

## MARGHERITA FORT

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### **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Italian citizen, Married, 3 children born in 2010, 2013, 2015

### **EDUCATION**

2005            PhD in Statistics Applied to Social Sciences, University of Padua, Italy  
 2001            Master of Science in Statistics Applied to Economics, University of Padua, Italy  
 2017– 2023    Qualifying Examination (National) for Full Professor in Economics (13/A1 and 13/A2)

### **EMPLOYMENT and ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

2020 – present    Professor in Economics 13/A1 Dept. of Economics, University of Bologna, Italy  
 2014 – 2020      Associate Professor in Economics 13/A1 Dept. of Economics, University of Bologna, Italy  
 2007 – 2014      Assistant Professor in Econometrics 13/A5. Dept. of Economics, University of Bologna.  
 2020 – present    Research Fellow CEPR  
 2019 – present    Research Fellow CESifo Munich, Germany  
 2013 – 2019      Research Affiliate CESifo Munich, Germany  
 2012 – present    Research Fellow - Institute of Labor Economics (IZA), Bonn, Germany  
 2019 - 2021      Senior Research Fellow – Fondazione Bruno Kessler – Research Institute for the Evaluation of Public Policies/Istituto per la Ricerca Valutativa sulle Politiche Pubbliche (IRVAPP), Italy  
 2018 – present    Member of the international expert network on the evaluation of school reforms (part of the funded project “Efficiency and Equity in Education; Quasi-Experimental Evidence from School Reforms across German States” by L. Woessmann, J. Allmendinger and M. Heilbig)  
 2009-2012        Member of Centre for Household, Income, Labour and Demographic Economics (CHILD)

### **CAREER BREAKS**

28/12/2007-09/03/2008 Health reasons, 2 months and 12 days (mountain accident: broken back)  
 17/05/2010-16/11/2010 Compulsory pre-birth and post-birth maternity leave (5m)+ Parental leave (1m)  
 19/11/2012-18/04/2013 Compulsory pre-birth and post-birth maternity leave, 5 months  
 22/12/2014-21/05/2015 Compulsory pre-birth and post-birth maternity leave, 5 months

### **RESEARCH**

**Ranking** in RepEC (REsearch Papers in Economics) as of July 2022 (latest available information): top 2% among female economists (396/16985) based on last 10 years publications; top 5% in the world (based on last 10 years publications);

Overall number of citations at July, 2022: 672 (Citations in Economics - CitEC); 1442 in Google Scholar; 445 in Scopus.

**h-index** at July, 2022: 12 (Citations in Economics - CitEC); 14 in Google Scholar; 8 Scopus.

I published in the following journals ranked in the top 10% (Q1) the 2017 Journal Citation Report SSCI as:

*Journal of Political Economy* 8/354 (Economics)

*Journal of Labor Economics*: 2/27 (Industrial Relations & Labor); 24/354 (Economics)

*Economic Policy*: 43/354 (Economics)

*Economic Journal*: 42/354 (Economics)

*Health Economics*: 20/79 (Health Policy & Services); 60/354 (Economics)

**PUBLICATIONS**

*Impact Factors Journal Citation Reports JCR (year of publication or closest). Press/Media coverage reported where relevant.*

