MAURIZIO CONTI

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CONTACTS

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Born in Genova, 08/03/1974

Nationality: Italian

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

I am an empirical economist working on applied economics issues. My main research interests span the fields of labour economics, industrial economics, and regional economics. In the case of industrial economics, I have done work on the economics of the water and sewerage industries as well as on the airport sector with a focus on economies of scale and scope and the impact of economic regulation on firms' behaviour. In the case of labour economics my research has been focussing on the economic impact of labour market institutions, while in regional economics my interests are on the economic impact of transport infrastructure on regional economies.

KEY WORDS: POLICY EVALUATION, LABOUR MARKET INSTITUTIONS, REGIONAL ECONOMICS, ECONOMIC REGULATION

EDUCATION

University of Essex
PhD in Economics, 2004.

Thesis title: Essays in Empirical Industrial Organization. Supervisor: Prof. Pierre Regibeau

University of Warwick
MSc Economics (High Pass), 2000

Università di Genova
Laurea (BSc) in Business and Economics (Summa cum Laude), 1998

CAREER DETAILS

2022 **IZA Research Fellow**

2020	**University of Genova**. *Full professor of Economics*
2014-	**University of Genoa, Department of Economics** *Associate Professor of Economics*
2016-2018	**Joint Research Centre European Commission -Competence Centre on Microeconomic Evaluation** *Senior Researcher*
2006-2014	**University of Genoa, Department of Economics** *Assistant Professor*
2004-2006	**EUROPE ECONOMICS, London** *Consultant.*

MAJOR INSTITUTIONAL POSITIONS

- Co-Editor of Economics – The Open-Access, Open-Assessment Journal
- Associate Editor of Economia Internazionale-International Economics
- Coordinator of the Laurea Magistrale (2-years Master of Science) in Economics & Data Science dell'Università di Genova (2022-);
- Member of the University Research Committee (2021-);
- Member of Board of the Italian Society of Labour Economics (2022-);
- Member of the Board of Phd Program in Economics and Quantitative Methods, University of Genoa (2010-);
- Member of the Board of the Depratment of Economics, University of Genoa (2012 - 2016)
- Member of the Board of The Council of the Schoolf of Social Science, University of Genoa (2015-16)

NON-ACADEMIC ROLES

- Member of the Board of Directors of AMIU-SPA- in house company of the Genoa Municipality that is active in the urban waste management sector (2014-2017);
- Chairman of the Board of Directors of Fondazione AMGA (2016-2020);

- Member of the Management Board of Fondazione Utilitatis (2019-2022);

MAIN CONSULTANCY EXPERIENCE (SINCE 2015)

- **Tribunale di Milano (2026):** "ausiliare" to court appointed expert in a court proceeding in relation to damages estimation for a competition law infringement
- **Major Italian public utility (2021-2023):** expert witness at the Italian Administrative Tribunal (TAR) on tariff regulation in the Italian gas distribution sector.

- **Association of Italian public utilities (2020):** literature review on economies of scope within the water and sewerage industry (water and sewerage, water wholesale and retail).

- **Ofwat -UK water regulator (2018-19):** theoretical issues involved in the computation of frontier shift in regulated industries.

- **Major multinational (2019-ongoing):** expert witness in a court proceeding in relation to damages estimation for a competition law infringement.

- **Group of airlines (2019):** evaluation of the proposed regulation of Italian airports by the Italian Transport Authority, with a special focus on the application of stochastic frontiers and the determination of the X factor.

- **Association of Italian public utilities (2019):** work on behalf of Oxera: evidence on scale economies in the water industry and possible effects of a proposal to reform the structure of the Italian water sector.

- **Major Italian public utility (2015):** expert witness at the highest Italian administrative court (Consiglio di Stato) on issues related to the tariffs in the Italian water industry.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate level:

- *Microeconomia,* Corso di Laurea triennale in Economia e Commercio, Università di Genova, since A.Y. 2022/23.
- *Macroeconomia*, Corso di Laurea triennale in Economia Aziendale, Università di Genova, A.Y. 2006/07-2013/14; 2017/18-2021/22.
- *Politica Economica*, Corso di Laurea triennale in Economia Aziendale, Università di Genova, A.Y. 2008/09-2014/15.
- *Economia del Turismo*, Corso di Laurea triennale in Scienze del Turismo, Università di Genova, A.Y. 2014/15; 2015/16.

