAVARRA Pietro**  
*Autonomy Freedom, Preferences for Redistribution and the Individual's Willingness to Work*  
Discussant: CHECCHI
- 11:45 **SCERVINI Francesco**  
*Endogenous Party Formation and the Inequality-Redistribution Nexus*  
Discussant: GIURANNO
- 12:20 **GIURANNO Michele Giuseppe**  
*Regional Income Disparity and the Size of the Public Sector*  
Discussant: Leonzio RIZZO
- 12:55 End of session
- 13:00 Lunch

## Session LM5, Aula Volta

### Topics in population and taxation

Chair: Massimo MARRELLI

- 8:30 **FERRARA Massimiliano, GUERRINI Luca**  
*The Ramsey Model with Logistic Population Growth and Benthamite Felicity Function Revisited*  
Discussant: FUMAGALLI

- 9:05 **FERRARA Massimiliano, GUERRINI Luca**  
*The Green Solow Model with Logistic Population Change*  
Discussant: Damiano FIORILLO
- 9:40 **FUMAGALLI Laura, FUMAGALLI Elena**  
*Like Oil and Water or Chocolate and Peanut Butter? Ethnic Diversity and Social Participation of Young People in England*  
Discussant: FERRARA
- 10:15 **FIORILLO Damiano**  
*Do Monetary Rewards Crowd Intrinsic Motivations of Volunteers? Some Empirical Evidence for Italian Volunteers*  
Discussant: CASTALDO
- 10:50 **Coffee break**
- 11:10 **ARACHI Giampaolo, BUCCI Valeria**  
*Taxes and Financial Reporting: New Evidence from Discretionary Investment Write-offs in Italy*  
Discussant: MARRELLI
- 11:45 **CASTALDO Angelo, CRUDO G.**  
*Corporate Governance e Tax System: divergenza di interessi tra insider-outsider e rischio*  
Discussant: DI GIACOMO
- 12:20 **DI GIACOMO Marina, PIACENZA Massimiliano, TURATI Gilberto**  
*Are "Flexible" Taxation Mechanisms Effective in Stabilizing Fuel Prices? A Fiscal Policy Evaluation Considering the Italian Fuel Markets*  
Discussant: BUCCI
- 12:55 End of session
- 13:00 Lunch

## Session LM6, Biblioteca Universitaria di Pavia - Salone Teresiano

### Education

Chair: Valentino DARDANONI

- 8:30 **BIAGI Federico, FONTANA Alessandro**  
*Fabbisogni standard per l'istruzione: problematiche e stime*  
Discussant: CASARICO
- 9:05 **AINA Carmen, BAICI Eliana, CASALONE Giorgia**  
*Time-to-Degree: Students' Abilities, University Characteristics or What Else?*  
Discussant: GRAZZINI
- 9:40 **CASARICO Alessandra, MICHELETTO Luca, SOMMACAL Alessandro**  
*Intergenerational Transmission of Skills During Childhood and Optimal Fiscal Policy*  
Discussant: PISAURO
- 10:15 **DEPALO Domenico, FEDELI Silvia**  
*Heterogeneity in Cultural Expenditures of the Municipalities: Evidence from Italian Data (1998-2006)*  
Discussant: GALIZZI
- 10:50 **Coffee break**
- 11:10 **GRAZZINI Lisa, LUPORINI Annalisa, PETRETTO Alessandro**  
*Competition Between State Universities*  
Discussant: GIORDANO
- 11:45 **GIORDANO Raffaella, TOMMASINO Pietro, CASIRAGHI Marco**  
*Behind Public Sector Efficiency: the Role of Culture and Institutions*  
Discussant: GREMBI
- 12:20 **DARDANONI Valentino, FORCINA Antonio, MODICA Salvatore**  
*Secondary Effects in Education Transmission: A Finite Mixture Model*  
Discussant: MARUOTTI
- 12:55 End of session
- 13:00 Lunch

## FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> 2009, AFTERNOON SESSIONS

## Session LP1, Aula Foscolo

### Decentralization - Local issues

Chair: Franco OSCULATI

- 14:00 **MARCHIONNI Emilia**  
*Devoluzione di risorse tributarie alle amministrazioni locali e strategie di rientro dal deficit*  
Discussant: MONACELLI
- 14:35 **BOETTI Lorenzo, PIACENZA Massimiliano, TURATI Gilberto**  
*Fiscal Decentralization and Spending Efficiency of Local Governments. An Empirical Investigation on a Sample of Italian Municipalities*  
Discussant: CAROZZA
- 15:10 **GUCCIO Calogero, PIGNATARO Giacomo, RIZZO Ilde**  
*The Performance of Local Government in the Execution of Public Works*  
Discussant: Fabio FIORILLO
- 15:45 **GENNARI Elena, MESSINA Giovanna**  
*How Sticky are Local Expenditures in Italy? Assessing the Relevance of the Flypaper Effect Through Municipal Data*  
Discussant: PETRARCA
- 16:20 **CAMBINI Carlo, FILIPPINI Massimo, PIACENZA Massimiliano, VANNONI Davide**  
*The Influence of Corporatization Process on the Cost of Publicly Provided Local Utilities: Some Insights from Bus Transit Systems*  
Discussant: LONGOBARDI
- 16:55 End of session