1. Carlana, M., and Fort, M. (2022) "Hacking Gender Stereotypes: Girls' Participation in Coding Clubs." **AEA Papers and Proceedings**, 112: 583-87. DOI: 10.1257/pandp.20221085
2. Fort, M., Ichino, A. and Zanella, G. (2020) "Cognitive and non-cognitive costs of daycare 0-2 for children in advantaged families" **Journal of Political Economy**  
*[IF: 5.247 JCR 2017 Economics Q1 (8/354)]* DOI: [10.1086/704075](https://doi.org/10.1086/704075)  
 Media coverage: Corriere della sera di Bologna, July 2016; The Times, July 2016; Corriere della sera di Bologna, June 2016 (3 articles); Bologna nidi blog spot, October 2016; Corriere della Sera, October 2017; La Repubblica, October 2017; La Stampa, October 2017; La Stampa, October 2017  
 Previous version circulated as *Cognitive and Non-Cognitive Costs of Daycare 0–2 for girls*.
3. Chise, D., Fort, M. and Monfardini, C. (2020): "On the Intergenerational Transmission of STEM Education among Graduate Students" , The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy, published online October 2020, <https://doi.org/10.1515/bejeap-2020-0052>
4. Ballatore, R.M. Ichino, A. and Fort, M. (2018) "The Tower of Babel in the Classroom: Immigrants and Natives in Italian Schools" Vol. 36, no. 4 (October 2018) in **Journal of Labor Economics**.  
*[IF: 3.607 JCR 2017 Economics Q1 (24/354)]* DOI: [10.1086/697524](https://doi.org/10.1086/697524)  
 Media coverage: Corriere della Sera, Sept 2013
5. Fort, M. Manaresi, F. and Trucchi, S. (2016) "Adult financial literacy and households' financial assets: the role of bank information policies" **Economic Policy**, 31, pp. 743 – 782.  
*[IF: 2.844 JCR 2016 Economics Q1 (33/247)]* DOI: 10.1093/epolic/eiw012
6. Fort, M.; Schneeweis, N.; Winter-Ebmer, R. (2016), "Is Education Always Reducing Fertility? Evidence from Compulsory Schooling Reforms", **The Economic Journal** 126, pp. 1823 – 1855.  
*[IF:2.608 JCR 2016 Economics Q1 (42/347)]*, DOI:10.1111/eoj.12394  
 Media Coverage: Royal Economic Society media briefings; VOX.eu
7. Brunello, G. and Fort, M. and Schneeweis, N. and Winter-Ebmer, R. (2016) "The Causal Effect of Education on Health: What is the Role of Health Behaviours?" **Health Economics** 25 (3), pp 314–336.  
*[IF: 2.301 JCR 2016 Economics Q1 (52/347)]* DOI: 10.1002/hec.3141
8. Bigoni, M. and Fort, M. (2013) "Information and Learning in Oligopoly: An Experiment" **Games and Economic Behavior** Vol. 81 Sept., pp. 192–214.  
*[IF: 0.904 2016 JCR Economics Q2 (131/333)]* DOI: [10.1016/j.geb.2013.05.006](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.geb.2013.05.006)
9. Brunello, G. and Fabbri, D. and Fort, M. (2013) "The Causal Effect of Education on the Body Mass" **Journal of Labor Economics** (University of Chicago Press) Vol. 31(1), January, pp. 195-223.  
*[IF: 1.979 JCR 2013 Economics Q1 (50/333)]* DOI: 10.1086/667236
10. Brunello, G. and Fort, M. and Weber, G. (2009) "Changes in Compulsory Schooling, Education and the Distribution of Wages in Europe" **The Economic Journal**, Vol. 119(536), March, pp. 516-539.  
*[IF:1.902 JCR 2009 Economics Q1 (32/247)]* DOI: 10.1111/j.1468-0297.2008.02244.x  
 Included in the Royal Economic Society media briefings.

