

# Anna D'Ambrosio

## Curriculum Vitae

### Current position

**Tenure-Track Assistant Professor of Applied Economics (RTD-B)**

### Personal Information

Born 26/10/1982 in Bergisch Gladbach (DE). Nationality: IT. Married, 3 kids (2011,2014,2017).

### Education

- 2010–2015 **PhD in Development Economics**, UNIVERSITY OF TRENTO, *Graduate School of Social Sciences, Department of Economics and Management (DEM)*.  
Migration flows and local systems of production: New comparative evidence on Italy and Spain. Supervisor: S. Montresor; Co-supervisor: D. Parrilli
- 2005–2007 **Master in Economics**, UNIVERSITY OF PARMA.  
Supervisors: A. Arrighetti, F. Sforzi. 110/110 cum laude
- 2004–2005 **Master's Degree in Management of Development**, INTERNATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE OF THE ILO (ITC ILO) & UNIVERSITY OF TURIN.
- 2001–2004 **Bachelor in Development Studies**, UNIVERSITY OF TURIN AND FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN (ERASMUS) .

### Academic experience

- 2022–present **Tenure-Track Assistant Professor of Applied Economics (RTD-B)**.  
POLYTECHNIC OF TURIN, Dept.of Industrial and Management Engineering (DIGEP) (IT)
- 2021–2022 **Senior Research Fellow**, *Applied Economics, FDI and development*.  
POLYTECHNIC OF TURIN, DIGEP
- 2017–2021 **Assistant Professor of Applied Economics (RTD-A)**.  
POLYTECHNIC OF TURIN, DIGEP
- 2017 **Post-Doc researcher of Applied Economics**.  
POLYTECHNIC OF TURIN, DIGEP
- 2016 **Visiting researcher**, *Diversity and innovation in Start-ups*.  
IAB, INSTITUT FÜR ARBEITSMARKT- UND BERUFSFORSCHUNG, Nuremberg (DE)
- 2016 **Research fellow**, *Migration and transnational co-inventions*.  
COLLEGIO CARLO ALBERTO, Turin (IT)
- 2015–2016 **Post-doc researcher**, *Labour economics, policy evaluation*.  
UNIVERSITY OF TURIN, Dept.of Economics and Statistics "Cognetti de Martiis" (IT)

- 2015 **Grantholder, DAAD post-doc research grant**, *Diversity & innovation in start-ups*.  
IAB, Nuremberg (DE)
- 2015 **Research assistant**, *Evaluation of the spillover effects of R&D incentives*.  
UNIVERSITY OF TRENTO, Dept. of Economics and Management (IT)
- 2013–2014 **Research assistant**, *Evaluation of the spillover effects of R&D incentives*.  
UNIVERSITY OF TRENTO, Dept. of Economics and Management (IT)
- 2014 **Visiting researcher**, *Diversity and firm performance in enterprise clusters*,  
ORKESTRA, INSTITUTO VASCO DE COMPETITIVIDAD, San Sebastian (ES).

