

# Sergio Galletta

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## Current position

*Assistant professor of Economics* at the Department of Economics, University of Bergamo

## Research interests

Public Finance • Political Economy  
Applied Microeconometrics • Machine Learning

## Education

2010-2014 PhD in Economics, Università della Svizzera italiana, Lugano  
2014 Visiting research student, McMaster University, Hamilton  
2013 Visiting research student, University of Toronto, Toronto  
2011-2012 Swiss Program for Beginning Doctoral Students in Economics, Study Center Gerzensee  
2007-2009 MSc in Economics, Catholic University of Milan  
2004-2007 BSc in Economics, Catholic University of Milan

## Experiences

2019- Assistant professor, University of Bergamo  
2019- Research Fellow, Center for Law and Economics - ETH Zurich  
2016- Research associate, Institut d'Economia de Barcelona - UB Barcelona  
2018-2019 Post-doctoral Fellow, ETH Zurich  
2015-2017 Swiss National Science Foundation post-doctoral fellow, Institut d'Economia de Barcelona (UB) and Institut d'Anàlisi Econòmica (CSIC), Barcelona  
2010-2014 Research and teaching assistant, Università della Svizzera italiana, Lugano

## Research

### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

2020 G. Daniele, S. Galletta and B. Geys “Abandon Ship? Party Brands and Politicians’ Responses to a Political Scandal”, *Journal of Public Economics*

2020 S. Galletta, “Direct Democracy, Partial Decentralization and Voter Information: Evidence from Swiss Municipalities”, *International Tax and Public Finance*

2020 P. Buonanno, S. Galletta and M. Puca “Estimating the Severity of COVID-19: Evidence From the Italian Epicenter”, (*in press*) *PLOS One*

2018 F. Cavalcanti, G. Daniele and S. Galletta “Popularity shocks and political selection”, *Journal of Public Economics*

- 2017 S. Galletta, “Law enforcement, municipal budgets and spillover effects: Evidence from a quasi-experiment in Italy”, ***Journal of Urban Economics***
- 2017 S. Galletta and A. Redonda, “Corporate Flat Tax Reforms and Businesses’ Investment Decisions. Evidence from Switzerland”, ***International Tax and Public Finance***
- 2016 S. Galletta, “On the determinants of happiness: a Classification And Regression Tree (CART) approach”, ***Applied Economics Letters***
- 2015 S. Galletta and M. Jametti, “How to Tame Two Leviathans? Revisiting the effect of direct democracy on local public expenditure in a federation”, ***European Journal of Political Economy***
- 2015 S. Galletta, M. Jametti and A. Redonda, “Highway to Economic growth? Competition in public works tenders in the Democratic Republic of Congo”, ***South African Journal of Economics***

#### CURRENT WORKING PAPERS

“How Cable News Reshaped Local Government”, with E. Ash, *invited to resubmit American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*

“The effect of the 1918 Influenza Pandemic on Income Inequality: Evidence from Italy” with T. Giommoni, *invited to resubmit Review of Economics and Statistics*

“Decision-making Institutions and Voters’ Preferences for Public Policies”, *invited to resubmit Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*

“Causal Effects of Judicial Sentiment: Methods and Application to U.S. Circuit Courts”, with E. Ash and D. Chen, *invited to resubmit Economica*

“The Effect of Fox News on Health Behavior During Covid-19” with E. Ash, D. Hangartner, Y. Margalit, and M. Pinna

“A Machine Learning Approach to Analyzing Corruption in Local Public Finances” with E. Ash and T. Giommoni

“Media Slant is Contagious” with P. Widmer and E. Ash

“Spatial dynamics of SARS-Cov-2 and reduced risk of contagion: evidence from the second Italian epidemic wave” with P. Buonanno and M. Puca

#### PROJECTS - GRANTS

- 2019-2020 “The effect of media on voting behavior” - PI (SwissNSF No. 190262)
- 2018-2019 “Citizens’ preferences and direct democracy” - PI (SwissNSF No. 177718)
- 2016-2017 “Political scandals and spillover effects” - PI (SwissNSF No. 167635)
- 2015-2016 “The Incentive Effects of Formula-based Equalization Schemes” - PI (SwissNSF No. 158603)
- 2010-2016 “The Swiss Confederation: A Natural Laboratory for Research on Fiscal and Political Decentralization” - Collaborator (SwissNSF No. 130648/147668)
- 2010-2013 “Partial Fiscal Decentralization” - Collaborator (SwissNSF No. 130443)

## **Conferences and seminars**

ASSA San Diego, Political Economy Workshop Bologna, Advances in Economics Winter Symposium Bergamo, Media and Digitization Meeting UZH Zürich, Workshop on the Causes and Consequences of Populism Bocconi-Milan, Swiss Workshop on Local Public Finance and Regional Economics USI-Lugano, Workshop on Political Economy IEB-Barcelona, Workshop on Political Economy ETH-Zürich, Workshop on the Economics of Organized Crime Bocconi-Milano, Petralia Workshop, Seminar at IAE-CSIC Barcelona, SIEP Padova, Seminar at Università di Ferrara, ASSA Chicago, SSES Lausanne, Workshop on Political Economy & Fiscal Federalism Barcelona, Petralia Workshop Siracusa, SEA Lugano, Seminar at JRC Ispra, ZEW PFC Mannheim, Economics of Organized Crime Bergamo, SSES Lugano, IIPF Lake Tahoe, SIEP Lecce, Seminar at IAE/UAB Barcelona, Seminar at KOF-ETH Zürich, YSEM Zürich, EPCS Groningen, SIEP Ferrara, CESifo Dresden, Seminar at IEB Barcelona, IIPF Lugano, CPEG Ottawa, CIRANO Fiscal Rules Montreal, CAE Montreal, PCS New Orleans, Seminar at McMaster University Hamilton, SIEP Piava