

Paolo Di Martino - Curriculum Vitae

General information

- Name: Paolo Di Martino
- Date of Birth: May the 2nd, 1970
- Nationality: Italian
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Education

- 2000: Ph.D. in Economic History, University of Pisa, Italy.
- 1995: Degree in Economics at the University of Pisa, Italy.

Languages

- Italian: mother tongue.
- English: fluent in writing, reading, and speaking.
- French: fluent in reading and speaking.

Positions held

Current Positions: Since October 2013, Senior Lecturer in International Business History, Department of Management, Birmingham Business School, University of Birmingham (UK)

Past Positions

- 2010-2012, Lecturer in International Business History, Department of Management, Birmingham Business School, University of Birmingham (UK)
- 2005 - 2010, Lecturer in British Economic and Business History, School of Arts, Histories, and Culture, University of Manchester (UK).
- January-June 2008, Visiting fellow in the department of Economic History of the London School of Economics (UK)
- 2004-2005: Temporary Lecturer in Economic History, Department of Modern History, University of Birmingham (UK).
- 2002-2004: Temporary Lecturer in Economic History, Department of Historical Studies, University of Bristol (UK).
- 2001-2002: Post-doctoral visiting fellow and temporary teacher in the department of Economic History of the London School of Economics (UK); Temporary lecturer in Financial and Banking

History in the department of Finance of the City University Business School (UK).

Research interests

- Law and economic growth in historical perspective: Bankruptcy laws and procedures, and their impact on financial intermediation, entrepreneurship, and economic performance in England, Italy, the US, and France, 1870-1939.
- Financial, banking, and monetary history: financial crises, banking structure and performance, the working of international gold standard in Italy and England 1880-1939.
- Economic theory: financial economics; institutional theory

Selected Publications

Forthcoming

- (With Pierre-Cyrille Hautcoeur), "Bankruptcy law and practices in historical perspective: A European comparative view", *Enterprise and Society*, 2014

In print

- "Rome wasn't built in a day": lobbies, institutions, and speculation in the 1880s building fever", *Urban History*, 39 (3), 2012, pp. 471-489
- (With Shaker Sarsour), "Microcredit in Palestine (1995-2008): a business history perspective", *Business History*, 54 (3), 2012, pp. 441-461
- "Legal institutions, social norms, and entrepreneurship in Britain (c.1890-c.1939)", *The Economic History Review*, 65 (1), 2012, pp. 120-143
- "Lobbying, institutional inertia, and the efficiency issue in state regulation: evidence from the evolution of bankruptcy laws and procedures in Italy, England, and the US (c1870-1939)", in S. Battilossi and J. Reis. (eds.), *State and financial systems in Europe and the USA. Historical perspectives on regulation and supervision in the Nineteenth and Twentieth centuries*, Aldershot: Ashgate, 2010, pp. 41-54
- (with M. Vasta), "Companies' insolvency and 'the nature of the firm' in Italy, 1920s-1970s", *The Economic History Review*, 63, 1 (2010), pp. 137-164
- "Dealing with failure: bankruptcy and insolvency in the English experience (1890-1939)", *Histoire et Mesure*, XXIII (1), 2008, pp. 137-65
- "The historical evolution of bankruptcy law in England, the US and Italy up to 1939: determinants of institutional change and structural differences", in K. Gratzner and D. Stiefel (eds.) *History Of Insolvency and Bankruptcy: from an International Perspective*, Huddinge: Södertoms högskola, 2008, pp. 263-79
- "Approaching Disaster: A Comparison between Personal Bankruptcy Legislation in Italy and England (c.1880-1939)", *Business History*, 47 (1), 2005, pp. 23-43
- "Banking crises and the evolution of bankruptcy legislation in Italy", *Rivista di Storia Economica* XX (1), 2004, pp. 65-85 Di Martino, P. (2000).
- "Costi di transazione, andamento della Rendita e andamento del tasso di cambio in Italia negli anni del gold standard internazionale: una replica", *Rivista di Storia Economica*, XVIII (1), 2002, pp. 65-68
- (With G. Conti), "Credito, garanzie, fallimenti e assetti finanziari dal codice di commercio alla legge Rocco", in G. Conti e T. Fanfani, *Regole e mercati: fiducia, concorrenza e innovazioni*

finanziarie nella storia creditizia italiana, pp 163-191, Edizioni PLUS Università di Pisa, 2002