## Teaching

### University courses

- 2022-present **Polytechnic of Turin & International Training Centre of the ILO (IT-CILO)**, *Master in Technology and Public Policy*.  
**Member of the Scientific Committee** of the Master and instructor of the modules “**Technology and Globalization**” and “**Impact Evaluation of Public policies**”
- 2017-present **Polytechnic of Turin**, *Master in Engineering and Management*.  
Economics (EN), with L. Benfratello. Course code: 05OIYPH
- 2020-present **Polytechnic of Turin**, *Master in Engineering and Management*.  
Industrial Economics (EN), with L. Benfratello. Course code: 02OJAPH
- 2021-present **Polytechnic of Turin**, *Great Global Challenges Courses*.  
Gender & Technology (Quantitative methods) (IT), with A. Colombelli, T. Mazali, F. Trevisan.
- 2022-present **Polytechnic of Turin**, *Laurea Magistrale in Ingegneria Gestionale*.  
Economics (IT), with L. Abrardi and C. Cambini.
- 2023,2021 **Polytechnic of Turin**, *PhD in Management, Production and Design*.  
Fundamentals of Panel Data Econometrics (IT), with L. Benfratello. Course code: 01TQZRP
- 2022 **Polytechnic of Turin**, *PhD in Management, Production and Design*.  
Fundamentals of Discrete Data Econometrics (IT), with L. Benfratello.
- 2016 – 2017 **University of Turin & ITCILO**, *Master in Applied Labour Economics for Development*.  
Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Maths, Statistics, Econometrics, Microsimulation (Tutor, EN)
- 2016 – 2016 **University of Turin & ITCILO**, *Master in Applied Labour Economics for Development*.  
Statistics, Econometrics, Microsimulation (TA, EN)
- 2013 –2014 **University of Trento**, *Joint European Master in Strategic Business Management*.  
International Business Management (TA, EN)

2012 – 2013 **University of Trento**, *Joint European Master in Comparative Local Development*.  
Economics and Data Analysis (TA, EN)

### Shorter modules, courses and schools

- 2021–present **ITC ILO**, *Certification programme in Impact Evaluation of policies, programmes and policies (online)*.  
Coach of the entire two-month course and curriculum developer (EN)
- 04/2023 **International Training Centre of the ILO (ITC ILO)**, *Master in Social Innovation for Sustainable Development*.  
"Data Analysis" module (EN)
- 03/2023 **International Training Centre of the ILO (ITC ILO)**, *Master in Management of Development*.  
"Meet the experts" webinar series. "Measuring the impact you are trying to make: an introduction to impact evaluation" (EN)
- 12/2022 **ITC ILO**, *Short Course on Impact evaluation of public policies, programmes and projects (blended)*.  
"Impact evaluation methods" (EN)
- May 2020 **ITC ILO**, *Master in Management of Development*.  
"Impact evaluation" module (EN)
- Nov. 2019 **ITC ILO**, *Impact evaluation of public policies, programmes and projects course*.  
"Impact evaluation methods" (EN)
- Oct. 2017 **ITC ILO**, *Academy on Labour Market Statistics and Analysis*.  
Computing labour market indicators using Stata (EN)
- Sept.-Oct. 2017 **ITC ILO**, *Course on Quantitative techniques of impact evaluation: youth and women employment programmes*.  
Impact evaluation methods using Stata (EN)
- Mar. 2017 **University of Reading, Henley Business School**, *Henley IB Masterclasses*.  
Introduction to Stata (EN)

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### PhD Students supervision

2020–present Alida Sangrigoli, PhD Student in Management, Production and Design, SCUDO, Polytechnic of Turin

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## Research activities within non-academic projects

- 10-11/2022 **Expert**, EUROPEAN COMMISSION *Research Executive Agency (REA) and European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency (EISMEA)*, Call for Proposals HORIZON-EIC-2022-GENDER-01.  
Expert evaluator of applications
- 11-12/2021 **Research consultant**, INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION, ILO.  
Consultant for the development of a literature review on the topic: "Identifying and analyzing enabling factors for positive impact of FDI on growth, productivity, and employment". (with L. Benfratello and A. Sangrigoli)
- 10/2020–07/2021 **Socio-economic impact assessment**, ENI S.P.A. - R&D EXT CO, ENI-PoliTO ENE-N8746 Project "Pianificazione Energetica Comunità Africane Off-Grid".  
Evaluation of the socio-economic impact of the project. The multidisciplinary project implies the feasibility analysis of a gradual conversion of diesel generators currently utilized to produce energy in off-grid Nigerian communities into small and medium photovoltaic system. Partners: Politecnico di Torino, Departments of Energy (P. Leone, E. Vaccariello, M. Palombo, B. Ugwoke, R. Borchellini) and Management Engineering, (A. D'Ambrosio, C. Ravetti, L. Benfratello, C. Cambini), ENI/NAOC (Nigerian Agip Oil Company; L. Mattarolo, G. Marando, A. Pellegrino).
- 06/2016 **Microsimulation consultant**, INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION, ILO, Consultant in the framework of the *Post-Disaster Needs Assessment* developed by ILO and UNDP after the 16 April 2016 earthquake in Ecuador. Microsimulation activities to assess the earthquake impact on the most heavily hit communities.

