

# Simona Cicognani

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Current position

Jan 2016–Jan 2019 **Research fellow**, *Department of Economics*, University of Verona.  
Advisor: Professor Alessandro Buccioli

### Past academic positions

Jan 2015–Jan 2016 **Research fellow**, *Department of Economics - CAST (Center for Advanced Studies in Tourism)*, University of Bologna.  
Advisor: Professor Paolo Figini

### Research interests

Primary Behavioral and Experimental Economics  
Secondary Labor Economics

### Education

- Nov 2010–Apr 2015 **Ph.D. in Economics and Management**, *University of Trento*, Dissertation: "Three essays in experimental and labor economics".  
Supervisor: Professor Luigi Mittone
- Dec 2011 Certificate of Advanced Studies in Economics and Management, *University of Trento*
- Sep 2007–Oct 2008 **M.Sc. in Public Economics**, *University of York*, Dissertation: "Labor Supply of Married Women: an Empirical Application to UK data".  
Supervisor: Professor Peter Simmons
- Sep 2004–Jul 2007 **M.A. in Economics, Summa cum Laude**, *University of Bologna*, Dissertation: "Public Intervention and Information Diffusion in the Consumption of Tobacco".  
Supervisor: Professor Alberto Zanardi
- Sep 2001–Jul 2004 **B.A. in Economics and Trade, Summa cum Laude**, *University of Bologna*, Dissertation: "The Role of Inequality and Growth in the Achievement of Millennium Goal by 2015".  
Supervisor: Professor Claudio Zoli

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## Visiting positions

- Jun 2013–Jun 2014 Visiting Ph.D. student at Groupe d'Analyse et de Theorie Economique (GATE - LSE), Lyon. Advisor: Professor Marie Claire Villeval
- Nov 2006–Jun 2007 Visiting graduate student for dissertation abroad at the University of York. Advisor: Professor Martin Forster
- Sep 2004–Sep 2005 Visiting Erasmus student at the Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona

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## Research

### Publications

- 2015 “Community Projects: An Experimental Analysis of a Fair Implementation Process”, with Anna D'Ambrosio, Werner Güth, Simone Pfuderer and Matteo Ploner, **Social Choice and Welfare**, 44(1)
- 2014 “Over-confidence and low-cost heuristics: an experimental investigation of choice behavior”, with Luigi Mittone, **Economics - The Open-Access, Open-Assessment E-Journal**, Journal Article No. 2014-36

### Working papers

- 2017 “The social status-enhancing power of social ties”, with Alessandro Bucciol and Luca Zarri - Working Paper Department of Economics (Verona) No. 04/2017 (March 2017) – *Submitted*
- 2017 “The secret to job satisfaction is low expectations: How perceived working conditions differ from actual ones”, with Martina Cioni and Marco Savioli - Working Paper Department of Economics (Siena) No. 749 (March 2017) – *Submitted*
- 2016 “Social Influence Bias in Online Ratings: A Field Experiment”, with Paolo Figini and Marco Magnani - Working Paper Department of Economics (Bologna) No. 1060 (February 2016) – *Submitted*
- 2015 “Gender quotas or girls' networks? Towards an understanding of recruitment in the research profession in Italy”, with Daniele Checchi and Nevena Kulic. Quaderni - Working Paper Department of Economics (Bologna) No. 1047 (December 2015) – *R&R - Work, Employment and Society*

### Popular writings and media coverage

- 2017 “Lavoro, chi si accontenta gode?”, with Martina Cioni and Marco Savioli, inGenere.it, 02/05/2017. ISSN: 2039-1838.
- 2017 “Università, donne nelle commissioni dei concorsi penalizzano le candidate”, Corriere della Sera, 06/03/2017
- 2016 “Riceratrici. Le quote di genere in commissione non bastano”, with Daniele Checchi and Nevena Kulic, inGenere.it, 29/03/2016. ISSN: 2039-1838.

