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Speaker Profiles

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Vincenzo Atella is a Professor of Economics at the University of Rome Tor Vergata where he teaches courses of Macroeconomics and Applied Health Economics at graduate and post graduate level. He is also adjunct associate of the Center for Health Policy at Stanford University where he has been visiting professor several times. Currently, he is CEIS Tor Vergata Director, Scientific Director of the Farmafactoring Foundation, President of the Italian Health Economic Association (AIES), chief economist of the Italian Association of General Practitioners (SIMG) and member and of AGENAS scientific committee. In the recent past he has been member of the International Committee of Experts advising IQWiG (the German Agency for Health Care) for setting national guidelines for Economic Evaluation and member of the Italian Committee for Drug Price appointed by the Ministry of Treasury. He also served as member of the “Strategic Evaluation Committee” of the Italian Drug Agency (AIFA), and has been consultant for the Italian Regional Agency for Health Care Services, the National Institute of Health, the WHO and the World Bank.

Prof. Atella has been coordinator of a large European Research Network called TECH Europe who received financial support by the European Science Foundation. His most recent research activity has focused on poverty, income distribution and health economics. In this last field his research deals with the introduction of new technologies in the health sector, the impact of different co-payment systems on pharmaceutical decision making by physicians and on drug consumption by patients, forecasting health expenditure and with health related income inequalities. The results of this research activity have been published on several international refereed journals as well books.
FEDERICO BELOTTI

Federico Belotti is Assistant Professor of Econometrics at the Department of Economics of the University of Rome Tor Vergata where he teaches Econometrics, Microeconometrics and Statistical Computing at graduate and post graduate level. He is also a fellow of the CEIS Tor Vergata. His research focuses on both theoretical and applied econometrics. Federico is the primary author of three popular Stata commands providing a significant addition to Stata’s capabilities in terms of stochastic frontier, two-part and spatial models. Their popularity make Federico one of the top young economists in the world according to the Repec algorithm. He has been awarded from the Italian Statistical Society with the prize for the best Italian PhD thesis on Applied Statistics (2012) and with the best young researcher paper award at the XII European Workshop on Efficiency and Productivity Analysis (EWEPA) for his work on the consistent estimation of fixed-effects stochastic frontier models.

Prior to joining the University of Rome Tor Vergata, Federico was a researcher at the Italian National Institute of Statistics (ISTAT). He has also been a visiting scholar at the City University of New York (Hunter College, Department of Economics).
FRANCESCA COLOMBO

Francesca Colombo, M.Sc., is Head of the Health Division at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. She is responsible for work on health, which aims at providing internationally comparable data on health systems and applying economic analysis to health policies, advising policy makers, stakeholders and citizens on how to respond to demands for more and better health care and make health systems more people centred. Major activities of the OECD Health Division cover trends in health spending; measuring of health care outcomes, activities and inputs; health care quality policies; assessing health system efficiency and value for money; long-term care systems and ageing; the economics of public health; pharmaceutical policies, new technologies and big data in health; and health workforce. Major publications resulting from the work of the Division she manages includes Health at a Glance, Tackling Wasteful Spending on Health, New Health Technologies, Tackling Harmful Alcohol Use, Making Mental Health Count, Health Data Governance, and Cardiovascular Disease and Diabetes: Policies for Better Health and Quality of Care (More at http://www.oecd.org/health/health-publications.htm).

Mrs Colombo has over 20 years of experience leading international activities on health and health systems. She has led projects covering a wide range of topics, including quality of health care policies, health financing and the impact of private health insurance on health systems, health workforce and the international migration of doctors and nurses. She has been responsible for the OECD Asian Social and Health activities with non-member countries, working with the OECD/Korea Policy Centre. She is a leading international expert on health and care issues for elderly populations and also held responsibilities for coordinating OECD involvement at high-level meetings such as on diabetes, dementia and health workforce. Mrs Colombo joined the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development in 1999. Prior to that, she was seconded to the Ministry of Health and Labour of Guyana as acting head of the Planning Unit, where she was instrumental to the implementation of financing and governance reforms of the health system, and also worked at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. Over her career, she has travelled extensively in Europe, South America and Asia, advising governments on health system policies and reforms. She holds a M.Sc. in development studies from the London School of Economics and Political Science and B.Sc. in economics and management from Bocconi University.
DANA GOLDMAN

