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Biographies of the speakers

Stefano Bartolini, University of Siena



Stefano Bartolini is Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Siena and is author of several articles published on prestigious international academic reviews. He has been consultant of the World Bank and organized several international conferences, including the International Conference on Policies for Happiness, Siena, June 2007.

His research starts from the observation that the current economic and social order seems unsustainable from at least three points of view: the degradation of the natural environment, of the human relationships and of human well-being. The crucial questions motivating his activity are: why does it happen? Most importantly, how to reconcile a better quality of our environment, relationships and well-being with economic prosperity?

His studies on the determinants of the time trend happiness and the definition of measures of well-being more reliable than GDP will be among the topics of his lectures at the Siena Training Course on Statistics, Knowledge and Policy: Understanding Societal Change. These studies have recently attracted the interest of the Sarkozy-Stiglitz commission, which is meant to suggest improvements in standard measures of national well-being.

Daniel Byk, STATEC - Luxembourg



Born in 1948, Daniel BYK followed the French track to become a qualified statistician: scientific baccalaureate, preparatory classes to present “Grandes Ecoles” entry competition and studies at EBSAE from 1970 till 1972.

He joined INSEE conjuncture (short term trends) service in 1972. He passed the entry competition to the European Commission services in 1972 and integrated its Statistical Office – Eurostat this same year.

His carrier in the European statistical agency involved different activities: statistical data base management, publication and dissemination, business statistics, statistical cooperation...

He was acting director and the appointed one Director from 1998 till 2003. He then managed a directorate covering external trade statistics, transport statistics, communication and dissemination and cooperation with non European countries.

During this period he was actively involved in Eurostat corporate approach “Qualistat” as well as relation with medias.

Since 2004 he is seconded to the government of Luxembourg and work as adviser to the Minister delegate for Foreign affairs and Immigration.

Member of ISI since 2000, Daniel BYK is very active in the many folds field of improving relation between statistics and its users.

Alessandra Galloni, Paris-based Southern Europe Bureau Chief, The Wall Street Journal

Alessandra Galloni is the The Wall Street Journal’s Paris-based Southern Europe Bureau Chief, responsible for leading the paper’s coverage of French, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese business, politics and the economy as well as luxury goods and technology industries.

Previously based in Rome, Galloni covered the European luxury sector and Italian business and politics, leading the paper’s coverage of the Parmalat corporate scandal, for which she received an Overseas Press Club award in 2004 and a Business Journalist of the Year award in the U.K. in 2005.

Galloni worked for six years at The Associated Press and Reuters news agencies in Rome and London before joining The Wall Street Journal in 2001 as European advertising and media reporter out of the London bureau.

Born in Rome, Galloni graduated from Harvard University in 1995 and received a Masters at the London School of Economics and Politics in 2002.

Enrico Giovannini, Chief Statistician, OECD



Born in Rome on 6th June 1957, he graduated in Economics from “La Sapienza” University of Rome in March 1981. He continued his studies at the Institute of Economic Policy at the same Faculty, specialising in econometric analysis.

In December 1982 he was employed by the National Institute of Statistics (Istat), assigned primarily to the “Research Department”, and later to the “National Accounts Department” where he performed several tasks, taking care of studies on the Italian economic short-term dynamic and participating in several research projects.

He was a consultant at the Ministry of Treasury (on behalf of which he managed the construction of two econometric models) and also at the Confindustria (Italian Manufacturers’ Association) working on the development of its econometric model.

In December 1989 he became research director at the National Institute for Short-term Economic Analysis, where he took care, particularly, of monetary and financial analyses. In January 1992 he moved to National Institute of Statistics (Istat), where he headed the Service for Econometric Studies. He was also in charge of the creation of the first two versions of the “Istat Annual Report” (1992 and 1993).

From December 1993 to May 1997 he was head of the “National Accounts and Economic Analysis Department”; from September 1994 to December 1995 he was acting head of the “Dissemination and Data Bank Department”. In December 1996 he was appointed Director for Economic Statistics.

In September 2000 he was appointed Director of Statistics and Chief Statistician of OECD: he took up the post on 1 January 2001.

He is member of several Committees of the European Commission and of other International Organisations. From February 1995 to March 1999 he was member of the executive body of the Committee for the monetary, financial and balance of payments statistics (CMFB). During the six-months of the Italian presidency at the European Union (January-June 1996) he was the chairman of the Working Groups of the European Council “Financial matters” and “Economic Matters” about statistical subjects.

