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National scientific qualifications: 13 / A1 – Economics (Associate Professor)
13 / A2 – Economic Policy (Associate Professor and Full Professor)
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Current positions:

- 2023- Assistant Professor of Economic Policy (RTD-b, SECS-P/02), University of Gastronomic Sciences, Bra, Italy.
- 2023- Individual Consultant – UNCTAD (United Nations).
- 2018- Coordinator of the Graduate Programme in Sustainable Food Innovation and Management, University of Gastronomic Sciences, Bra, Italy.
- 2019- Director, Co-founder, and Research Fellow (since May 2014), Turin Centre on Emerging Economies – Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin, Italy.
- 2010- Scientific Member of the Santagata Foundation for the Economics of Culture (former CSS-EBLA), Turin, Italy.
- 2009- External collaborator, International Training Centre - International Labour Organization (United Nations).

Past positions:

- 2018-2023 Assistant Professor of Economics (RTD-a, SECS-P/01), University of Gastronomic Sciences, Bra, Italy.
- 2015-2018 Post-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Economics and Statistics 'Cognetti de Martiis', University of Turin.
Maternity leave from 01/01/2015 to 31/03/2015
- 2014 Researcher affiliated to the Department of Economics and Statistics 'Cognetti de Martiis', University of Turin.
- 2012-2013 Researcher for the project "International Report on the Strategies of Capacity Building to Promote Cultural Heritage: the Case of Piedmont", Silvia Santagata Research Centre.
- 2012-2013 Consultant for Istituto Paralleli – Istituto Euromediterraneo del Nord Ovest.
- 2011-2012 Post-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Economics and Statistics 'Cognetti de Martiis', University of Turin.
- 2011-2012 Researcher for the project "Industrial Design and Handicraft. The Case of Florence: Arts, Tradition and Innovation", Silvia Santagata Research Centre.
- 2011-2012 Coordinator and researcher for the project "MDGs Joint Programmes on Culture and Development", Silvia Santagata Research Centre.
- 2010 Researcher for the project "Report on the Economic and Cultural Impact of the Brand 'World Heritage of UNESCO'", Silvia Santagata Research Centre.
- 2009 Post-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Economics and Statistics 'Cognetti de Martiis', University of Turin.
- 2007-2009 Researcher, executive coordinator and executive secretary for the Vittorio Alfieri project "The Two Asian Emerging Countries (China and India) and Their Relationship with Italy's and Piedmont's Economies", Department of Economics and Statistics 'Cognetti de Martiis', University of Turin.

Education

- 2008 PhD in Economics of Institutions and Creativity, University of Turin.
Thesis: "*Economic openness, education and inequality in developing countries*" (Supervisor Prof. Vittorio Valli).
- 2005 Master Degree in Economics, CORIPE Piemonte - Consortium for Research and Continuing Education in Economics, Moncalieri (Turin). Score: A.
- 2004 Graduate Degree in Political Sciences with specialization in Economics, University of Turin. Score: 110/110 summa cum laude and honor "publication recommended".