11. Bigoni, M. and Fort M. and Nardotto, M. and Reggiani, T. (2015) “Teams of Tournaments? A Field Experiment on Cooperation and Competition in Academic Achievement” **The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy**, 15(4): 1753–1792  
[IF: 2015 JCR] DOI: 10.1515/bejeap-2014-0109
12. Fort, M. (2016) Unconditional and Conditional Quantile Treatment Effects: Identification Strategies and Interpretations in G.Alleva, A. Giommi (eds.), **Topics in Theoretical and Applied Statistics, Studies in Theoretical and Applied Statistics**, Springer DOI 10.1007/978-3-319-27274-0\_2
13. Guarini, A., Sansavini, A., Suttora, C., Bortolotti, S., Fort, M., Iorio, D., Monfardini, M., Bigoni, M. (2022) Mindful Parenting Intervention MinUTo App for Parents of Preschool Children: Study Protocol of a Randomised Controlled Trial. *Study Protocol. Int J Environ Res Public Health*. 19(13):7564. doi: 10.3390/ijerph19137564. PMID: 35805222 PMCID: PMC9265946 DOI: 10.3390/ijerph19137564
14. N. Barone, C. and Fort, M. (2011) Gli effetti sulle disparità intergenerazionali di istruzione di alcune riforme scolastiche: i casi della scuola media unica e dell'Università in A. Schizzerotto, U. Trivellato, N. Sartor (curatori), *Generazioni disuguali Le condizioni di vita dei giovani di oggi e di ieri: un confronto*, Ed. Il Mulino, 2011, pp. 309 – 340 ISBN:978 88 15 150776
15. Brunello, Giorgio and Fort, Margherita and Weber, Guglielmo and Weiss, Christoph, Testing the Internal Validity of Compulsory School Reforms as Instrument for Years of Schooling (October 29, 2013). Quaderni - Working Paper DSE N° 911. Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=2346850> or <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.2346850> . Also appeared as IZA WP 7533
16. E. Battistin; M. Fort, What's Missing from Policy Evaluation: Identification and Estimation of the Distribution of Treatment Effects, in: *Atti della XLIV Riunione Scientifica, Società Italiana di Statistica*, s.l., s.n., 2008, pp. 127 - 134 (atti di: XLIV Riunione Scientifica, Società Italiana di Statistica, Università della Calabria, 25-27 Giugno 2008) [Contribution to conference proceedings]

### **WORK IN PROGRESS**

1. *Multi-cutoff RD designs with observations located at each cutoff: problems and solutions* with A. Ichino, E. Rettore and G. Zanella. *Status: revision in progress. Previously circulated as “On the perils of stacking thresholds in RD designs”*
2. *Testing the internal validity of compulsory school reforms as instruments for years of schooling* with G. Brunello, G. Weber and C.T.Weiss. *Status: new draft in preparation*
3. *Girls Code It Better: girls’ clubs on STEM subjects – rct evaluation in progress –* with M. Carlana. *Status: RCT in progress*
4. *At the Roots of Child Development: On the Role of Parental Beliefs, Preferences and Engagement* with D. Iorio, M. Bigoni, C. Monfardini (recently funded by MIUR-PRIN 2017 call). *Status: RCT in progress*
5. *Genitorialità e uso del tempo dei bambini in età prescolare* with D. Iorio, M. Bigoni, C. Monfardini, A. Guarini, A. Sansavini. *Status: pilot study ended; data elaborations*
6. *The Global COVID-19 Student Survey*, with D. Jaeger and about 65 researchers from various Universities worldwide. *Status: first report published on COVID-Economics (CEPR-PRESS) as “The Global Covid-19 Student Survey: First wave results”*
7. *Measuring parental time investments through a time use diary app: instrument design, data quality and results* with M. Bigoni, A. Guarini, C. Monfardini, A. Sansavini, D. Sansone, C. Suttora.
8. *Measuring parental beliefs: instrument design, data quality and results* with M. Bigoni, R. Caputo, A. Guarini, D. Iorio, C. Monfardini, A. Sansavini, C. Suttora.

