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Italian citizen. Born in 1994.

DOCTORAL STUDIES

2018 - present Ph.D Economics, Faculty of Economics, University of
Rennes 1

Title : Essays on the Economics of Arts and Culture

Supervisors : Fabio Padovano, Yvon Rocaboy

PRIOR EDUCATION

2017 – 2018 International Master in Public Finance, University of Rennes 1

2016 – 2018 Economics Master Degree, University of Turin, graduation 110/110 cum
laude

2013 – 2016 Economics Degree, University of Turin

RESEARCH INTEREST

Public Economics, Cultural Economics, Public Choice

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2018 – present Microeconomics II (Imperfect Competition), undergraduate
level, Professor: Eric Darmon, though in English

Microeconomics III (Public Economics), undergraduate level,
Professor: Fabio Padovano, though in English

WORKING PAPER

“More is worse: decreasing marginal quality of the UNESCO world heritage list” (with Fabio Padovano and Yvon Rocaboy) 2019

This paper empirically analyzes the evolution of the quality of sites included in the UNESCO World Heritage List (WHL) from 1972 till 2018, testing the hypothesis that as the number of sites that a country has in the WHL increases, their marginal quality decreases. The quality of a site is proxied by the number of the criteria set by UNESCO to motivate the inclusion in the WHL. Data lend support to this hypothesis, suggesting that, since the stock of cultural capital is fixed, countries first propose sites of high and then of lower quality. Furthermore, the efficiency of a country's bureaucracy plays a role for the inclusion of a site into the list. These results are robust to changes in the nature of the sites (cultural or natural), to tests of the stability of the UNESCO evaluation criteria and to variations of the econometric estimators. These results question the credibility of the UNESCO WHL as well as UNESCO policies aimed at having more balanced geographical distribution of sites.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Does UNESCO really privilege European ideas? An empirical study on colonization” (with Fabio Padovano and Yvon Rocaboy) 2019

PH.D ACTIVITIES

2019 President PROJECT association - Rennes, Doctoriades – Toulon, Panel Data Summer school – Bertinoro, Political Economy Summer School – Genova, Ph.D Workshop – Rennes

CONFERENCE

2019 SIEP (Società Italiana di Economia Pubblica) – Torino; PEARL workshop (discussant) – Rennes

LANGUAGES

Italian (native), English (fluent), French (fluent), Spanish (good)