Teaching

2018-today	Economics and Development Policy (% students satisfied by year: 94%, 96%, 84%, 84%, 93%), <i>graduate</i> (ENG), University of Gastronomic Sciences.
2019-today	Economic Policy and Food Sustainability (% students satisfied by year: 94%, 96%, 93%, 99%), <i>undergraduate</i> (ENG), University of Gastronomic Sciences.
2018-2021	Introduction to Economics (% students satisfied by year: 100%, 95%, 86%), <i>graduate</i> (ENG), University of Gastronomic Sciences.
2018-2019	Sustainable Development Indicators, (% students satisfied: 90%), <i>undergraduate</i> (ITA), University of Gastronomic Sciences.
2018-today	Lectures on Sustainable Development, <i>various first-level Masters</i> (ENG), University of Gastronomic Sciences.
2016-2018	Introduction to Economics, <i>graduate</i> (ITA), University of Turin.
2015-2016	How to write a country report, <i>graduate</i> (ITA), University of Turin.
2010-10/11-14	Cooperation and Development, <i>graduate</i> (ITA), University of Turin.
2013-2014	Cultural Industries and Global Markets, <i>graduate</i> (ITA), University of Turin.
2009-today	Lectures on Microeconomics, Macroeconomics and Development Economics, <i>first-level Master</i> in Management of Development (ENG – lecturer and tutor), International Training Centre - International Labour Organization.
2011-2020	Lectures on Microeconomics and Macroeconomics, <i>second-level Master</i> in Organization and Development of Human Resources (ITA), University of Turin.
2007-2008	Lectures on Statistical and Bibliographic Sources, <i>first-level Master</i> in International Cooperation (ITA), University of Turin.
2005-2017	Teaching Assistant for various courses (International Economics, Comparative Economic Development, Economic Policy and Development, Economic Policy, Laboratory on Cooperation and Development), University of Turin.

Research projects

2024-	PRIMA (Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area)- “ <i>STAPLES - Stable food Access and Prices and Lower Exposure to Shocks</i> ” (Role: Principal Investigator and WP leader).
2023-	PNRR-NODES (Nord Ovest Digitale e Sostenibile) - “ <i>Circular Economy and Social Sustainability of Made in Italy Wine</i> ” (Role: Researcher and WP leader).
2023-	H2020 - “ <i>HuMUS - Healthy Municipal Soils</i> ” (Role: Researcher).
2022-	PRIN 2020 - “ <i>About the origin. Identity, authenticity and contradictions of food</i> ” (Role: Researcher).

- 2012-2013 “*International Report on the Strategies of Capacity Building to Promote Cultural Heritage: the Case of Piedmont*”, Silvia Santagata Research Centre, PROJECT FINANCED BY: CRT FOUNDATION (Role: Researcher).
- 2011-2012 “*Industrial Design and Handicraft. The Case of Florence: Arts, Tradition and Innovation*”, Silvia Santagata Research Centre, PROJECT FINANCED BY: FLORENS FOUNDATION (Role: Researcher).
- 2011-2012 “*MDGs Joint Programmes on Culture and Development*”, Silvia Santagata Research Centre, PROJECT FINANCED BY: UNESCO (Role: Coordinator and Researcher).
- 2010 “*Report on the Economic and Cultural Impact of the Brand ‘World Heritage of UNESCO’*”, Silvia Santagata Research Centre, PROJECT FINANCED BY: ITALIAN MINISTRY OF CULTURE (Role: Researcher).
- 2007-2009 Vittorio Alfieri project “*The Two Asian Emerging Countries (China and India) and Their Relationship with Italy’s and Piedmont’s Economies*”, Department of Economics and Statistics ‘Cognetti de Martiis’, University of Turin. PROJECT FINANCED BY: CRT FOUNDATION (Role: Executive Coordinator, Executive Secretary and Researcher).

Other activities

- 2022- Member of the AISSEC Executive Committee– Italian Association for Comparative Economic Studies.
- 2018-2022 President of AISSEC- Italian Association for Comparative Economic Studies.
- 2020-2022 Guest Editor (with E.Vallino) for the Special Issue “Food Security in the Age of Sustainable Development: Exploring the Synergies between the SDGs”, *World Development*.
- 2020-2021 Guest Editor (with F.Oliveri, P.Della Posta, E.Vallino) for the Special Issue “Migrations, Populism and the Crisis of Globalization”, *Scienza e Pace*.
- 2009-2020 Member of the Review Board of the *IJEED - International Journal of Education Economics and Development*.
- 2019 Member of the Committee for the 7th Giorgio Rota Best Paper Award, 2019 – Centro Einaudi, Turin.
- 2019 Member of the Scientific Committee for the review of the Master in Management of Development as external consultant - International Training Centre-International Labour Organization (ILO).
- 2009-2011 Member of the AISSEC Executive Committee– Italian Association for Comparative Economic Studies.