Master level:

- *Microeconomics*, Corso di Laurea Magistrale in Economics & Data Science, Università di Genova, since A.Y. 2022-23
- *Market Structure & Competition policy*, Corso di Laurea Magistrale in Management Università di Genova, A.Y. 2018/19-2021/22.
- *Economics,* Corso di Laurea Magistrale in Strategic Engineering Università di Genova, A.Y. 2019-2020.
- *Problematiche Strutturali e Progresso Tecnico nell'Economia Italiana*, Corso di Laurea Magistrale in Economia delle Aree Transfrontaliere, Università di Genova, A.Y. 2006/07; 2007/08.
- *Economia e Politica dell'Industria e dei Servizi*, Corso di Laurea Magistrale in Management Università di Genova, A.Y. 2014/15; 2015/16; 2017-18.

PhD level:

- *Basic Oligopoly Theory*, PhD in Economics & Quantitative Methods, Università di Genova, since A.Y. 2018-19
- *The Economic Impact of Infrastructures: The Econometric Approach & Empirical evidence*, PhD course TransportNet, A.Y. 2018-19.
- *Productivity at the Micro Level: a Primer*, Dottorato di ricerca in Economia, Università di Genova, A.Y. 2013-14 e 2014-15
- *Productivity Measurement: Theory, Data and Econometric Methods*, Dottorato di ricerca DREAMT, Università di Pavia e Bergamo, A.Y. 2015-16
- *Natural Monopoly and Economic Regulation*, Dottorato di Ricerca in Economia, Università di Genova, A.Y. 2012-13.

SOME SELECTED PUBLICATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL JOURNALS

Labour economics

- "The Effect of the Affordable Care Act on Time Use", (with A. Bottasso, G.Cerruti and E. Stancanelli), *Economia Politica, 43, 2026*

- Labor Market Regulation and firm Adjustments in Skill Demand, (with A. Bottasso, M. Bratti, G. Cardullo and G. Sulis), *Journal of Public Economics*, 2025.
- On the Emergence of Cooperative Industrial and Labor Relations, (with G. Cardullo, A.Ricci, S. Scicchitano and G. Sulis), *British Journal of Industrial Relations*, 2024
- Employment Protection and Firm Provided Training in Dual Labour Markets" (with M. Bratti and G. Sulis), *Labour Economics, 2021.*
- "A Model of Unions, Two-Tier Bargaining and Capital Investment" (with G. Cardullo and G. Sulis), *Labour Economics*, 2020.
- "Firm Dynamics and Employment Protection: Evidence from Sectoral Data" (with A. Bottasso and G. Sulis), *Labour Economics*, 48, 2017.
- "Human Capital, Employment Protection and Growth in Europe" (with G.Sulis), *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 44, 2, 2016.
- "Sunk Capital, Unions and the Hold-Up Problem: Theory and Evidence from Cross Country Sectoral Data" (with G. Cardullo and G. Sulis), *European Economic Review*, 76, 2015.
- "Type of Employers and Fertility of Working Women: Does Working in the Public Sector or in a Large Private Firm Matter?" (with E. Sette), *Cambridge Journal of Economics, 37, 6, 2013.*