- (with P. Della Posta), "Crisi valutarie degli anni novanta del XIX e del XX secolo", *Studi e Note di Economia*, (3),2001, pp. 67-107
- "L'esito fallimentare di un intervento di ultima istanza; la Banca nazionale e I salvataggi del 1889", *Imprese e Storia*, 24 (1),2001, pp. 307-336
- "Corso della Rendita e andamento del tasso di cambio della Lira negli anni del *gold standard* (1883-1893), *Rivista di Storia Economica*, XVII(1),2001, pp. 3-31
- "Instabilità finanziaria e crisi economica in Italia (1887-1893): il ruolo delle banche popolari e delle casse di risparmio". *Banche e reti di banche nell'Italia post-unitaria*. G. C. e. S. L. Francesca. Bologna, Il Mulino (2000): 183-215.
- "A Re-discovered Approach: Irving Fisher's Debt-Deflation Theory", *History O/ Economic Ideas*, VII (3), 1999, pp. 193-207

Work in progress

- "Gold, money, and prices during the Napoleonic wars: was Ricardo right?" (with George Chouliarakis, University of Manchester)
- "Law, firms' governance and economic performance in post-1945 Italy" (with Michelangelo Vasta, University of Siena, Italy)
- "Happy birthday Italy? Institutions and economic performance in Italy since 1861" (with Michelangelo Vasta, University of Siena, Italy)

Funds and grants

- 2006: The small grants scheme, School of Arts, Histories, and cultures:
Title Of the project: Debt and decline: investigating bankruptcy in Victorian and interwar England.
Funds granted: f1960
- 2006: British Academy overseas conference funds:
Attendance of the *International Economic History Congress*, Helsinki 2006. Funds granted: f900

Membership or research bodies

- 2002 - Member of the Economic History Society
- Since 2010, member of the scientific committee of the annual conference of the Economic History Society
- Since 2012, member of the Council of the Economic History Society
- 2002 - Member of the Association of Business Historians

Membership or research projects

- 2008 - Member of the international project "Creation of a Centre for Advanced Studies and

Research in Cooperation and Development at Bethlehem University", sponsored by the Italian Ministry of University and Research, and participated by the Universities of Siena (Italy), Pavia (Italy), An-Najan, Bethlehem, and Birzeit (Palestine).

Invited talks (International Universities)

- "Happy birthday Italy? Institutions and economic performance in Italy since 1861" (with Michelangelo Vasta, University of Siena, Italy), *The Italian variety of capitalism (1861-2011): 'wealthy by accident'?* Sant' Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, September 2012
- "Legal institutions, social norms, and entrepreneurship in Britain (1890-1939)", 10^{ième} Journée d'études sur les faillites, University Paris 10-Nanterre, December 2011
- (With Shaker Sarsour), "Financial aid and stake-holding in the Palestinian economy: is micro credit a step forward?", University of Pavia (Italy), June 2010.
- (with Michelangelo Vasta, University of Siena, Italy) "Insolvency law and corporate governance: a view from Twentieth century Italy", 6^{ième} Journée d'études sur les faillites, University Paris 10-Nanterre, 15th May 2009.
- (with Pierre-Cyrille Hautcoeur, Paris School of Economics) "Bankruptcy law and practice in historical perspective: a European comparative view (c. 1880-1913)", Economic History and History of Economics Workshop Series, Paris School of Economics, April 2009.
- (With Shaker Sarsour), "Financial aid and stake-holding in the Palestinian economy: is micro credit a step forward?", University of Bethlehem (Palestine), March 2009.
- (With Shaker Sarsour), "Financial aid and stake-holding in the Palestinian economy: is micro credit a step forward?", University of Siena (Italy), October 2008.
- "'Creative destruction' or 'destructive creativity'? Italian firms' approach to industrial failure and survival strategies, 1920s-1970s." Paris, Paris-Jordan Sciences Économique November 2006

Invited talks (British Universities)

- "Law, firms' governance and economic performance in post-1945 Italy" (with Michelangelo Vasta, University of Siena, Italy), University of Birmingham, March 2011
- "Legal institutions, social norms, and entrepreneurship in Britain (c.1890-c.1939): re-assessing the 'cultural critique' ," University of Reading, February 2009.
- (with George Chouliarakis, University of Manchester), "Gold, money, and prices during the Napoleonic wars: was Ricardo right?", London, Monetary History Group, October 2008.