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## Professional experience in Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)

- 2008–2009 **Advocacy, Lobbying and Fundraising Officer (*open-ended contract*)**, EUROPEAN FEDERATION FOR STREET CHILDREN (EFSC), Brussels/Luxembourg.  
EU-level human rights advocacy; Management of European Projects (EU and private funds); Project design targeted to EU programmes.
- 2006 – 2007 **Programme Officer – Information and Fundraising (*Contract following internship*)**, EUROPEAN ROMA INFORMATION OFFICE (ERIO), Brussels.  
Press monitoring on human rights; Project design targeted to EU programmes, governmental and private funds
- 2005 **Field project coordinator**, MAIS (*Movimento per l'Autosviluppo, l'Interscambio e la Solidarietà*), Guatemala City.  
Awareness-raising for the eradication of child labour (ILO funds)

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## Awards, Recognitions and Affiliations

- 2023 **Affiliate, LABOR - Laboratorio R. Revelli** research institute.
- 2021 **Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale, Settore concorsuale 13/A4 - SSD SECS-P/06 Economia Applicata - II fascia.**  
Italian National Academic Qualification as Associate Professor in Applied Economics
- 2021 **Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale, Settore concorsuale 13/A2 - SSD SECS-P/02 Politica Economica - II fascia.**  
Italian National Academic Qualification as Associate Professor in Economic Policy
- 2020 **Ladislao Mittner Prize in Economic Sciences, DAAD - Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst.**  
Prize amount: 5000 Euro
- 2020 **VisitInps Scholar Type B, Researcher in charge of the empirical analyses; PI Davide Castellani.**  
The VisitINPS program is a program of the Social Security Institute that gives access to administrative data to a selected pool of researchers on a competitive basis. Awarded project title: "Labour market effects of production reshoring".
- 2018 **VisitInps Scholar Type B, PI: Anna D'Ambrosio.**  
Awarded project title: "For a few Euros more: An RDD analysis of unemployment benefits generosity"
- 2017 **Affiliate, SIEPI Società Italiana di Economia e Politica Industriale, Italian Society of Industrial Economics and Politics.**
- 2015 **Research Grant for Doctoral Candidates and Young Academics and Scientists, DAAD - Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst.**  
Grant amount: 4175 Euro
- 2010 – 2014 **3-years full PhD scholarship + 6-month renewal, University of Trento (IT).**
- 2006 – 2007 **European Social Fund grant/ Leonardo programme.**

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## Technical competences

### Experience of micro-data analysis in different countries:

- Italy VisitInps, WHIP (Work Histories Italian Panel), ISTAT data on foreign trade (transaction level); ISTAT RS1 Survey on R&D, ISPAT Spillover survey on collaboration networks between firms; MET (Monitoraggio Economia Territorio)
- Germany Linked employer-employee data: ZEW/ZfW-BA Start-up Panel linked with social security data (Betriebshistorik)
- Spain CMT (Censo del Mercado del Trabajo, Basque Country)

### Project design and management skills according to EU standards

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## Computer skills

- Advanced Office, LibreOffice, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X
- Advanced STATA, SPSS

Fundamentals R, ArcGis

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## Language skills

Italian Mothertongue  
English Advanced (C2)  
German Advanced (C1)  
Spanish Advanced (C2)  
French Fluent (B2)

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## Referee Activity

PlosOne, Regional Studies, Industry and Innovation, Industrial and Corporate Change, Small Business Economics, Environment and Planning A, Spatial Economic Analysis, Economia Politica, International Migration, Tourism Economics, Journal of International Trade and Economic Development, Economia e Politica Industriale

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## Schools and specialization courses

### **Econometrics**

- 2018 ASSEE summer school, Crete: *Non-parametric methods*. Lecturer: J. Racine.
- 2011 OPENLOC school, Trento: *Spatial statistics and econometrics*. Lecturers: R. Basile, D. Giuliani.