## Session LP2, Aula Scarpa

### Health care policies - II

Chair: Angela FRASCHINI

- 14:00 **GRAZIANO Carmen**  
*Analisi del personale nella sanità pubblica - ruolo delle risorse umane nel SSN italiano*  
Discussant: CIASCHINI
- 14:35 **IEZZI Elisa, LIPPI BRUNI Matteo, UGOLINI Cristina**  
*The Role of GP's Compensation Schemes in Diabetes Care: Evidence From Panel Data*  
Discussant: DE PALO
- 15:10 **LI DONNI Paolo, PERAGINE Vitorocco, PIGNATARO Giuseppe**  
*Behind The Atkinson Index: Measuring Equality of Opportunity in Health*  
Discussant: ZOLI
- 15:45 **FABBRI Daniele, ROBONE Silvana**  
*The Geography of Hospital Admission in a National Health Service with Patient Choice: Evidence from Italy*  
Discussant: GRAZIANO
- 16:20 **GIARDINA Emilio, CAVALIERI Marina, GUCCIO Calogero, MAZZA Isidoro**  
*Federalism, Party Competition and Budget Outcome: Empirical Findings on Regional Health Expenditure in Italy*  
Discussant: EUSEPI
- 16:55 End of session

## Session LP3, Aula VI di Lettere

### International issues

Chair: Paolo PANTEGHINI

- 14:00 **CARUSO Raul**  
*Times of War and Peace. The Economics of Continuing Conflict and Production: Theory and Empirics*  
Discussant: BONFATTI
- 14:35 **GHINAMO Mauro, PANTEGHINI Paolo M., REVELLI Federico**  
*FDI Determination and Corporate Tax Competition in a Volatile World*  
Discussant: ZAPAL
- 15:10 **BONFATTI Roberto**  
*Foreign Influence and the China-Africa Trade in Natural Resources*  
Discussant: GHINAMO
- 15:45 **BORGHI Elisa, DEL BO Chiara, FLORIO Massimo**  
*The New Public Enterprise: A Survey and Research Agenda*  
Discussant: BERRITTELLA
- 16:20 **ZAPAL Jan**  
*A Model of Asymmetric FOMC Directive*  
Discussant: PANTEGHINI
- 16:55 **BERRITTELLA Maria**  
*Public Infrastructure Investment and Taxation: The Case of Transport Policy in the European Union*  
Discussant: CARUSO
- 17:30 End of session

## Session LP4, Aula Magna

### Environmental policies

Chair: Emilio GERELLI

- 14:00 **CASTELLUCCI Laura, D'AMATO Alessio, CASTELLI Annalisa**  
*Technological Lock-in and the Shaping of Environmental Policy*  
Discussant: CEPPARULO
- 14:35 **COPPOLA Francesco Saverio, CARRERAS Consuelo**  
*Risorse idriche e territorio. Risultati di un'indagine di dettaglio sulla programmazione degli investimenti nei piani di alcuni ambiti territoriali ottimali meridionali*  
Discussant: PANARO
- 15:10 **CIASCHINI Maurizio, PRETAROLI Rosita, SEVERINI Francesca, SOCCI Claudio**  
*Le politiche per la produzione di energia da fonti rinnovabili*  
Discussant: GERELLI
- 15:45 **COPPOLA Francesco Saverio, PANARO Alessandro**  
*Risorse idriche e programmazione 2000-2006. Analisi dei risultati e confronti territoriali*  
Discussant: BRAU
- 16:20 **BRAU Rinaldo**  
*Combining Minimum Quality Standards and Emission Trading in a Product Line Competition Framework*  
Discussant: CARRERAS
- 16:55 End of session

## Session LP5, Aula Volta

### Problems with the legal systems

Chair: Carla MARCHESE

- 14:00 **FORTE Francesco, MANTOVANI Michela**  
*Regime fiscale delle cooperative, composizione politica dei Governi e Rent Seeking*  
Discussant: MARZANO
- 14:35 **FIORINO Nadia, GALLI Emma**  
*Corruption and Growth: Evidence from Italian Regions*  
Discussant: TESTA
- 15:10 **ALBANESE Giuseppe, SORGE Marco M.**  
*The Role of Judiciary in Public Decision Making Process*  
Discussant: FIORINO
- 15:45 **SOBBRIO Giuseppe, D'AGOSTINO Elena, SIRONI Emiliano**  
*New Disputes and Delay in Italian Courts*  
Discussant: ANTONELLI
- 16:20 **D'AMATO Alessio, ZOLI Mariangela**  
*Waste Policy in the Presence of Illegal Disposal and Organized Crime*  
Discussant: FINOCCHIARO CASTRO
- 16:55 End of session

## Session LP6, Biblioteca Universitaria di Pavia - Salone Teresiano

### Public goods issues

Chair: Domenico da EMPOLI

- 14:00 **D'AMICO Domenico**  
*Merit Goods, Paternalism, and Responsibility*  
Discussant: ACOCELLA
- 14:35 **MINERVINI Leo Fulvio**  
*Purchasing Public Goods at Auction Under Majority Rule*  
Discussant: Maimone ANSALDO PATTI
- 15:10 **ACOCELLA Nicola, DI BARTOLOMEO Giovanni**  
*Convergenza di interessi, conflitto e coordinamento nella fornitura di beni pubblici*  
Discussant: DA EMPOLI
- 15:45 **MAIMONE ANSALDO PATTI Dario, NAVARRA Pietro**  
*Solving Interstate Territorial Disputes: Autonomous Solution or International Organizations' Intervention?*  
Discussant: MINERVINI
- 16:20 **TACCONI Alessandra**  
*Riforme economiche e scelte collettive*  
Discussant: BISES
- 16:55 End of session