Invited lectures

- Since 2005: two lectures per year on the PhD program in economics, at the Department of Economics of the University of Siena (Italy).
- "Financial intermediation and economic growth: theory and history ", PhD program in economics, University of Venice (Italy), January 2004.

Conferences

- *European Association of Business History* Annual Conference (Paris, August 2012); paper presented: "Happy birthday Italy? Institutions and economic performance in Italy since 1861" (with Michelangelo Vasta, University of Siena, Italy)

- *European Association Of Business History* Annual Conference (Athens, August 2011); paper presented: "Law, firms' governance and economic performance in post-1945 Italy" (with Michelangelo Vasta, University of Siena, Italy)
- *Economic History Society* Annual Conference (Cambridge, March 2010); paper presented: "Law, firms' governance and economic performance in post-1945 Italy" (with Michelangelo Vasta, University of Siena, Italy)
- *Economic History Society* Annual Conference (Warwick, April 2009); paper presented: "Gold, money, and prices during the Napoleonic wars: was Ricardo right?" (with George Chouliarakis, University of Manchester)
- *Association Of Business Historians* Annual Conference (Birmingham, July 2008); paper presented: "Just a little is enough"? Microcredit in post WWII Britain.
- *Economic History Society* Annual Conference (Nottingham, April 2008); paper presented: *Financial intermediation and the real economy in Italy (1861-1913)*
- *Association Of Business Historians* Annual Conference (Wolverhampton, June 2007); Paper presented: *Size, structure, and strategies: insolvency and "the nature of the firm" in Italy, 1920s-1970s* (With M. Vasta University of Siena, Italy)
- *European Association Of Business History* Annual Conference (Copenhagen, August 2006) Paper presented: *Size, structure, and strategies: insolvency and "the nature of the firm" in Italy, 1920s-1970s* (With M. Vasta University of Siena, Italy)
- *XIV International Economic History Congress* (Helsinki, August 2006). Paper presented: *The historical evolution of bankruptcy law*
- *European Association of Banking and Financial History: The state and financial services.* (Lisbon, May); paper presented: *State, institutions, and efficiency.*
- *Economic History Society* Annual Conference (Lester, April 2005); paper presented: *Law, class and entrepreneurship: bankruptcy and debt discharge in England and Wales, c. 1890-1939*
- *Association Of Business Historians* Annual Conference (Glasgow, June 2005); paper presented: *Business history and the problem of inefficient institutions*
- *Department Of Economic and Social History*, University of Glasgow (November 2005); paper presented: *Law, class and entrepreneurship: bankruptcy and debt discharge in England and Wales, c. 1890-1939*
- *Department of Economics*, University of Manchester (November 2005); paper presented: *Law, class and entrepreneurship: bankruptcy and debt discharge in England and Wales, c. 1890-1939*
- *Association of Business Historians* Annual Conference (Nottingham, June 2004); paper presented: *Law, class and entrepreneurship: bankruptcy and debt discharge in England and Wales, c. 1890-1939*

Graduate supervision

PhD

- 2008-09, N. Garrot: *Manchester renaissance*. Principal supervisor. Self-funded student.
- Since 2006-09, P. Braddock: *The Coal industry in Germany and Britain 1918-1936*. Member of supervision panel.

Master

- 2011-12 Titi Ilayo Adenigba, *FDI in India*. Sole supervisor
- 2011-12 Muntasir Shami, *A study of legal institution in Sudan* Sole supervisor
- 2011-12 Mo Chen, *Causes of the 2008-9 financial crises*. Sole supervisor
- 2011-12 Min Xue, *State-owned firms in China*. Sole supervisor

- **2011-12** Yiran Shang, *Link between corporate governance value offirms*. Sole supervisor
- **2010-11** *The role of Greece in the Euro crtsis*. Sole supervisor
- **2010-11** *The Tobin Tax*. Sole supervisor
- **2010-11** *Competitiveness in African countries*. Sole supervisor
- **2010-11** *the adoption ofthe Euro in Cyprus*. Sole supervisor
- **2008-09** Colin Burke, *Imprisonmentfor Debt in Britain*. Sole supervisor.
- **2006-07** Conor MacManus, *The economie development of Manchester (1980-2000)*. Sole supervisor
- **2006-07** Nick Garrot: *British banks and the government during WWI*. Sole supervisor

Teachio2 experieoces

- British, European, and international economie and business history
- Financial and monetary history and theory
- Introductory and advanced business economies
- Institutional theory and history