### **International Business**

- 2017 Henley IB masterclasses, Reading: *International Business, Development and Policy; International Business, Innovation and Geography; Long Run Developments of International Business Theory*. Lecturers: D. Castellani, R. Narula, G. Santangelo, B. Pierce, M. Papanastassiou

### **Impact evaluation of public policies**

- 2015 German Stata Users Meeting, Nuremberg
- 2014 IRVAPP Winter School, Trento. Lecturers: U. Trivellato, E. Rettore, E. Battistin, S. Becker
- 2011 OPENLOC school, Bologna. Lecturers: G. Cerulli, A. Marzucchi.

### **Development Economics**

- 2013 Luca d'Agliano school, Gargnano: *Gravity models in international trade*. Lecturers: K. Head, T. Mayer
- 2012 Luca d'Agliano school, Gargnano: *Cities, productivity and migration*. Lecturers: G. Ottaviano, D. Puga

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## Conferences and seminars

- 10/2022 62th Meeting of the Italian Economics Society (SIE 2022). Paper: "Fear is the Path to the Dark Side: Electoral Results and the Workplace Safety of Immigrants", Autori: D'Ambrosio, A.; Leombruni, R.; Razzolini, T..
- 09/2022 Study Group on Exports and Productivity (ISGEP) 2022, Pisa. Paper: "Migration and the location of MNEs activities. Evidence from Italian provinces", Authors: Benfratello, L.; D'Ambrosio, A.; Castellani, D..
- 08/2022 Co-convenor, with Luigi Benfratello, of the Special Session "Foreign Direct Investments, trade and local development: drivers and impacts" at the 61st Congress of the European Regional Science Association (ERSA) 2022.  
Presented paper: "Does historic diaspora contribute to FDI? Evidence from Italian regions". Authors: Benfratello, L., D'Ambrosio, A.; Petraglia, C.; Vecchione, G..
- 08/2021 Co-convenor, with Luigi Benfratello e Davide Castellani, of the Special Session "Foreign Direct Investments, trade and local development: drivers and impacts" at the 60th Congress of the European Regional Science Association (ERSA) 2021.  
Presented papers: "Do migrants move along the routes of technological proximity? Evidence from Spanish NUTS3 regions". Authors: D'Ambrosio, A.; Franco, C.; Quatraro, F.; Montresor, S. and "Cultural diversity and regional resilience: an analysis on Italian provinces". Authors: D'Ambrosio, A.; Ferrucci, E.; Quatraro, F.; Meliciani, V..
- 06/2021 ESt Seminar, Department of Economics and Statistics "Cognetti de Martiis".
- 05/2021 Essen Health Conference - Where Health meets Labour and Education Economics.
- 05/2021 Università della Calabria, DESF Seminar.
- 03/2021 CSAE Conference 2021 - Economic Development in Africa, Center for the Study of African Economies, Oxford.
- 06/2021 GSSI (Gran Sasso Science Institute) webinar "Research Does Not Stop"
- 10/2020 SIE Annual Meeting, (*virtual*)
- 08/2020 Co-convenor of Special Session on "Foreign Direct Investments, trade and local development: drivers and impacts" at ERSA 2020 (*virtual*)
- 06/2020 EALE conference (*virtual*)
- 06/2020 VisitINPS Scholars seminar (*virtual*)
- 04/2020 Royal Economic Society, London (UK) (*postponed due to COVID-19 emergency*)
- 02/2020 CSAE conference, Oxford (UK) (*cancelled due to COVID-19 emergency*)
- 01/2020 SIEPI Annual Meeting, Venice (IT)
- 12/2019 Brucchi Luchino workshop, Turin (IT)
- 11/2019 Banca d'Italia - Inps workshop, Rome (IT)
- 10/2019 SIE Annual Meeting, Palermo (IT)