Dana Goldman is the Leonard D. Schaeffer Chair and a Distinguished Professor of Pharmacy, Public Policy, and Economics at the University of Southern California. He also directs the Schaeffer Center for Health Policy and Economics, one of the nation’s premier health policy and management programs (ranked #3 by *US News & World Report*). Dr. Goldman is the author of over 200 articles and book chapters, and is a health policy advisor to the Congressional Budget Office, the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Institute, Covered California, and several health care companies. He is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine and the recipient of several prominent awards, including the Eugene Garfield Economic Impact Prize; the MetLife Foundation’s Silver Scholar Award; the National Institute for Health Care Management Award; and the Alice Hersh New Investigator Award. He received his BA from Cornell University and a PhD in economics from Stanford University.
Hideki Hashimoto is currently the professor in Health and Social Behaviour at the University of Tokyo School of Public Health. Starting his career as an internist and cardiologist, he has moved to health services research and evaluation study of health policy. He joined a project to overview Japan’s universal health coverage since 1961 in the Lancet Japan Series published in 2011, and contributed to the latest publication of Health in Transition Japan 2017. He has contributed as a core project member to launch a Japanese panel survey of middle-aged and older people (Japanese STudy of Ageing and Retirement; JSTAR) affiliated with US Health and Retirement Study and its global sister projects. He also has been the primary investigator for a population-based household survey for younger generation and their children in the greater metropolitan area (Japanese study of Stratification, Health, Income, and NEighborhood; J-SHINE) since 2010. He is nominated as an academic adviser for the Cabinet committee on the evidence-based policy making and statistics since 2017.
James J. Heckman has devoted his professional life to understanding the origins of major social and economic problems related to inequality, social mobility, discrimination, skill formation and regulation, and to devising and evaluating alternative strategies for addressing those problems. His work is rooted in economics, but he actively collaborates across disciplines to get to the heart of major problems. His recent interdisciplinary research on human development and skill formation over the life cycle draws on economics, psychology, genetics, epidemiology, and neuroscience to examine the origins of inequality, the determinants of social mobility, and the links among stages of the life cycle, starting in the womb.

Heckman has a BA (1965) in Mathematics from Colorado College and an MA (1968) and PhD (1971) in Economics from Princeton University. He has been at the Department of Economics at the University of Chicago since 1973. He was one of the founders of the Harris School of Public Policy, where he also has an appointment. Since 1991, he has been a research fellow at the American Bar Foundation and also holds an appointment at the Law School at the University of Chicago. In May 2014, he launched the Center for the Economics of Human Development at the University of Chicago which he directs.

In 2000, Heckman shared the Nobel Prize in Economics for his work on the microeconometrics of diversity and heterogeneity and for establishing a sound causal basis for public policy evaluation.
DAEJUNG KIM

Daejung Kim is working at Korea Institute for Health and Social Affairs (KIHASA) as a research fellow. KIHASA is a government research institute under the Prime Minister.

His research interest is in Health Economics, particularly focused on industrial organization of health industry. He had obtained Ph.D in Economics from Toulouse School of Economics (TSE) in 2010.

MACIEJ LIS

Maciej Lis is an economist in the Pensions and Ageing Team at the Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs at the OECD. He contributed to flagship publications: Preventing Ageing Unequally and the Pensions at a Glance. His research has focused on health and labour market dimensions of population ageing. At his previous post in the Institute for Structural Research in Poland, he built a microsimulation model for assessing energy poverty and worked on linking microsimulations with macro models. He holds a PhD degree from the Warsaw School of Economics.
PIERRE-CARL MICHAUD

Pierre-Carl Michaud is Professor of economics in the applied economics department of HEC Montreal. He holds the Industrielle Alliance Research Chair on the Economics of Demographic Change and is Director of the Retirement and Savings Institute at HEC. His research aims to understand life-cycle behaviour along a number of dimensions including savings, insurance and pensions as well as health investments and the economic consequences of demographic change. He has received funding from numerous organizations for this work and his research is published in top journals in economics, demography and public health.
Mr Godwin Mifsud is an economist by profession. He has completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Malta before proceeding with post-graduate degrees in Economics and Public Policy from the University of Essex (UK) and the University of Malta, respectively.

Mr Mifsud has served in the Maltese Public Service since 2002. After serving as Director responsible for Structural Economic Research at the Economic Policy Department within the Ministry for Finance since 2011, he was appointed as Director General in November 2015 within the same Ministry.

The Department’s responsibilities include providing economic advice on matters relating to the formulation of economic and financial policy, matters of structural economic relevance and Malta’s trade policy. The Department contributes to discussions on various aspects of the Maltese economy with international bodies and organisations, in particular through participation in meetings within the European Council and with the European Commission, the IMF and credit rating agencies on matters relating to economic conditions in Malta as well as structural, fiscal, trade and financial policy issues. In particular, the Department contributes to the national dimension of the European Semester, including through the drafting of the National Reform Programme and the Stability Programme.