Fellowships and Honors

- 2009 AISSEC - Italian Association for Comparative Economic Studies 2009: Award for the best PhD dissertation in the field of Comparative Economics.
- 2004-2007 Full three-year scholarship for the Ph.D. Program, University of Turin.
- 2005 “Optime” Prize and honorary life membership for the best graduates of the University of Turin, Unione Industriale (Entrepreneurs’ Association), Turin.

Presentations at conferences

- 2023 “*Climate change, food prices and inequality*”, OEET 9th Workshop on Emerging Economies, Turin, 14-15 December.
- 2023 “*Does openness to food import contribute to rising obesity in low and middle income countries?*”, IAMO Forum on “International Agricultural Trade, Geopolitics and Global Food Security” Halle (Saale), Germany, 21-23 June.
- 2022 “*Free to Die: Economic Freedoms and Influenza Mortality*”, 63rd Annual Conference - Italian Economic Association (SIE), Turin, 20-22 October.
- 2022 “*Does openness to food import contribute to rising obesity in low and middle income countries?*”, 17th EACES Conference, Naples, 15-17 September.
- 2022 “*Does openness to food import contribute to rising obesity in low and middle income countries?*”, VII SITES International Conference, Naples (Posillipo), 16-17 September.
- 2022 “*Empirical insights on food trade and obesity in developing countries*”, Sustainability and Development Conference (online), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 24-28 January.
- 2021 “*Public investment multipliers: Theory, empirical evidence for EU countries and policy implications*”, XXXII Villa Mondragone International Economic Seminar, Roma (online), 5-8 July.
- 2020 “*International trade and food security: a cross-country analysis*”, XXI AISSEC Conference, Urbino (online), 8-9 October.
- 2020 Chair of the session “*Sector perspectives in emerging and developing economies*”, XXI AISSEC Conference, Urbino (online), 8-9 October.
- 2019 “*Synergies between SDGs: an assessment of direct and indirect effects of electricity access on food security*”, Sustainability and Development Conference, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 11-14 October.
- 2018 “*The world divided into four: poverty, emergence, boom and affluence*” (Saccone D., Deaglio M.), XX AISSEC Conference, Turin, 4-5 October.
- 2017 “*Emerging economies: what, who and why*”, OEET 4th Workshop on Emerging Economies, Turin, 14-16 May.

- 2016 Chair of the panel “*New challenges in large emerging economies*”, 14th EACES Conference, Regensburg, 8-10 September.
- 2016 Chair of the session “*Chinese economy in transition: growth, environment and finance*”, OEET 3rd Workshop on Emerging Economies, Turin, 9-10 May.
- 2015 “*Structural Change, Globalization and Economic Growth in China and India*”, OEET 1st Workshop on Emerging Economies, Turin, 12-13 March.
- 2012 “*Network Analysis to Evaluate Projects in Culture and Development*”, Second International Workshop on “UNESCO World Heritage: Economic and Policy Issues” and “Culture as A Network”, Turin, 24-25 January.
- 2011 “*How Diverse Is the World Heritage List?*”, CEC International Conference “World Heritage at Risk”, Ravello, 14-16 September.
- 2010 “*Searching for the Determinants of World Heritage Listing: An Econometric Analysis*”, 16th International Conference on Cultural Economics, Association for Cultural Economics International, Copenhagen, 9-12 June.
- 2010 “*Economic Openness, Education and Inequality at the End of the XX Century. Reopening the Debate*” (Saccone D.), Workshop on Comparing Inequality, AISSEC, Assisi, 22-23 June.
- 2009 “*Educational Inequality and Educational Poverty. The Chinese Case in the Period 1975-2004*” (Saccone D.), 17th AISSEC Scientific Conference, Perugia, 25-27 June.
- 2009 “*Structural Change and Economic Development in China and India*” (Valli V., Saccone D.), Workshop on “Emerging Economic Powers in Asia: China and India. Problems, Perspectives and Opportunities for Europe”, Turin, 17-18 April.
- 2007 “*Economic openness, skill demand and skill supply in three archetypes of developing countries: a theoretical and empirical investigation*”, 16th AISSEC Scientific Conference, Parma, 21-23 June.