9. *Triggering Parental Time-Investments on Preschool Children through a mindful parenting program: the results of the 1st wave of “MinUTO: Mind Us Together with M. Bigoni, C. Monfardini, A. Guarini, C. with M. Bigoni, C. Monfardini, A. Guarini, C. Suttora, A. Sansavini. Status: RCT in progress*
10. *The consequences of promoting data-literacy among non-STEM graduates with A. Loviglio and A. Saia*

### **OTHER WRITINGS**

- Fort, M. (2016) *Educational reforms across Europe: a toolbox for empirical research, mimeo*]
- Fort, M. (2005) *Education and the timing of births: evidence from a natural experiment in Italy. ISER WP*
- Fort, M. (2007) *Just A Matter of Time: Empirical Evidence of the Causal Effect of Education on Fertility in Italy, European University Institute WP*
- Fort, M. (2012) *Empirical Evidence on the Role of Education in Shaping Female Fertility Patterns, mimeo*

### **GRANTS in the last 10 years (research team member, PI or local unit PI)**

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Funding source</b>	<b>Amount (Euros)</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Role and Units</b>
Family Policies, Participation and Child Welfare	Fondazione Rodolfo DeBenedetti	25,000 €	2014-2016	Member Bologna
Childcare facilities and children outcomes	Schuman GGP DS2-EUI	10,000 €	2014	Member Bologna
<i>La meglio infanzia: daycare and the cognitive and non-cognitive skills of children</i>	Fondazione del Monte Bologna e Ravenna	10,000 €	2014	<b>PI</b> Bologna
<i>La meglio infanzia: daycare and the cognitive and non-cognitive skills of children</i>	Fondazione HERA	5,000 €	2014	Member Bologna
<i>La meglio infanzia: daycare and the cognitive and non-cognitive skills of children</i>	ISA Topic grant	15,000 €	2013	<b>One of the (3) PIs</b> , Bologna
Childcare, grandparents or nannies? What is best for children when parents are away	EIEF grant	10,000 €	2011	Member Bologna
Problems and solutions for the evaluation of performance in the Public Administration	PRIN 2009 MIUR	140,167 €	2010-2013	Member Bologna, Padua, Catanzaro
The Policy Implications of Demographic Ageing	FIRB 2008 MIUR	401,400 €	2009-2012	<b>Local unit PI;</b> Bologna, Padua, Venice
The effect of early life conditions and outcomes on economic wellbeing and health later in life	CARIPARO Progetti di eccellenza 2008-2009	84,000 €	2009-2012	Member Bologna, Padova
ETHIC: Experimental and Theoretical Analysis of Inequality and Cooperation (RBS114I7C8)	SIR 2014 MIUR	108,900 €	2016-2019	Member

**ON-GOING GRANTS**

Project Title	Funding source	Amount (Euros)	Period	Role and Units
At the Roots of Child Development: On the Role of Parental Beliefs, Preferences and Engagement	PRIN 2017 MIUR	1,101,873 €	2020-2023	Member Single unit Bologna
Gender Differences in STEM: Can Teaching Girls to Close Code the Gap ?	Spencer Foundation Small Research Grant on Education	50,000 \$	2020-2024	<b>P.I.</b> Bologna and Harvard Kennedy School
Gender Differences in STEM: Can Teaching Girls to Close Code the Gap ?	EIEF grant 2019	10,000 €	2020-2021	<b>P.I.</b> Bologna and Harvard Kennedy School

**FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

2006 Max-Weber Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the European University Institute

2006 Funding from the National Bureau of Economic Research to attend the NBER Education and Children Program Meeting in Boston

2005 ECASS Visiting Fellow at the University of Essex, Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER);

2005 Funding the Vienna Institute of Demography (VID) for attending the international VID conference

2003 Marie Curie Early Career Training Fellowship at ISER, University of Essex

2003 Fellowship for the XIVth Summerschool of the European Economic Association

2002 Fellowship for the First ProVA Summerschool on policy evaluation (Compagnia San Paolo)

2001 Italian Ministry of the University and Scientific Research Fellowship (3 years) PhD

**TEACHING****Graduate**

2022 Advanced School – Impact Evaluation (FBK-IRVAPP), professor, Italy

2020 – 2021 Winter School on Fundamentals of Program Evaluation (FBK-IRVAPP), professor, Italy

2014 – 2019 Causal Inference (PhD Economics), professor, University of Bologna, Italy

