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Education

Ph.D. in Economics 2015
(**Dr.rer.pol-Doktor der Wirtschaftswissenschaften**)
Faculty of Economics, University of Göttingen (Germany)
M.A. in Advanced Development Economics 2010
Faculty of Economics, University of Firenze (Italy)
B.A. in Economic Development and International Cooperation 2006
Faculty of Economics, University of Palermo (Italy)

Current Position

Associate Professor

Department of Economics, Business, Mathematics and Statistics, University of Trieste

Past Academic Positions

Assistant Professor, tenure-track 2022-25
Department of Economics, Business, Mathematics and Statistics, University of Trieste (Italy)
Assistant Professor 2021-22
Department of Economics and Finance, University of Bari (Italy)
Research Associate 2019-21
United Nations University- World Institute for Development
Economics Research, Helsinki (Finland)
Postdoc Researcher 2017-19
Dept. of Development Economics, University of Göttingen (Germany)
Postdoc Fellow 2015-17
Dept. of Economic Sciences, University of Verona (Italy)
Pre-doc Researcher ('Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin') 2010-15
Dept. of Development Economics, University of Göttingen (Germany)

Policy Advisory and Consulting

-UN-WOMEN Morocco 2020
-United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs 2019
-Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Overseas Development Institute 2015
-The Law and Development Partnership and
the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development 2014-15
-TNP2K (National Team for the Acceleration of Poverty Reduction),
Government of Indonesia, Jakarta 2014

Teaching and Supervision

Lecturer

A.Y. 2025-26: Microeconomics, B.A (90 hours), Development Economics, M.A (45 hours) University of Trieste; Aid and Development (3 hours), MAGEVAL, University of Bordeaux.
A.Y. 2024-25: Microeconomics, B.A (90 hours), Monetary and Financial Economics, B.A (30 hours) University of Trieste; Aid and Development (3 hours), MAGEVAL, University of Bordeaux.

A.Y. 2023-24: Microeconomics, B.A (90 hours), Monetary and Financial Economics, B.A (30 hours) University of Trieste; Aid and Development (3 hours), MAGEVAL, University of Bordeaux.
A.Y. 2022-23: Microeconomics, B.A (90 hours), Monetary and Financial Economics, B.A (30 hours) University of Trieste; Welfare Economics (Module I), Ph.D. "DEFAP" at University of Bari (5 hours); Aid and Development (3 hours), MAGEVAL, University of Bordeaux.
A.Y. 2021-22: Microeconomics, B.A (35 hours), Advanced Microeconomics, M.A (28 hours) University of Bari; Aid and Development (3 hours), MAGEVAL, University of Bordeaux.
A.Y. 2019-20: Development Economics I, M.A - Aalto University (Helsinki).
A.Y. 2018-19: Development Economics I, M.A - University of Göttingen.
A.Y. 2017-18: Introduction to Development Economics, B.A.; Development Economics III, M.A. - University of Göttingen.
A.Y. 2016-17: Introduction to Development Economics, B.A.- University of Göttingen.
A.Y. 2016-17: Econometria, B.A.; Microeconomics (exercises) B.A. - University of Verona.

Teaching Assistant (tutorials)

November 2020 UNU-WIDER: Summer School in collaboration with DPRU-UCT on labour markets and economic development, University of Cape Town.

From 2011 to 2015, Uni Göttingen (Germany): Advanced development economics; Development Economics III Development Economics II; Seminar on European and Global Trade; Financial Markets in Transformation Countries; European Countries in Transition; Open Economy Macroeconomics; Introduction to Development Economics; Growth and Development.

Supervision

Ph.D students mentoring (UNU-WIDER): K. Vu (2019); M. Ghulam (2019); T.Phuong Bui (2019); A. Paul (2020).

Number of Master and Bachelor theses co-supervision (Uni Göttingen): Master: 2 (2015), 1 (2014); Bachelor: 1 (2014); 2 (2012).

Number of Bachelor theses supervision (Uni Trieste): 8 (2022/23); 9 (2023/24); 12 (2024/25).