Regional economics & other applied economics papers

- "High-Speed Railways and Firms Total Factor Productivity: Evidence from a Quasi-Natural Experiment", (with A. Bottasso, A. Ferrara and S. Robbiano), forthcoming *Journal of Regional Science*.
- "VAT Cuts as Emergency Policy Intervention: Evidence from the UK Case", (with C. Piga, A. Bottasso, L. Onnis), forthcoming, *Fiscal Studies.*
- "High Speed Rail Beyond Core Hubs: Evidence from Italy" (with A. Bottasso and S. Robbiano), *The Annals of Regional Science*, 75, 104, 2026.
- "Sailing Through History: the Legacy of Medieval Sea-Trade on Migrant Perception and Extreme Right Voting", (with A. Bottasso, G.Cerruti and M.Santagata), *Journal of Population Economics*, 39, 22, 2026
- "Structural Reforms During the Greek Economic Adjustment Programme: the Amalgamation of Municipalities", (with M.Ferraresi, N. Benos N., Karagiannis S. & Papazoglu M.), *Journal of Regional Science*, 2025
- "Institutions Matter: The Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic on the Political Trust of Young Europeans",(with A. Bottasso, G. Cerruti) *Journal of Regional Science*, 2022.
- "Roads to Innovation: Evidence from Italy" (with A. Bottasso, M. Santagata and S. Robbiano), *Journal of Regional Science*, 2022.
- "Roads to Development. The Brazilian Way" (with A. Bottasso, P. Costacurta, C. Ferrari and A. Tei*), Research in Transportation Economics*, 2021.
- "Port Infrastructures and Trade: Empirical Evidence from Brazil" (with A. Bottasso, C. Ferrari, P. Costacurta and A. Tei), *Transportation Research Part A*, 107, 2018.
- "Ports and Local Development: a Spatial Analysis on a Panel of European Regions" (with A. Bottasso, C. Ferrari e A. Tei), *Transportation Research Part A*, 65, 2014.
- "The Introduction of the Euro and Economic Growth: Some Panel Data Evidence", *Journal of Applied Economics*, XVII, 2, 2014.

- "And Yet They Co-Move! Public Capital and Productivity in the OECD" (with A. Bottasso & C. Castagnetti), *Journal of Policy Modeling, 35, 5, 2013.*
- "The Impact of Port Throughput on Local Employment: Evidence from a Panel of European Regions" (with A. Bottasso, C. Ferrari, O. Merck e A. Tei), *Transport Policy, 27,* 2013.
- "The Italian Productivity Decline: Evidence from Regional Data", *Giornale degli Economisti e Annali di Economia*, 68, 3, 2009.

Industrial economics & economic regulation

- "Family Management and Historical Origins: The Italian Experience" (with G. Cardullo, M. Damiani, A.Ricci, S. Scicchitano and G. Sulis), *Corporate Governance. An International Review*, 2024
- "Government Late Payments and Firm Survival. Evidence from the EU" (with L. Elia, A. Ferrara and M. Ferraresi), *Journal of Law and Economics*, 64, 3, 2021.
- "Did the EU Airport Charges Directive Lead to Lower Aeronautical Charges? Empirical Evidence from a Diff-in-Diff Research Design", *Economics of Transportation*, 19, 2019.
- "Scale and (Quasi) Scope Economies in Airport Technology. An Application to UK Airports", (with A. Bottasso and D. Vannoni), *Transportation Research Part A*,125, 2019.
- "Competition, Vertical Relationship and Countervailing Power in the UK Airport Industry" (with A. Bottasso, M. Bruno and C. Piga), *Journal of Regulatory Economics*, 52, 1, 2017.
- "To Bid or Not to Bid: That Is the Question: Public Procurement, Project Complexity and Corruption" (with S. Baldi, A. Bottasso, C. Piccardo), *European Journal of Political Economy*, 43, 2016.
- "R&D, Innovation and Knowledge Spillovers: a Reappraisal of Bottazzi and Peri (2007) in the Presence of Cross Sectional Dependence" (with A. Bottasso and C. Castagnetti), *Journal of Applied Econometrics, 30, 2015.*
- "Low-Cost Carriers and Airport Performance: Empirical Evidence from a Panel of UK Airports", (con A. Bottasso e C. Piga), *Industrial and Corporate Change, 22, 3, 2013.*
- "The Cost Structure of the UK Airport Industry" (with A.Bottasso), in *Journal of Transport Economics and Policy*, 3, 2012.
- "Efficiency and Productivity Growth in a Sample of Italian Container Terminals" (with A. Bottasso and C. Ferrari), in *International Journal of Transport Economics*, 38, 2, 2011
- "The Appropriateness of the Poolability Assumption for Multiproduct Technologies" (with A. Bottasso, M. Piacenza and D. Vannoni), *International Journal of Production Economics*, 130, 1, 2011.
- "The Productive Effect of Transport Infrastructures: Does Road Transport Liberalization Matter?" (with A. Bottasso), *Journal of Regulatory Economics*, 38, 1, 2010.
- "Price Cap Regulation and the Ratchet Effect: A Generalized Index Approach" (with A. Bottasso), *Journal of Productivity Analysis*, 32, 3, 2009.
- "Scale Economies, Technology and Technical Change in the Water Industry: Evidence from the English Water Only Sector" (with A. Bottasso), in *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 2, 2009.
- "Efficiency Incentives for a Regulated Monopoly: Some Lessons from the English and Welsh Water Industry", with A. Bottasso, in *Rivista di Politica Economica*, VII-VIII, 2007.
- "Reliability of Point Efficiency Estimates in Regulatory Applications. Evidence from the English and Welsh Water Industry", in *International Journal of Regulation and Governance*, 1, 2006.