Invited speeches

“*Food security in the age of sustainable development: trends and threats*”, Conference ‘Across the sea – Our bond to the Mediterranean’, Union for the Mediterranean and University of Genoa, Genoa (Italy), 5 June 2023.

“*Culture, food and development*”, International Academy on UNESCO Designations and Sustainable Development, UNESCO and Santagata Foundation, Bra (Italy), 22 October 2019.

“*Rural economies, evolutionary dynamics and new paradigms*”, Opening Speech at the Giorgio Rota Conference, Centro Einaudi and University of Turin, Turin (Italy), 6 May 2019.

“*Culture, food and development*”, International Academy on UNESCO Designations and Sustainable Development, UNESCO and Santagata Foundation, Bra (Italy), 13 October 2018.

“Network Analysis As A Tool to Explore Sustainability of Projects in Culture and Development”, UNESCO Interregional Knowledge Management Workshop of the MDG-F Culture and Development Thematic Window, UNESCO, El Jadida (Morocco), 23-25 June 2011.

Organization of conferences, panels and workshops

- 2023 Member of the Scientific and Organizing Committee of the XXIII AISSEC Conference, co-organized with the University of Verona, 13-14 June, Vicenza.
- 2022 Scientific organizer of the AISSEC panel “Institutions, Transition and Development”, Italian Economic Association Annual Conference (SIE), Turin, 20-22.
- 2022 Member of the Scientific and Organizing Committee (as AISSEC President) of the XXII AISSEC Conference “Rediscovering drivers of economic development”, co-organized with the D’Annunzio University of Pescara, Pescara, 16-18 June.
- 2015-2022 Scientific co-organizer of the Annual OEET Workshops on Emerging Economies (2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2017, 2016, 2015), OEET-Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin.
- 2021 Scientific organizer of the AISSEC panel “Social Issues in Economic Systems: a Comparative Perspective”, Italian Economic Association Annual Conference (SIE), online, 26-29 October.
- 2021 Member of the Scientific and Organizing Committee (as AISSEC President) of the Workshop "Migrations, Populism and the Crisis of Globalization", co-organized with the University of Pisa and held online, May 17.
- 2020 Member of the Scientific and Organizing Committee (as AISSEC President) of the XXI AISSEC Conference “Comparative perspectives on economic development and inequalities”, co-organized with the University of Urbino and held online, 8-9 October.
- 2020 Scientific organizer of the AISSEC panel “Protectionism, international trade and development: empirical and methodological contributions”, Italian Economic Association Annual Conference (SIE), online, 20-23 October.
- 2018 Member of the Scientific and Organizing Committee of the XX AISSEC Conference “Rise and decline of economies: a comparative perspective”, Turin, 4-5 October 2018.

Publications

Publications in refereed journals:

- Marson M., Saccone D., Vallino E. (2024), Does food import contribute to rising obesity in low- and middle-income countries? *Kyklos*, 1-40 (CLASS A–ANVUR list).