Research

Publications

1. Bargain, O. and Lo Bue, M. (2026) The economic gains of closing the employment gender gap: Evidence from Morocco. Forthcoming in *Feminist Economics*.
2. Klasen, S., Kneib, T., Lo Bue, M.C., and Prete, V. (2024). What's behind pro-poor growth? An investigation of its drivers and dynamics. *Journal of Economic Inequality*, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10888-024-09628-7>.
3. Lo Bue, M., and Martinez Zarzoso, I. (2024) Female managers and firm performance: Evidence from the non-agricultural sectors in Caribbean countries. *Economic Modelling*, Vol. 133, 106648, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.econmod.2024.106648>.
4. Deshpande, A., Lo Bue, M.C., Pieters, J., and Sen, K. (2024). Women's Work – Routes to Social and Economic Empowerment: Introduction to the Special Issue. *World Development*, Vol. 177 May 2024, 106528, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2023.106528>.
5. Lo Bue, M. (2023) Drivers of changes in child nutritional conditions: A panel data-based study on Indonesian households, 1997-2014. *Review of Development Economics*, 1-36. <http://doi.org/10.1111/rode.13082>.

6. Lo Bue, M., Ngoc Le, T., Santos Silva, M. and Sen, K. (2022) Gender and vulnerable employment in the developing world: Evidence from global microdata. *World Development*, Vol. 159 November 2022, 106010. - Media coverage: OECD Development Matters Blog
 7. Lindberg, S., Lo Bue, M., and Sen, K. (2022) Clientelism, corruption and the rule of law. *World Development*, Vol. 158 October 2022, 105989. - Media coverage: UNU WIDER Blog
 8. Lo Bue, M. and Palmisano, F. (2020) The individual poverty incidence of growth. *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, 82 (6): 1295-1321.
 9. Idzalika, R. and Lo Bue, M. (2020) Educational Opportunities in Indonesia: are factors outside individual responsibility persistent? *Journal of Development Studies*, 56 (8), 1473-1488.
 10. Lo Bue, M. (2019). Early Childhood during the Indonesia's Wildfires: Health Outcomes and Long Run Schooling Achievements. *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 67: 4, 969-1003. - Media coverage: The Conversation UK, October 7 2019.
 11. Lo Bue, M. and Priebe, J. (2018) Revisiting the socioeconomic determinants of exclusive breastfeeding practices: Evidence from Eastern Indonesia. *Oxford Development Studies*, 46:3, 398-410.
 12. Lo Bue, M., and Klasen, S. (2013) Identifying synergies and complementarities between MDGs: Results from cluster analysis, *Social Indicators Research*, 113: 2, 647-670.
- Working Papers**
13. Lo Bue, M., Perova, E. and Reynolds, S. (2023) Maternal Work and Children's Development : Examining 20 Years of Evidence. World Bank Policy Research Working Paper ; no. WPS 10305 Washington, D.C. : World Bank Group.
 14. Aghajanian, A. R. Caeiro, C., Egger, E., Justino, P. and Lo Bue, M. (2023) Legacies of the Great Recession: Governance, Covid-19 and the Mediating Role of Trust. WIDER Working Paper 2023/111. Helsinki: UNU-WIDER.
 15. Bargain, O., Lo Bue, M. and Palmisano, F. (2021) Dynastic measures of inter-generational mobility with empirical evidence from Indonesia. WIDER Working Paper 2021/70. Helsinki: UNU-WIDER. (*R&R*)
 16. Dervisevic, E., Lo Bue, M. and Perova, E. (2021) Maternal Labor Market Participation and Children's Outcomes. Evidence from Indonesia. WIDER Working Paper 2021/186. Helsinki: UNU-WIDER.
 17. Klasen, S., Lo Bue, M. and V. Prete (2020) 'What's behind pro-poor growth? The role of shocks and measurement error'. WIDER Working Paper 2020/16. Helsinki: UNU-WIDER.
 18. Vu, K. and Lo Bue, M. (2019) Intergenerational mobility of education in Vietnam: Evidence from the Vietnam War. WIDER Working Paper 2019/67. Helsinki: UNU-WIDER.
 19. Lo Bue, M., Mendola, M. and Priebe, J. (2023) Parental disability and children education outcomes. *mimeo*.

20. Aghajanian, A. R. Caeiro, C., Egger, E., Justino, P. and Lo Bue, M. (2023) Conflict, trust and response to Ebola in Liberia *mimeo*.

Policy Briefs and Research Reports

20. Bargain, O. and Lo Bue, M. (2021) The Economic Gains Of Reducing The Employment Gender Gap In Morocco, WIDER Policy Brief 21/01 Helsinki: UNU-WIDER, 2021.

21. Bargain, O. and Lo Bue, M. (2021) Coûts Économiques des Inégalités de genre dans le Marché du Travail au Maroc. Commissioned by ONU Femmes Maroc and Centre d'Excellence pour la Budgétisation Sensible au Genre (CE-BSG). Rabat: Direction des Études et des Prévisions Financières (DEPF) and ONUFemmes Maroc.