- "Ownership Relative Efficiency in *the* Water Industry: a Survey of the International Empirical Evidence", *Economia Internazionale-International Economics*, 58, 3, 2005

SOME SELECTED PUBLICATIONS IN ITALIAN JOURNALS

- "The impact of rising energy prices on labor demand: a survey of the empirical literature. (with A. Bottasso, C. Ferrari and A. Tei), forthcoming, *Economia Internazionale-International Economics.*
- Bottasso, A., Conti M. e Santagata M. (2022) "Transport Infrastructure and Trade: A Survey of the Empirical Literature", *Economia Internazionale-International Economics*, 75, 4, 2022.
- Bottasso A. e Conti M. (2021) "Economie di Integrazione Verticale ed Economia di Scopo nel Settore Idrico e Fognario: Alcune Considerazioni alla Luce dell'Evidenza Empirica Internazionale", *Economia Pubblica*, 3.
- Beltrametti L., Bottasso A., Conti M., Ferrari C. e Piana M. (2018) "Effetti della caduta del Ponte Morandi sull'economia", *Rivista di Economia e Politica dei Trasporti*, 2.
- Bottasso A., Baldi S., Conti M. e Piccardo C. (2014) "Modalità di affidamento dei lavori pubblici. Un'analisi empirica su dati italiani", *L'Industria*, 4.
- Bottasso A., Conti M., Ferrari C. e Tei A. (2013) "Alcune riflessioni sulla pratica regolatoria, con riferimento ad alcuni settori trasportistici", *Rivista di Economia e Politica dei Trasporti*, 3.
- Bottasso A. e Conti M. (2012) "Concorrenza e Regolazione nel Settore Aeroportuale in Europa", *Mercato, Concorrenza e Regole*, 1.
- Bottasso A. e Conti M. (2012) "Una Nota sul Servizio Idrico Italiano dopo i Referendum del Giugno 2011", *Economia e Diritto del Terziario*.
- Bottasso A. e Conti M. (2011) "La Governance del Settore Idrico Italiano e le Recenti Riforme dei Servizi Pubblici Locali: Tanto Rumore per Nulla?" *Economia dei Servizi*, 2.
- Caliman T. e Conti M. (2009) "La Yardstick Competition nel Settore Idrico: una Applicazione Econometrica ed Alcune Riflessioni sul Caso Inglese", *L' Industria*, 2.
- Bottasso A. e Conti M. (2008) "Economie di Scala e Densità nel Settore Idrico: Ulteriore Evidenza Empirica dall'Inghilterra", *Rivista Italiana degli Economisti*, 2.
- Amato A., Bottasso A. e Conti M. (2006) "La Performance dell'Industria Idrica Inglese. Un' analisi critica a 15 anni dalla Privatizzazione", *Economia e Politica Industriale*, 2, 2006.