10/2019 OEET conference, Torino (IT)  
10/2019 DISES seminar, Ancona (IT)  
08/2019 ERSA, Lyon (FR)  
05/2019 ITSG workshop, Milan (IT)  
04/2019 AIB, Reading (UK)  
03/2019 SIEPI Annual Meeting, Rome (IT)  
01/2019 VisitInps seminar, Rome (IT)  
10/2018 SIE Annual Meeting, Bologna (IT)  
10/2018 AISRe annual conference, Bolzano (IT)  
08/2017 EARIE, Athens (GR)  
10/2017 SIE Annual Meeting, Arcavacata di Rende (IT)  
07/2017 IAB workshop, Nuremberg (DE)  
07/2017 ASRDLF/ERSA-GR, Athens (GR)  
06/2017 DESt Seminar, Torino (IT)  
11/2016 DEM Lunch Seminar, Trento (IT)  
10/2016 AQR Workshop on Regional and Urban Economics, Barcelona (ES)  
09/2016 AIEL annual conference, Trento (IT)  
09/2016 AISRe annual conference, Ancona (IT)  
06/2016 Uddevalla Symposium, London (UK)  
06/2016 UCL ICLS Workshop, London (UK)  
10/2014 SIE Annual Meeting, Trento (IT)  
06/2014 Summer School in Development Economics, IDEA, Ascea Marina (IT)



# Research

## Publications

L. Benfratello, A. D'Ambrosio, and A. Sangrigoli. Foreign Direct Investments in Africa: Are Chinese investors different? *Journal of Business Research*, 2023. doi: 10.13039/100007388.

Luigi Benfratello, Anna D'Ambrosio, Alida Sangrigoli, and Gabriele Scabbia. *FDI in Balkan Countries: The Role of EU Accession on FDI Attraction*, pages 135–159. Springer International Publishing, Cham, 2023.

L. Benfratello, A. D'Ambrosio, and A. Sangrigoli. International Investment Agreements and FDI Inflows in Africa. *Politica Economica*, 2022. ISSN 1120-9496.

A. D'Ambrosio and S. Montresor. The pro-export effect of sub-national migration networks: New evidence from Spanish Provinces. *Review of World Economics / Weltwirtschaftliches Archiv*, 2021. ISSN: 1610-2886; doi: 10.1007/s10290-021-00423-4.

A. D'Ambrosio, T. Leombruni, and T. Razzolini. Trading off wage for workplace safety? Gaps between immigrants and natives in Italy. *Economia Politica*, 2020. ISSN: 1120-2890; doi: 10.1007/s40888-020-00209-1.

Alessandra Colombelli, Anna D'Ambrosio, Valentina Meliciani, and Francesco Quatraro. Newborn Firms and Regional Diversification Patterns: The Role of Cultural Diversity. *Economic Geography*, 96(4):336–362, 2020. ISSN: 1944-8287; doi: 10.1080/00130095.2020.1807320.

Udo Brixy, Stephan Brunow, and Anna D'Ambrosio. The unlikely encounter: Is ethnic diversity in start-ups associated with innovation? *Research Policy*, 49(4):103950, 2020. ISSN: 0048-7333; doi: 10.1016/j.respol.2020.103950.

Anna D'Ambrosio, Sandro Montresor, Mario Davide Parrilli, and Francesco Quatraro. Migration, communities on the move and international innovation networks: an empirical analysis of Spanish regions. *Regional Studies*, 53(1):6–16, 2019. ISSN: 1360-0591; doi: 10.1080/00343404.2018.1426850.