22. Lo Bue, M. and Sen., K. (2020) The quantity and quality of women's work. UNU-WIDER Factsheet 2020/1. Helsinki: UNU-WIDER.

23. Hoy, C., Klasen, S., Samman, E., Darmawan, E., Lo Bue, M., Rischke, R. and Rodríguez-Takeuchi, L. (2016). Middle-income transitions and inequality: is there a link? ODI Dimension Paper 05/2016. Overseas Development Institute: London.

24. Priebe, J., Howell, F., and Lo Bue, M. (2014) Availability and Quality of Public Health Facilities in Eastern Indonesia: Results from the Indonesia Family Life Survey East 2012. TNP2K Working Paper 11c, 2014.

25. Lo Bue, M. (2013) Are there synergies between MDGs? KfW Policy Brief.

26. Klasen, S., Lange, S., and Lo Bue, M.(2012) New Developments in National and International Poverty Measurement: Promise, Limits, and Applicability for different Development Actors. Frankfurt: KfW.

Institutional Responsibilities

- Since 2025: **Program Coordinator**, B.A. Degree in International Economics and Financial Markets, Dept. of Economics, Business, Mathematics and Statistics at the University of Trieste.

- Since 2025: **PhD Board Component** of the PhD program "Circular Economy", ciclo 42, University of Trieste (Italy).

- Since 2024: **Member of the Quality Assessment Board** ('Gruppo AQ') of the Bachelor's Degree Program in International Economics and Financial Markets at the University of Trieste.

- Since 2024: **Member of the Coordination Board** of the Bachelor's Degree Program in International Economics and Financial Markets at the University of Trieste.

- Since 2024: **Erasmus Exchange Program Coordinator** at University of Trieste and Jean Monnet University, Saint-Étienne.

- 2024 (July): **Member of the Ph.D Thesis Jury**, Mrs. Maira Colacce University of Bordeaux.

- 2024-2025: **Deputy delegate for Tutoring and Soft Skills**, Dept. of Economics, Business, Mathematics and Statistics at the University of Trieste.

- Since 2023: **Scientific Committee Member** of the Interdepartmental Center on Migration and International Cooperation for Sustainable Development (CIMS) at the University of Trieste.

- 2023-2025: **Erasmus Exchange Program Coordinator** at University of Trieste and the Universities of Valencia, Cadiz, and Cantabria.

- 2022-2023: **PhD Board Component** of the PhD program "Economics and Finance of Public Administrations", ciclo XXXVIII, University of Bari (Italy).

- 2019-2021: **Research Project Coordinator** for the UNU-WIDER Research Project on Women's

Work: routes to economic and social empowerment.

- 2019-2021: **Research Project Coordinator** for the UNU-WIDER Research Project on Social mobility in the Global South - concepts, measures, and determinants.
- 2019-2020: **Course Coordinator** for "Development Economics I", M.A, WS 2019/20. Aalto University (Helsinki).
- 2019-2020: **Organizer** of the UNU-WIDER Seminar Series.
- 2019-2020 **Organizer** of UNU-WIDER Brown Bag Seminar Series.
- 2019: **Conferences and Summer School Organizing committee** for thr UNU-WIDER Annual Conference, Bangkok 2019; the UNU-WIDER Annual Conference, Helsinki, 2020 and the UNU-WIDER Summer School in Labour Economics, 2019.
- 2019-2021: **Gender Focal Point** at the United Nations University on behalf of UNU-WIDER.

Editorial Responsibilities

2021-23: Guest Editor of the Special Issue "Women's Work: routes to economic and social empowerment" in *World Development*.

Refereeing

Journal of Development Economics; Journal of Population Economics; World Development; Review of Income and Wealth; Journal of Development Studies; Economic Modelling; Journal for Labour Market Research; Journal of Human Development and Capabilities; The European Journal of Development Research; Journal of Economic Studies; PLOS One; *Economia Politica*.

Conferences and Workshops

2025: 2025 Meeting of the Society of Economics of the Household (SEHO), Zaragoza; SITES (Italian Association of Development Economists) X Annual Conference, Rome; SITES 14th Edition of the Summer School in Development Economics, Prato (*invited speaker*); 3rd Southeast Asia Economic Research and Development Conference, Siem Reap (*invited speaker*).

2024: 2024 Meeting of the Society of Economics of the Household (SEHO), Singapore.