BOOKS & BOOK CHAPTERS

- Does the Opening of a High-Speed-Rail Station Impact House Prices? Evidence from a Quasi-Natural Experiment: Reggio Emilia Mediopadana (with A. Bottasso, A. Fiduccia, Robbiano S. and Tartaglia M), in Pagliara F (ed) *Socioeconomic Impacts of High-Speed Railways Systems*, Springer, 2025
- *La Liguria è (ancora) una Regione del Nord? Capire la Liguria per capire l'Italia*, Erga, 2024.
- *Economic Role of Transport Infrastructure. Theory and Models* (with A. Bottasso, C. Ferrari and A. Tei), Elsevier, 2019.

- "The Cost Structure of the Airport Industry: Methodological Issues and Empirical Evidence" (with A. Bottasso), in John Bitzan, James People (ed) *The Economics of Airport Operations (Advances in Airline Economics, Volume 6)* Emerald Publishing Limited, pp. 181-212, 2017.
- "Inefficienza Allocativa, Sindacato, e Contrattazione Decentrata: il Caso Italiano" (with A. Bottasso and G. Sulis), in *Salari, Produttività e Disuguaglianze. Verso un Nuovo Modello Contrattuale?* (a cura di Dell'Aringa, Lucifora e Treu) Arel-il Mulino, 2017.

ONGOING RESEARCH

- "On Track to New Jobs: High-Speed Rail and Worker Mobility in Italy", (with A. Bottasso, M. Bratti and A. Maida).
- "When Universities Matter: Academic Quality, Market Access, and Urban Growth in Pre-Industrial Europe", (with N. Benos, M. Papazoglou e S. Tsoumaris), IZA-LISER DP 18781, 2026.

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WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES AS ORGANIZER OR MEMBER OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTE

- 2026: COMPIE 2024 Conference: Developments in the theory and the applications of counterfactual methods for policy impact evaluation. Paris 24-26 June, 2026
- 2025: Advances in Research on Labour Market Policies (AIEL & University of Bologna), Bologna;
- 2024: COMPIE 2024 Conference: Developments in the theory and the applications of counterfactual methods for policy impact evaluation. Amsterdam 24-26 Giugno, 2024
- 2023 Convegno Annuale AIEL, Genova.
- 2020: Counterfactual Methods for Policy Impact Evaluation 2020 (COMPIE 2020), Mannheim.
- 2019: XI NERI (Network on the Economics of Regulation and Institutions) Conference, Roma;
- 2018: Counterfactual Methods for Policy Impact Evaluation 2018 (COMPIE 2018), Berlino; X NERI (Network on the Economics of Regulation and Institutions) Conference, Genova; Workshop on the effects of employment protection and collective bargaining on workers and firms, Cagliari.
- 2013: V ICEE (Italian Congress of Econometrics and Empirical Economics) Congress, Genova.

INVITED SEMINARS

- 2025 University of Siena
- 2024 JERS Webinair, Greece.
- 2018: Mills Labor Seminar (University of Milan, Cattolica University, Bocconi).
- 2016: Joint Research Center, European Commission
- 2014: University of Salento; University of Essex
- 2013: Mills Labor seminar (University of Milan, Cattolica University, Bocconi)
- 2011: University of Pavia

- 2010: University of Turin; IEFE Bocconi; University of Verona.
- 2008: University of Bologna.
- 2007: University of Cagliari.

ATTIVITA DI REFERAGGIO

American Economic Review-Insights; Journal of Human Resources; International Economic Review; Labour Economics; Journal of Economic Behaviour and Organization; European Journal of Political Economy; Regional Science and Urban Economics; Journal of Economic Geography; Scandinavian Journal of Economics; Journal of Economic Surveys; Journal of Regional Science; Journal of Law, Economics & Organization; British Journal of Industrial Relations; Journal of Regulatory Economics; The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy; Labour; Economics & Human Biology; Review of Industrial Organization; Economic Modeling; Empirica; Small Business Economics; Economics of Innovation & New Technologies; Transportation Research Part A; Transport Policy; Resource and Energy Economics; International Journal of Production Economics; International Journal of Transport Economics; Public Management Review; Environmental Science and Policy; Urban Water Journal.