He is member of the Italian Statistical Society and of the International Statistical Institute. He took part in the Council of the Interuniversity Committee for Econometrics (CIDE) and of the Council of the Italian Statistical Society. He was a member of the strategic Committee of the Ministry of Treasury for the introduction of the Euro in Italy and of several scientific Committees at Italian universities and research institutes.

He is a full professor of economic statistics at the University of Rome “Tor Vergata”. He has published many articles in economics and statistics, and has edited several books.

Jon Hall, Global Project, OECD



Jon Hall has been leading the OECD's Global Project on Measuring the Progress of Societies since it began in 2005. He came to the OECD from the Australian Bureau of Statistics where he spent seven years, mainly leading a ground-breaking project to publish the first set of measures of Australia's progress, a publication that went on to top the Bulletin magazine's social category in their 'Smart 100' awards.

He has a degree in maths and a master's degree in statistics from the UK and an executive masters in public service administration from the Australian and New Zealand School of Government. An Australian and British citizen, Jon has also worked for the British public service, for the World Food Program in Zambia and as a spectacularly unsuccessful house painter, security guard and waiter in the USA.

Jon is co-authoring a book for the OECD on measuring progress and another, in his spare time, on where to watch mammals around the world.

Barbara Iasiello, Global Project, OECD



Barbara Iasiello was born in Sardinia and grew up in Rome. She has a degree in Political Science, where her thesis looked at the anti-globalization movement. She also has a master's degree in Development Economics and International Co-operation, from the University of Tor Vergata.

She joined the OECD in 2006 where she helped produce the OECD Factbook, a publication that provides a global overview of today's major economic, social and environmental indicators. She was also managed requests for information from users of OECD statistics.

She joined the Global Project on Measuring the Progress of Societies at the start of 2008. Before she had officially started her new job she was asked to travel to Ethiopia and give a presentation to 50 people... and she was asked to do all this with less than 2 days warning. But she wasn't put off. And since January she has spent her time undertaking research into "What makes a successful set of indicators", a project that has involved talking to a broad range of users and producers of statistics in Europe and the USA. She has also coordinated the Global Project's new training programme and taken the lead in organising the Siena course, and worked in collaboration with the African Development Bank to develop the project in Africa.

Achille Lemmi, University of Siena

Achille Lemmi is Professor of Economic Statistics at the University of Siena where is director of the "C. Dagum" University Research Centre on Income Distribution" (Cridire). He is member of the editorial board of the Journal of Economic Inequality and of Statistics in Transition and he belongs to the following Scientific Societies: International Statistical Institute (Isi), American Statistical Association (Asa) and Società Italiana di Statistica (Sis).

His present areas of interest and research include personal income distribution models, poverty and living conditions estimation and analysis in the cross-sectional and in the longitudinal framework.

In the last ten years he has published more than 50 papers and books on these arguments. In particular he his co-editor of the books on "Income Distribution, Social Welfare, Inequality, and Poverty" published by JAI-Press in 1995, of the book on "Fuzzy Set Approach to Multidimensional Poverty Measurement" published by Springer in 2006, and of the book on "Advances on Income Inequality and Concentration Measures" published by Routledge in 2008.

In the framework of living condition analysis, poverty estimation and inequality measurement he has been consultant of the Italian Government, of the Eu Commission on Social Affaires, of public statistical agencies (Eurostat and Istat) and of several Local Italian Institutions (Regions, Provinces, Municipalities). As scientific contractor of the Tes Institute he has organised special courses and summer schools in Italy and abroad; in particular a summer school on social statistics in Siena and a summer school in Malta on the fuzzy measurement of poverty and social exclusion

Other areas of research include: time-series analysis, structural linear models, productivity analysis and measurement, sampling design, index numbers.

Filomena Maggino, International Society of Quality of Life Studies (ISQOLS)



Professor of Social Statistics at the University of Florence (Italy). She focused and focuses the methodological aspects previously mentioned in numerous and different ground applications.

In the past she conducted research works concerning the creation of computerized information systems supporting public intervention directed to population groups at high risk (elderly and young people, mental patients, etc.). In this perspective, she participated to experimental projects finalized to the construction of monitoring systems supporting social- and health-services.

At the moment, she is focusing on the application of methodological aspects, previously listed, in the field of Quality of Life and Well-Being of societies. She also studies the construction of systems of indicators finalized to the evaluation of public structures and services (schools, universities) and the role of subjective indicators in these systems.

Vice President of the *International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies (ISQOLS)* of Academic Affairs. Member of several international and national associations and scientific committee of numerous international conferences.

Editorial Boards member of *Social Indicators Research* journal (Springer) and of *International Journal of Testing* (Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, Inc.).

She will chair the IX ISQOLS Conference that will be held in Florence (Italy), July 19-23, 2009.