- Marson M., Saccone D. (2023), Fed with import and starved by war: Estimating the consequences of the Russia-Ukraine conflict on cereals trade and global hunger. *International Economics and Economic Policy*.
- Biggeri M., Bortolotti L., Saccone D., Tassinari M. (2023), Policy and political challenges for a better world: the United States and China pathways towards the 2030 Agenda. *Ecological Economics*, 209, 107821 (CLASS A–ANVUR list).
- Biggeri M., Bortolotti L., Ferrannini A., Saccone D. (2023), China’s subnational policies and the performance of provinces towards meeting the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals. *Regional Studies, Regional Science*, 10(1), 439-460 (CLASS A–ANVUR list).
- Marson M., Migheli M., Saccone D. (2023), Free to die: economic freedoms and influenza mortality. *Economics and Human Biology*, 49, 101238 (CLASS A–ANVUR list).
- Marson M., Saccone D., Vallino E. (2022), Total trade, cereals trade and undernourishment: new empirical evidence for developing countries. *Review of World Economics* (CLASS A–ANVUR list).
- Migheli M., Saccone D. (2022), Some new evidence on economic freedom and income distribution. *Applied Economics* (CLASS A–ANVUR list).
- Saccone D., Della Posta P., Marelli E., Signorelli M. (2022), Public investment multipliers by functions of government: an empirical analysis for European countries. *Structural Change and Economic Dynamics* (CLASS A–ANVUR list), 60, 531-545.
- Saccone D., Migheli M. (2022), Free to escape? Economic freedoms, growth and poverty traps. *Review of Development Economics*, 00, 1-37.
- Saccone D., Vallino E. (2022), Food security in the age of sustainable development: exploring the synergies between the SDGs. *World Development* (CLASS A–ANVUR list), 152, 105815.
- Marson M., Migheli M., Saccone D. (2021), New evidence on the link between ethnic fractionalisation and economic freedom. *Economics of Governance* (CLASS A–ANVUR list), 22, 257-292.
- Della Posta P., Oliveri F., Saccone D., Vallino E. (2021), Migrations, populism and the crisis of globalization: an introduction. *Scienza e Pace*, XII(1), pp. i-xiv.
- Saccone D. (2021), Can the Covid19 pandemic affect the achievement of the ‘Zero Hunger’ goal? Some preliminary reflections. *European Journal of Health Economics* (CLASS A–ANVUR list), 22(7), 1025-1038.
- Candelise C., Saccone D., Vallino E. (2021), An empirical assessment of the effects of electricity access on food security. *World Development* (CLASS A–ANVUR list), 141(C), 105390.
- Saccone D. (2021), Who gains from economic freedom? A panel analysis on decile income shares. *Applied Economics Letters*, 28(8), 646-649 (Published online: 28 May 2020).

- Saccone D., Deaglio M. (2020), Poverty, emergence, boom and affluence: a new classification of economies. *Economia Politica: Journal of Analytical and Institutional Economics* (CLASS A–ANVUR list), 37(1), 11, 267-306 (Published online: 29 Oct 2019).
- Saccone D. (2017), Economic Growth in Emerging Economies: what, who And why. *Applied Economics Letters*, 24(11), 800-803 (Published online: 21 Sep 2016).
- Bertacchini E., Saccone D., Meskell L., Liuzza C. (2016), The politicization of UNESCO World Heritage decision making. *Public Choice* (CLASS A–ANVUR list), 167(1), 95-129.
- Valli V., Saccone D. (2015), Structural change, globalization and economic growth in China and India. *The European Journal of Comparative Economics*, 12(2), 133-163.
- Meskell L., Liuzza C., Bertacchini E., Saccone D. (2015), Multilateralism and UNESCO World Heritage: decision-Making, states parties and political processes. *International Journal of Heritage Studies*, 21 (5), 423-440.
- Saccone D. (2014), Development as a network: a new perspective to evaluate cultural projects. *Tafter Journal*, 67, 1-8.
- Saccone D. (2013), Income concentration in China: what role for education? *International Journal of Education Economics and Development*, 4(3), 101-116.
- Friel M., Saccone D. (2013), L’artigianato tra filiera corta e internazionalizzazione: alcune riflessioni dal caso toscano. *Quaderni di Ricerca sull’Artigianato - Rivista di Economia, Cultura e Ricerca Sociale*, Il Mulino, 2/2013, 247-266.
- Bertacchini E., Saccone D. (2012), Toward a political economy of World Heritage. *Journal of Cultural Economics* (CLASS A–ANVUR list), 36(4), 327-352.
- Saccone D., W. Santagata (2012), How diverse is the World Heritage list? *International Journal of Public Policy*, 8(4/5/6), 337-361.
- Bertacchini E., Saccone D., Santagata W. (2011), Embracing diversity, correcting inequality: towards a new global governance for the UNESCO World Heritage. *International Journal of Cultural Policy*, Vol. 17, No. 3, 278-288.
- Valli V., Saccone D. (2009), Structural change and economic development in China and India. *The European Journal of Comparative Economics*, 6(1), 101-129. Paper translated and published in Chinese in “Journal of Translation from Foreign Literatures of Economics”, 4(2011), 31-47.