2023: Homecoming Conference of the Goettingen School of Development Economics, Goettingen; Workshop "Crises and Resilience in Developing Countries", Beirut.

2022: Workshop "Frontiers in Political Economy: Clientelism, Corruption and Social Policy", University of Zurich (*invited*); WIDER Development Conference 'Reducing inequality – the great challenge of our time', Bogota; 38emes Journées de Microéconomie Appliquée (JMA), Rennes; Asian Economic Development Conference, Tokyo (online).

2021: 62ma SIE (Italian Economists Society) Annual Conference (online); 29th IAFFE Annual Conference (online). Young Development Economists (YoDEV) Webinar (*invited*)

2020 (all online): World Bank-EAPGIL Brown Bag Seminar (*invited*); 116th American Political Science Association Annual Meeting; AISSEC (Italian Association for the Study of Comparative Economic Systems) Scientific Conference; UNU-WIDER Annual Conference 'Evidence to enhance inclusive growth'; World Bank Solutions for Women's Empowerment Webinar Series (*invited*)

2019: UNU-WIDER Annual Conference, Bangkok; 8th ECINEQ Conference, Paris.

2018: Workshop on Inequality of Opportunity "Equal Chances" organized by University of Bari and The World Bank; XX AISSEC-Collegio Carlo Alberto Scientific Conference, Turin; UNU-WIDER Annual Conference, Helsinki.

2017: 2nd GlAD Conference, Göttingen; 26th IAFFE (International Association for Feminist Economics) Conference, Seoul.

2016: DSA (Development Studies Association) Conference, Oxford; 34th IARIW (International Association for Research in Income and Wealth) Conference, Dresden.

2015: 56ma SIE (Italian Economists Society) Annual Conference, Naples; 6th ECINEQ Conference, Luxembourg; German Economic Association, Research Group on Development Economics

International Conference, Kiel.

2013: 54ma SIE (Italian Economists Society) Annual Conference, Bologna; Asian Development Bank-Sogang University Workshop, Seoul; OECD Conference, Paris.

2011: EADI-DSA General Conference, York; AISSEC (Italian Association for the Study of Comparative Economic Systems) Scientific Conference, Macerata; EADI-UNU-CRIS Workshop, Bruges.

Visiting

University of Bordeaux (France)

2021-22 and 2023-24

University of Stellenbosch (South Africa)

2018

Grants

- “Microgrants22”: research grant from the University of Trieste for the project: “EDUOP- Education shortages and inequality of opportunity in developing countries” (Principal Investigator). Ranking: 1 over 71 applications at the University level. 4300€ financed by Regione FVG LR2/2011. Period: 2023-2025.

- HOPE “Understanding Human Well-being and Behavior for better Policies and Societies”, financed from the French State in the framework of the Investments for the Future programme IdEx Université de Bordeaux (€4MM). External member. (P.Is.: O. Bargain; F. Ric; M. Clement; J. Wittwer; O. Herrbach; E. Kasagi). Period: 2021-2025.

- EU Erasmus+ Staff Training Scholarship for a research visiting at the Department of Economics, University of Stellenbosch. Period: summer semester 2018.

Language Skills

Italian (Native); English (Proficient); French (Fluent); German (Intermediate-B1); Portuguese (Elementary); Spanish (Elementary).

Software Skills

MS Office; STATA; L^AT_EX.

Awards

- Outstanding Master Dissertation Award, Dep. of Economic Sciences, University of Florence.

- Outstanding Master Dissertation Award-Special Mention (“Menzione Speciale- Premio Villa Favard”), Faculty of Economics, University of Florence.

- Outstanding Master Dissertation Prize: Italian Association for the Study of Comparative Economic Systems 2011 Award for young economists. Best research on comparative economics systems and transition economies.

Pre-PhD professional experiences

- Research Intern, UNU-WIDER, Helsinki (2013)

- Student Assistant, University of Firenze (2009)

- Fieldwork activities, Sanitation Projects in Dominican Republic (2006)

- Internship, Development NGO “Fundacao Gonzalo da Silveira”, Lisbon (2005)

- Internship, International Voluntary Service office, Edinburgh (2003)

National Scientific Habilitations (ASN)

Associate Professor - Field 13/A1 - Economics (06/02/2023).

Associate Professor - Field 13/A2 - Economic Policy (06/02/2023).

Associate Professor - Field 13/A3 - Public Economics (25/01/2023).

Trieste, 20/11/2025