Anna D'Ambrosio, Roberto Gabriele, Francesco Schiavone, and Manuel Villasalero. The role of openness in explaining innovation performance in a regional context. *The Journal of Technology Transfer*, 42(2):389–408, 2017. ISSN: 1573-7047; doi: 10.1007/s10961-016-9501-8.

A. D'Ambrosio, S. Montresor, and F. Quatraro. Tecnologie Abilitanti Fondamentali e Strategie di Specializzazione Intelligente. Un'analisi regionale sulla base di brevetti Europei. *Scienze Regionali - Italian Journal of Regional Science*, 3:47–66, 2016. ISSN: 1720–3929.

S Cicognani, A. D'Ambrosio, W. Guth, S. Pfuderer, and M. Ploner. Community projects: an experimental analysis of a fair implementation process. *Social Choice and Welfare*, 44:109–132, 2015. ISSN: 0176-1714; doi: 10.1007/s00355-014-0822-y.

Roberto Gabriele, Anna D'Ambrosio, and Francesco Schiavone. Open Innovation and the Role of Hubs of Knowledge in a Regional Context. *Journal of the Knowledge Economy*, pages 1–17, 2015. ISSN: 1868-7873; doi 10.1007/s13132-015-0331-y.

A. D'Ambrosio, C. Navarra, and E. Salis. La dimensione produttiva delle rimesse collettive: un tentativo di classificazione e nuovi percorsi di ricerca. In A. Arrighetti and A. Lasagni, editors, *Rimesse e migrazione. Ipotesi interpretative e verifiche empiriche*, pages 109–127. FrancoAngeli srl, MILANO – ITA, 2011. ISBN: 9788856841756.

## Working papers and online resources

Anna D'Ambrosio and Vincenzo Scrutinio. A few Euro more: benefit generosity and the optimal path of unemployment benefits. CEP Discussion Papers dp1835, Centre for Economic Performance, LSE, March 2022.

Luigi Benfratello, Davide Castellani, and Anna D'Ambrosio. Migration and the Location of MNEs Activities. Evidence from Italian Provinces. Technical report, Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=4288020> or <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.4288020>, December 2019.

A. D'Ambrosio, R. Leombruni, and T. Razzolini. "Fear Is the Path to the Dark Side". Electoral Results and the Workplace Safety of Immigrants. *IZA Discussion Paper No. 14322*, ISSN: 2365-9793, 2021.

Lisa Bellman, Udo Brixy, and Anna D'Ambrosio. Gerade in Ostdeutschland leisten Betriebsgründungen einen wichtigen Beitrag zum Aufbau einer mittelständischen Wirtschaft. Technical report, 2020. IAB Forum, March 27, 2020; <https://www.iab-forum.de/>.

A. D'Ambrosio and V. Scrutinio. Per qualche euro in più: un'analisi RDD della generosità dei sussidi di disoccupazione. In *Valutare con i dati amministrativi: progetti VisitInps Scholars. Allegato al XVIII Rapporto Annuale*, pages 17–21. INPS, 2019. ISSN: 2611-5670.

A. D'Ambrosio. Migration flows and local systems of production: New comparative evidence on Italy and Spain. PhD Thesis. <http://eprints-phd.biblio.unitn.it/1508/>, 2015.

## Work in progress

"Labour market effects of production reshoring", with Davide Castellani, Luigi Benfratello, Katuscia Lavoratori and Alessandro Manello

"Women in innovative start-ups and regional inclusiveness: "green" and socially responsible companies", with A. Colombelli and C. Ravetti

"Cultural diversity and regional resilience: an analysis on Italian provinces", with V. Meliciani, F. Quatraro and E. Ferrucci.

"Explaining regional spatial diversity in entrepreneurship: the role of technological and cultural diversity", with A. Colombelli and V. Meliciani