2013 Quantile Regression for Program Evaluation (PhD Economics), professor, CESifo, Munich, Germany

2013 Quantile Regression for Program Evaluation (PhD Economics), professor, University of Bologna, Italy

2008 Quantile regression (PhD Economics), professor, University of Bologna

2008, 2009 Summer School on the Econometrics for panel data, T.A., CIDE, Bertinoro, Italy

2006 T.A. course of Richard Spady (PhD in Economics, European University Institute)

**Master**

2020-now Econometrics for Corporate Decisions (MA), professor, Master in Business Administration (CLAMDA), University of Bologna, Italy

2020-now Causal inference and program evaluation (MA), professor, Master in Economics (LMEC) University of Bologna, Italy

2010 Microeconometrics for policy evaluation (MA), professor, European Commission Directorate DG–ECFIN, Brussels, Belgium

**Bachelor**

2015– 2019 Economics-Microeconomics (BA Statistics), University of Bologna, Italy

2017 Economics-Macroeconomics (BA Statistics), University of Bologna, Italy

2012 – present Econometrics (BA Economics in english), University of Bologna

2008- 2012 Introduction to econometrics (BA Economics), University of Bologna, Italy

### **SUPERVISION OF GRADUATE STUDENTS AND POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS**

#### Post-doctoral fellows:

Serena Trucchi (2011–2015)

#### Pre-doctoral fellows:

Riccardo Sargenti (2020-2021) Roberto Caputo (2021-2022)

Davide Sansone (2021-2022) Ottavia Capozzi (2021-2022) Giulia Ferrero (summer 2022)

#### Ph.D students:

- Emine Kubra Usta (graduated in 2020)
- Elena Lucchese (co-supervision with M.L. Lippi Bruni; graduated in 2019)
- Simona Fiore (graduated in 2016)
- Sinem Ayhan (co-supervision with R. Rovelli; graduated in 2013)

#### Master students:

Paula Barreto Parra (LMEC program; defense October 2019)

Andrea Del Pizzo (LMEC program; defense July 2021)

Luca Moncon (CLAMDA program; defense July 2021)

#### Trainees:

Matilde Faralli (summer 2018) Eugenia Frezza (summer 2018) Daniele Colaci (summer 2018)

Riccardo Ghioni (summer 2021) Emma Bacci (summer 2022)

### **INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES (Attività di servizio all’Ateneo, istituzionali e organizzative)**

2022- present	Coordinator of the PhD program in Public Governance Management e Policy, University of Bologna (Dept. of Economics, Management, Statistics and Political and Social Science)
2022	Member of the Evaluation panel of the Faculty of Economics and Management of the Free University of Bolzano
2020	Member of the PhD selection committee (PhD in Economics) at the Department of Economics, University of Bologna
2019 – 2021	Organizer of the Research seminars of the Dept. of Economics, Un. of Bologna
2019	Member of the selection committee for one tenure-track position as assistant professor (commissione di selezione per RTD-B), Dept. of Economics, Un. of Bologna
2019	Member of the PhD Evaluation committee (Commissione giudicatrice per l’esame finale) PhD in Economics (two sessions for 9 PhD candidates), University of Bologna
2018 – present	Member of the working group for the development of the Cloud-Lab project for the Dept. of Economics, University of Bologna (Department of excellence grant 2018-2022)
2018	Member of the program Committee for the 8 <sup>th</sup> Italian Congress of Econometrics and Empirical Economics
2017 – present	Member of the PhD Board (Collegio Docenti), PhD in Economics, Department of Economics, University of Bologna, Italy

