

# Curriculum Vitae of Denni Tommasi

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## Current Position

2017 - Present: FNRS Graduate Fellow, Université libre de Bruxelles (ECARES).  
2017 - Present: Visiting Fellow at Boston College, Sponsor: Arthur Lewbel.

## Education

2012 - 2017: PhD in Economics, Université libre de Bruxelles (ECARES).  
Visiting Fellow at University of Copenhagen, Fall 2016, Sponsor: Mette Gørtz.  
Visiting Fellow at Boston College, 2015/2016, Sponsor: Arthur Lewbel.  
2011 - 2012: MSc in Statistics, *Cum Laude*, University of Bologna.  
2008 - 2010: MSc in Economics (LMEC), *Cum Laude*, University of Bologna.  
2005 - 2008: BA in Economics, *Cum Laude*, University of Trento.

## References

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## Research Fields

Primary Fields: Development and Labor Economics.  
Secondary Fields: Applied Microeconomics.

## Job Market Paper

“Control of Resources and Demand for Food” [[Latest version](#)].

*I combine structural and reduced-form identification techniques to estimate the effects of controlling individual resources on household demand for food. Exploiting random assignment of the Mexican PROGRESA program as an instrument for maternal control of resources, I show that mothers having majority control of household resources increase the share of consumption on food by 6.5-8.3 percent. I use these estimates to argue that, by knowing the distribution of pre-program resources inside the household, and hence how much influence each decision maker can have on the final outcome, a policymaker can improve the cost-effectiveness of a cash transfer program by targeting the cash to resource shares in addition to gender.*

## Working Papers

1. “Women’s Empowerment and Family Health: Estimating LATE with Mismeasured Treatment”, with R. Calvi (Rice University) and A. Lewbel (Boston College). (*Under review*). [[link](#)].
2. “Household Responses to Cash Transfers”, with B. De Rock (ECARES) and T. Potoms (ECARES). (*Under review*). [[link](#)].
3. “Estimating Household Resource Shares: A Shrinkage Approach”, with A. Wolf (Institute of Fiscal Studies). (*Under review*). [[link](#)].
4. “The Value Added by Art Experts: The case of Klaus Ertz and Pieter Brueghel the Younger”, with A. Radermecker (ULB) and V. Ginsburgh (ECARES). (*Coming soon*).
5. “Informational shocks and street-food safety: A field study in urban India”, with G. Daniele (Bocconi University) and S. Mookerjee (Georgetown University). (*Coming soon*).
6. “How Cash Transfers Improve Child Development” (2016). [[link](#)].

## Teaching

Spring 2017: TA for “Seminars in Econometrics” (Graduate, ECARES).

Fall 2016: Instructor for “Causal identification in micro-econometrics” (Graduate, ECARES).

Fall 2013: TA for “Applied econometrics” (Graduate, ECARES).

## Research Grants

2013 - 2016: Principal Investigator (with G. Daniele and S. Mookerjee) of the “Danish Civil Society Fund” for the Randomized Control Trial (RCT) “Street Food Project” with the support of [InnoAid.org](#) (Grant: 1,740,550 DKK, appx. 233,971 €).

## Organization of workshops

26-27 October 2016: “15th EUDN PhD Workshop on Development Economics” (in Bruxelles) (Co-organizers: G. Aldashev and P. Verwimp).

## Scholarships, Honors and Awards

2014 - Present: FNRS Graduate Scholarship.

2013 - 2014: MiniArc Scholarship, Université Libre de Bruxelles (ECARES).

2012 - 2013: Research Assistantship, Université Libre de Bruxelles (ECARES).

2012: Dissertation award, University of Bologna.

2011: Licenza Magistralis, Collegio Superiore, University of Bologna.

2010: EIEF scholarship (*declined*).

2008 - 2010: Collegio Superiore scholarship, University of Bologna.

2006 - 2008: Programme of Excellence Award (PDE), University of Trento.

2007 - 2008: 1-year scholarship to study at Durham University (UK).

## Presentations at Conferences and Seminars

2017: • Georgetown University (scheduled), • Boston College (scheduled), • Boston University (scheduled), • LAGV Conference (in Aix en Provence), • Université libre de Bruxelles (ECARES), • University of Copenhagen, • University College London, • Tilburg University, • Econometric Society Winter Meeting (in Chicago).

2016: • University of Copenhagen, • Stockholm University, • Université libre de Bruxelles (ECARES), • Harvard University, • Boston College, • Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, • LAGV Conference (in Aix en Provence).

2015: • Boston University, • Boston College, • Université libre de Bruxelles (ECARES), • NEUDC Conference (at Brown University), • University of Leuven, • Jamboree Conference (in Mannheim), • University of Nottingham, • CSAE Conference (in Oxford), • Spring Meeting of Young Economists (in Gent), • UCL-Namur Doctoral Workshop (in Louvain-la-Neuve), • LMEC Workshop (at University of Bologna), • Paris School of Economics, • Université Catholique de Louvain.

2014: • Paris School of Economics, • University of Namur, • Vrije Universiteit Brussel.

2013: • PoRESP Conference (in Bruxelles).

## Refereeing

*Review of Economics of the Household, Journal of Development Studies.*