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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Macroeconomics, International Macroeconomics, Applied Macroeconomics, Monetary Economics

CURRENT POSITION

2019 **PhD candidate in Quantitative Economics**, ECARES - Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium)
(expected) Supervisor: Prof. Philippe Weil

EDUCATION

- 2015 **PhD Economics**, University of Naples Parthenope (Italy), Awarded: June 2016
- 2014 **MRes Quantitative Economics**, ECARES - Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium), *cum laude*
- 2013 **MSc Economics and Finance**, University of Naples Federico II (Italy)
- 2012 **MSc Economic and Financial Sciences**, University of Naples Parthenope (Italy), *cum laude*
- 2010 **BSc Business Administration**, University of Naples Parthenope (Italy), *cum laude*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

- 2016 **Trainee**, National Bank of Belgium
- 2014–Present **Teaching Assistant**, Graduate Macroeconomics I (MRes), ECARES - Université Libre de Bruxelles
- 2014–Present **Research Assistant**, Euro Area Business Cycle Dating Committee - CEPR, London

SEMINAR AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

- 2018 6th Belgian Macroeconomic Workshop Antwerp University Belgium, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid Spain, Université Libre de Bruxelles Belgium

AWARDS

- 2015–Present FNRS Doctoral Fellowship - Belgian National Science Foundation

RESEARCH PAPERS

“Cyclical Behavior of Markups: Theory and Firm-level Evidence” (Job Market Paper)

Using confidential firm-level data from the National Bank of Belgium, I document the heterogeneous response of firms' markups to the 2008 financial crisis. Overall, markups increased in the aftermath of the crisis and the effect was larger for highly financially constrained firms. I show that standard heterogeneous-firm models, featuring monopolistic competition and variable markups, are unable to replicate these patterns. I then introduce endogenous demand shifters which respond to firm investment in market share (e.g. quality). I show that the interaction of an increase in the cost of procuring inputs combined with an endogenous quality downgrading can rationalize the observed changes in firm-level markups.

“Forecasting inflation in the euro area: countries matter!”, with Claudia Pacella

We build a Bayesian vector autoregressive model with three layers of information: inflation key drivers, cross-country dynamic interactions and country-specific variables. The model exhibits good forecasting accuracy with respect to popular benchmarks used in the literature. We perform a step-by-step analysis to shed light on which layer of information is more crucial for accurate forecasts of euro area inflation. Our empirical analysis reveals the importance of including inflation key drivers and accounting for the multi-country dimension of the euro area. In particular, the results show that the complete model has overall better forecasting performance for inflation excluding energy and unprocessed food, while a model only based on aggregate euro area variables works relatively better for headline inflation.

“Inflation expectations and non-standard monetary policies”

In this paper, I analyze the impact of key European Central Bank’s unconventional monetary policy announcements on inflation expectations, measured by Euro Area five-year Inflation Linked Swap rates five years ahead, since the aftermath of the crisis. I control for market liquidity and uncertainty measures, change in oil price shock and macroeconomic news. The results show that the impact of the European Central Bank’s announcements has been positive during the period under observation. Along the line of the expansionary monetary policy measures implemented, the agents have been revising upwards their long term inflation expectations. This means that the unconventional monetary policy measures were effective.

SOFTWARES

Stata, MATLAB, Dynare, RATS, GRET

LANGUAGES

Italian (*Native*), English (*Fluent*), French (*Fluent*)

REFERENCES

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