### Work in progress

- “Exploring information aversion: an experimental analysis”, with Marie Claire Villeval

- “Booking in the Rain: the impact of weather forecasts on sea and sun destinations”, with Paolo Figini and Lorenzo Zirulia
- “It’s time to cheat!”, with Alessandro Bucciol and Natalia Montinari
- “Control questions in economic lab experiments: which set-up is more advisable?”, with Maria Bigoni
- “Climate change dilemmas: an experimental analysis”, with Maria Vittoria Levati and Ivan Soraperra

## Awards, scholarships and research grants

- 2017 Cooperint internazionalization scholarship for visiting research period to be spent at CREED -Center for Research in Experimental Economics and Political Decision Making-, University of Amsterdam, Department of Economics
- 2017 Co-Investigator, “The role of behavioral strategies in effectively promoting STEM education”, Bando di ateneo per la ricerca di base, University of Verona
- 2016 Best Paper Award. Young Economists’ Workshop on Social Economy, University of Bologna, Forlì
- 2016 Principal Investigator, “Exploring willingness to insure against adverse holiday weather: a Big Data investigation”, Research grant Groupama – Individuals and Risk. Analysis and Market Response –, €10,000.
- 2014 PALSE (Programme Avenir Lyon Saint-Etienne) six-month mobility scholarship for incoming Ph.D. students in the region Rhone-Alpes, France
- 2013–2014 Full-time doctoral scholarship, University of Trento
- 2010–2013 Full-time doctoral scholarship, IRVAPP (Research Institute for the Evaluation of Public Policies), Trento
- 2007 Credito Cooperativo Forlì prize for Best Graduates of the Year
- 2006–2007 Scholarship for dissertation abroad, University of Bologna. Seven months spent at the University of York
- 2004–2005 Erasmus scholarship, European Union and University of Bologna. One year spent at the Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona

## Teaching

- A.Y. 2016–2017 *Econometrics*, (undergraduate, language: Italian), Adjunct Professor (3 CFU), University of Verona, Bachelor in Applied Mathematics, fall term
- A.Y. 2016–2017 *Behavioral economics*, (undergraduate, language: English), T.A., University of Bologna (Bologna Campus), fall term
- A.Y. 2016–2017 *Microeconomics*, (undergraduate, language: Italian), Adjunct Professor (2 CFU), University of Verona, Bachelor in Economics and Management, fall term
- A.Y. 2015–2016 *Public sector economics*, (graduate, language: Italian), T.A., University of Bologna (Forlì Campus), fall term

- A.Y. 2015–2016 *Economic and environmental policy*, (undergraduate, language: Italian), T.A., University of Bologna (Rimini Campus), fall term
- A.Y. 2014–2015, *Behavioral economics*, (graduate, language: English), T.A., University of Bologna (Rimini Campus), fall term
- A.Y. 2014–2015, *Industrial organization*, (graduate, language: English), T.A., University of Bologna (Rimini Campus), fall term
- A.Y. 2014–2015 *Laboratory in tourism microeconomics* (graduate, language: English), T.A., University of Bologna (Rimini Campus), spring term
- A.Y. 2011–2012, *Markets laboratory*, (undergraduate, language: Italian), T.A., University of Trento, spring term
- A.Y. 2011–2012, *STATA tutorial* (Ph.D. level, language: English), instructor, University of Trento, School of Social Sciences
- A.Y. 2011–2012, *Microeconomics*, (undergraduate, language: Italian), T.A., University of Trento, fall term