- 2017 Member of the PhD reading committee (valutatore esterno) PhD in Economics and Management, University of Padua
- 2015 Member of the PhD Evaluation committee (Commissione giudicatrice per l'esame finale) PhD in Statistics (Scienze Statistiche), University of Padua
- 2017 – 2019 Member of the School of Economics committee for the selection of TAs for BA courses (Commissione tutorati – area economica)
- 2011 Member of the selection committee for one post-doc position (commissione di selezione per assegno di ricerca) Department of Economics, University of Bologna
- 2011 Member of the PhD selection committee (PhD in Economics) at the Department of Economics, University of Bologna
- 2010 Member of the PhD reading committee for the PhD program in Analysis and Governance of Sustainable Development, University of Venice
- 2008 – 2012 Member of the Executive Board, Department of Economics, University of Bologna, Italy (Giunta di Dipartimento)

### **COMMISSIONS OF TRUST**

Evaluator: University of Padua research grants; CERGE-EI Eighth Annual Regional Research Competition

Guest editor for the 2021 conference issue of Labour Economics, the Journal of the European Economic Association of Labour Economists

Referee of scientific manuscripts for: *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics; American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Economica, Demography, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Economic Policy, Economics and Human Biology, Economics of Education Review, Education Economics, European Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of Population, IZA World of Labor, Jahrbücher für Nationalökonomie und Statistik, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Demographic Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society-Series A, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Statistical Methods and Applications, Labour, Labour Economics, International Journal of Micro-simulation, International Review of Economics, Population, Research and Policy Review, Research in Labor Economics, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Statistical Methods and Applications, Vienna Yearbook of Population Research, Rivista Italiana degli Economisti, Economia Politica*

### **INVITED SEMINARS (in the last 10 years)**

#### **2022**

CESifo Venice Summer Institute - Emergence and Dynamics of Personality and Attitudes over the Life Cycle, Venice  
Workshop in economics on “Early childhood education and social inequalities”, Paris  
Research seminar at University of St. Andrews (UK)

#### **2020**

**Keynote lecture** at workshop related to the project “Efficiency and Equity in Education: Quasi-Experimental Evidence from School Reforms across German States” (online)  
DIW Berlin (to be rescheduled due to Covid-19 outbreak)  
University of Nuremberg seminar series (to be rescheduled due to Covid-19 outbreak)  
University of Wurzburg seminar series (to be rescheduled due to Covid-19 outbreak)

#### **2019**

Arne Ryde Workshop on Economics of Education

IRVAPP

Bocconi University (speaker at the final event “Girls in STEM”, project Girls Code it Better)

European Commission Joint Research Center, ISPRA  
Idep seminar, Lugano research seminar series

**2018**

AIEL (invited session)

Università di Bolzano, Bolzano

**2016**

IRVAPP seminar series

IZA seminar series

**2014**

ISER seminar series

Johannes Kepler University (Linz)

Institute for Advanced Studies (Vienna)

**2012**

MILLS seminar, Bocconi (Milan)

46th Scientific Meeting of the Italian Statistical Society (specialized session)

LMU-MEA Empirical Economics Workshop, Max Plank Inst. for Social Law and Social Policy, Munich

**OTHER SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES last 10 years**

Speaker in contributed sessions, if not stated differently

**2016**

CESifo Area Conference on Economics of Education

Barcellona GSE Summer Forum – Children’s health, well-being and human capital formation

AIE 38, Regression Discontinuity Design: Theory and Applications workshop, University of Michigan

**2014**

CESifo Area Conference on Applied Microeconomics

Economic Policy Panel (invited as discussant)

**2013**

NBER’s Education Program meeting, November 2013, Chicago

PRIN final workshop

**2012**

24 th Annual Conference of the European Association of Labour Economists, Bonn

**2011**

X “BRUCCHI LUCHINO” Labour Economics Workshop, Bank of Italy

Education and the Global Fertility Transition, VID conference

23rd Annual Conference of the European Association of Labour Economists, Cyprus

II workshop on Institutions, Individual Behavior and Economic Outcomes, Alghero

2nd International Workshop on Applied Economics of Education, Catanzaro

Max Weber June Lustrum Conference, European University Institute

Padova-Linz Labour Economics Workshop

Bocconi University