Book chapters and other publications

- Saccone D. (2023), *Sulla sicurezza alimentare siamo vulnerabili*. Published online on lavoce.info, February 21st.
- Pangrazi G., Reinhold H.J., Saccone D. (2022), *Price determination in the restaurant industry: the power of consumer opinion versus expert opinion*. *Economia Aziendale Online*, 13(2), 153-174.

- Saccone D., Giardino F. (2020), *La variazione quantitativa della spesa alimentare durante il lockdown*. In Fontefrancesco M. (a cura di), *Effetto lockdown. Come sono cambiate le abitudini alimentari degli italiani durante l'emergenza COVID-19*. Università degli Studi di Scienze Gastronomiche, Bra (CN), ISBN:978-88-907462-7-7.
- Saccone D. (2019), *Rural economies, evolutionary dynamics and new paradigms - introduction*. VII Quaderno del Premio «Giorgio Rota», Centro Einaudi, Torino.
- Saccone D. (ed.) (2017, 2016, 2015), *Emerging Economies No. 1-8*, Turin Centre on Emerging Economies, <http://www.osservatorio-economie-emergenti-torino.it/emerging-economies/>
- Saccone D. (2016), *Impatti del marchio UNESCO sui siti italiani: le Residenze della Casa Reale dei Savoia*, in Ramello G., Moreschini L., Santagata W. (a cura di), *Un marchio per la valorizzazione dei territori di eccellenza: dai siti UNESCO ai luoghi italiani della cultura, dell'arte e del paesaggio*, Rubbettino Editore, Soveria Mannelli (CZ), pp. 173-190.
- Saccone D. (2013), *Le due facce dell'India tra analfabetismo e nuovi laureati*, "IndiaIndie", Num. 3, Istituto Affari Internazionali, Roma.
- Saccone D. (2012), *Istruzione e Diseguaglianze*, Cap. 3, in Valli V. e Balcet G. (eds.), *Potenze economiche emergenti: Cina e India a Confronto*, Il Mulino, Bologna, pp. 105-138.
- Friel M., Saccone D. (2012), *Artigianato al bivio: tra filiera corta e internazionalizzazione*, in Agnoletti, M., Carandini, A., Santagata, W., *Studi e ricerche. Biennale internazionale di beni culturali e ambientali*, Bandecchi & Vivaldi, Pontedera (PI), pp.427-444.
- Saccone D. (2011), Book Review, *Bardhan P.: Awakening Giants, Feet of Clay: Assessing the Economic Rise of China and India*, *Journal of Economics*, Vol.102, Issue 3, pp. 287-289.
- Saccone D. (translation) (2009), *La globalizzazione della tecnologia: cosa resta del modello del ciclo del prodotto?*, in Balcet G. (ed.), *Economia dell'impresa multinazionale*, Giappichelli Editore, Torino. Original essay: Cantwell J. (1995), *The Globalisation of Technology: What Remains of the Product Cycle Model?*, in "Cambridge Journal of Economics", 19, pp. 155-174.

Knowledge of professional software: STATA, SPSS, UCINet, EViews.

Language Skills: Italian (mother tongue); English (fluent); French (elementary).