Angelo Riccaboni, Dean of the Faculty of Economics, University of Siena



Angelo Riccaboni is Dean of the *Richard Goodwin School of Economics*, University of Siena, where he teaches Management Control Systems. He is Member of the Management Committee of the European Accounting Association. He has been a Visiting Scholar at the University of Southern California (Los Angeles), INSEAD, London School of Economics, University of Wales, Bangor (United Kingdom), Columbia Business School, DePaul University Chicago.

He holds a PhD in Business Administration from the University of Pisa. During his PhD Programme was Visiting Research Assistant at New York University and Harvard Business School.

He serves on the editorial board of international and Italian journals, among which *Management Accounting Research*, *Accounting History*, *Revista de Contabilidad*, *Contabilità e cultura aziendale*.

His research interests focus on the links between Governance and Control. On these topics has published on international journals such as *Accounting*, *Organizations and Society*, *Management Accounting Research* and *Journal of Management and Governance*.

Before teaching in Siena, he was a lecturer in Accounting at the University of Wales.

He has been a member of the *Management, Statistics and Economics Panel* of the 2001-2003 *National Research Evaluation Exercise*.

He was Chairman of the Evaluation Committee of the University of Siena (1996-2005), Vice Rector for the Arezzo Campus of the University of Siena (1997-2005), Chairman of the Laurea Degree in Management of SMEs (2001-2005) and of the Laurea Magistrale in Governance and Control (2004-2005), Director of GINTS, Master Programme in Banking, Management and New Technologies (2000-2006). He has been a member of the Board of the European Accounting Association (2003-2006).

Jim Ridgway, Durham University, UK



Jim Ridgway is an applied psychologist working at Durham University, UK, where he directs the Smart Centre. After an early career as a programmer and systems analyst, he taught cognitive psychology at Lancaster University; he now teaches and supervises postgraduate students at Durham.

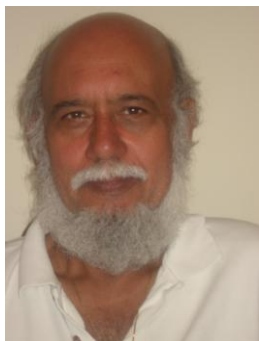
His current work focuses on reasoning from multivariate evidence. He has authored, jointly authored, and edited books and papers on reasoning with multivariate data, problem solving, educational change, assessment, uses of computers in education, and mathematics education for school and work.

He has collaborated with researchers in the USA at Harvard and Berkeley, in Europe at the Sorbonne and elsewhere, and is currently initiating projects in Australia and New Zealand, in addition to major UK projects. His pioneering work on e-assessment, notably on problem solving skills in science, mathematics and technology, has had a wide take up; tests have been used in 16 different countries, so far.

Jim has served on national research council boards in the UK; on the board of international and national academic associations such as the British Psychological Society, and the European Association for Research on Learning and Instruction. He is an associate editor of the Statistical Journal of the International Association for Official Statistics.

Jim is a member of the expert panel for the OECD Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies.

Vijay Verma, University of Siena



Professor Vijay VERMA of University of Siena, Italy, has wide experience in survey design and analysis internationally, including on European social surveys.

He is a graduate of Indian Institute of Technology at Kharagpur, India, obtaining MSc from London School of Economics and Ph.D. from University of Cambridge.

Verma began his career as a demographer and statistician at the World Fertility Survey in London. He has been a Technical Adviser at United Nations Statistical Office in New York, Director of Research Centre of International Statistical Institute in The Hague, Research Professor at University of Essex, Director for International Social Research at ORC International, London, and an independent statistical consultant to international organisations. On behalf of the United Nations, International Labour Office and other international agencies, Verma has provided training and technical assistance in nearly 50 developing and transition countries worldwide, and has been a consultant to Eurostat for twenty years.

His research and publication have covered diverse areas of statistical methodology, applications and analysis, with focus on sampling and survey design. Apart from numerous reports and conferences presentations, Verma has published in reputed international journals including Journal of the American Statistical Association, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, International Statistical Review, Journal of Official Statistics, Survey Methodology, and Statistics in Transition. He is an Associate Editor for Survey Methodology and Statistics in Transition. Verma has authored handbooks on labour force surveys (ILO), sampling methods (Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific), computation and analysis of sampling errors (United Nations), harmonisation of family budget surveys (Eurostat), methodological manuals on income statistics and on sampling for EU-SILC (Statistics on Income and Living Conditions, Eurostat), sampling manual on child labour surveys (ILO), and 2nd European Social Report on Income Poverty and Social Exclusion (European Commission).