### Presentations at conferences, seminars and schools

- 2017 International Association for Tourism Economics (IATE) Conference, Rimini
- 2017 Young Economists' Workshop on Social Economy, University of Bologna, Forlì (*discussant*)
- 2017 IDEE meeting, University of Bologna, Department of Economics
- 2017 International Meeting on Experimental and Behavioral Social Sciences (IMEBESS), Barcelona
- 2017 ALP-POP International Population Conference, La Thuile
- 2016 SIE Conference (Annual Congress of the Italian Economic Association), Milan
- 2016 Tourism Economics And Management (TEAM) series of seminars, University of Bologna (Rimini Campus) (*invited*)
- 2016 Gender Gaps Conference, Group for Research in APplied Economics (GRAPE), Warsaw
- 2016 Young Economists' Workshop on Social Economy, University of Bologna, Forlì (*invited*)
- 2016 International Meeting on Experimental and Behavioral Social Sciences (IMEBESS), Rome
- 2016 IDEE meeting, University of Bologna, Department of Economics
- 2016 SONIC meeting, University of Bologna, Department of Economics
- 2015 SIE conference (Annual Congress of the Italian Economic Association), Naples
- 2015 Tourism Economics And Management (TEAM) series of seminars, University of Bologna (Rimini Campus) (*invited*)
- 2015 SONIC meeting, University of Bologna, Department of Economics
- 2015 Summer School on "Gender Economics and Society", University of Turin and Collegio Carlo Alberto

- 2015 Young Economists' Workshop on Social Economy, University of Bologna, Forlì (*discussant*)
- 2015 Winter School on "Differences matter: Genders in Labor Markets", FBK-IRVAPP & University of Trento (*invited*)
- 2015 European University Institute - Inequality working group (*invited*)
- 2014 AFSE conference (Annual Congress of the French Economic Association), Lyon
- 2013 GATE seminar, Lyon
- 2013 The 10th Young Economists' Workshop on Social Economy, University of Bologna, Forlì
- 2013 Florence International Workshop on Behavioral and Experimental Economics

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### Participation to schools and courses

- 2017 z-Tree Course, University of Konstanz
- 2016 oTree Workshop, European University Institute
- 2015 Summer School in Economics of Education and Self-regulation, University of Mainz
- 2015 Summer School on "Gender Economics and Society", University of Turin and Collegio Carlo Alberto
- 2015 Winter School on "Differences matter: Genders in Labor Markets", FBK-IRVAPP & University of Trento
- 2012 Summer School on "Applied and Non-Parametric Methods", Barcelona Graduate School of Economics
- 2012 Summer School on "Dynamic and Non-Linear Panel Data Models", Barcelona Graduate School of Economics
- 2012 z-Tree Course, University of Bologna
- 2012 IRVAPP Winter School on "Fundamentals and Methods for Impact Evaluation of Public Policies", Trento
- 2011 Italian STATA Users Group meeting; Course on "Treatments effects estimation using STATA", Venice
- 2011 OPENLOC School on "Fundamentals of Economic Policy Evaluation", University of Bologna

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### Other work experience

- Mar 2009–Sep 2010 Applied Economist, IFEL (Institute for Local Finance and Economy) - Fondazione ANCI, Rome. Applied econometric research aiming to assess the performance of city councils from a federalism perspective
- Oct 2008–Feb 2009 Internship at the European Commission, DG BEPA (Bureau of European Policy Advisors), Economic Team, Brussels. Main projects: empirical works on the relationship between fiscal policy and culture

- Feb 2007–May 2007 Research assistant, University of York. “Co-operation and conflict in the management of a health scare: the work of the Tobacco Industry Research Committee, 1953-1964”, by Sue Bowden, Martin Forster and Martin Walsh
- Mar 2004–May 2004 University apprenticeship, CRESEM (Centro di Ricerche e Studi Economico Manageriali), Forlì

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## Computer skills

Econometrics	STATA, R
Lab experiments	z-Tree, oTree, ORSEE
Text editing	Microsoft Office, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X

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## Languages

Italian	Mother tongue
English	Advanced
Spanish	Advanced
French	Intermediate
German	Basic

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## Professional affiliations

- VELE Verona Experimental Lab in Economics (since 2016)
- CEEL Cognitive and Experimental Economics Laboratory, Trento (since 2011)
- ESA Economic Science Association (since 2014)
- SIE Italian Economic Association (since 2015)
- RCEA Rimini Centre for Economic Analysis (since 2015)

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## References

### **Prof. Maria Bigoni**

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### **Prof. Marie Claire Villeval**

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orie Economique Lyon St. Etienne)  
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