Mr Mifsud is the Chair of the EPC Ageing Working Group and also Malta’s delegate on the Economic Policy Committee (EPC). Prior to that he was a member of the EPC Ageing Working Group (2006-2013), contributing to its keynote publication, the Ageing Report, particularly through the coordination of the pensions projections for Malta. Since 2005, Mr Mifsud has provided technical input to the pension reform process in Malta and more recently served as member of the Pensions Strategy Group appointed in 2014, and that advised the Government of Malta with respect to the reforms adopted in 2016. Recently, Mr Mifsud was nominated to the Retirement Income and Financial Capability Working Group that has been tasked with the implementation of the Strategy for Retirement Income and Financial Capability.

He is also a visiting academic at the University of Malta where he delivers courses in Econometrics and the Economics of Ageing and Pensions.
ANDREA PIANO MORTARI

Andrea Piano Mortari, Ph.D in Economic Theory, has been a research fellow at CEIS Tor Vergata since 2010. He works in applied health economics, econometrics and Stata programming. He is also a teaching assistant in microeconomics. Before joining CEIS he worked as an economic editor for a web based TV, he has been a “praticante profesional” for the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UN-ECLAC) and a trainee at the Italian Institute for Economic Analysis (ISAE).
PETER ORSZAG (via WebEx)

Peter R. Orszag is Vice Chairman and Managing Director at Lazard Freres & Co LLC in New York, where he also serves as Global Co-Head of Healthcare. He is also a Contributing Columnist at Bloomberg View.

Before joining Lazard in May 2016, Dr. Orszag served as Vice Chairman of Corporate and Investment Banking and Chairman of the Financial Strategy and Solutions Group at Citigroup, Inc. Prior to that, he served as a Distinguished Visiting Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations and a Contributing Columnist at the New York Times.

Dr. Orszag previously served as the Director of the Office of Management and Budget in the Obama Administration, a Cabinet-level position, from January 2009 until July 2010. From January 2007 to December 2008, Dr. Orszag was the Director of the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). Under his leadership, the agency significantly expanded its focus on areas such as health care and climate change.

Prior to CBO, Dr. Orszag was the Joseph A. Pechman Senior Fellow and Deputy Director of Economic Studies at the Brookings Institution. While at Brookings, he also served as Director of The Hamilton Project, Director of the Retirement Security Project, and Co-Director of the Tax Policy Center.
WALTER RICCIARDI

Walter Ricciardi, MD, MPH, MSc, is Professor of Hygiene and Public Health at the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart in Rome, in August 2015 Walter Ricciardi was appointed President of the Italian National Institute of Health (Istituto Superiore di Sanità) where he was Commissioner from July 2014 to July 2015. In 2010 he was elected President of the European Public Health Association (EUPHA) and in 2011 he was re-elected for a second term up to 2014. Since 2014 he is Past President of EUPHA. In 2011 he was appointed Member of the European Advisory Committee on Health Research to the WHO European Regional Director and from 2011 to 2014 he was Member of the Executive Board of the National Board of Medical Examiners of the United States of America. He manages several undergraduate and postgraduate teaching activities including a Master of Science programme and International Courses in Epidemiology. In Italy he was member of the Higher Health Council of the Ministry of Health in the years 2003-2006 and the Italian Minister of Health appointed him Chair of the Public Health Section of the Council itself from 2010 to 2014. In May 2013 he was appointed Member of the Expert Panel on effective ways of investing in Health (European Commission, DG – SANTE) and in December 2016 he has been awarded a three-year second mandate. He was appointed Member of the Steering Committee of the Center for Global Health Research and Studies of the Medical School, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Rome for the years 2015/2016 -2018/2019. In December 2015, he was appointed Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Health Policy, Governance and Leadership at the Institute of Public Health, Medical School, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart – Rome. He is Editor of the European Journal of Public Health, of the Oxford Handbook of Public Health Practice and Founding Editor of the Italian Journal of Public Health and of Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Public Health.
JOHN ROWE

Dr. John W. Rowe is the Julius B. Richmond Professor of Health Policy and Aging at the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. Previously, from 2000 until late 2006, Dr. Rowe served as Chairman and CEO of Aetna, Inc., one of the nation's leading health care and related benefits organizations. Before his tenure at Aetna, from 1998 to 2000, Dr. Rowe served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Mount Sinai NYU Health, one of the nation's largest academic health care organizations. From 1988 to 1998, prior to the Mount Sinai-NYU Health merger, Dr. Rowe was President of the Mount Sinai Hospital and the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City. Before joining Mount Sinai, Dr. Rowe was a Professor of Medicine and the founding Director of the Division on Aging at the Harvard Medical School, as well as Chief of Gerontology at Boston's Beth Israel Hospital. He was Director of the MacArthur Foundation Research Network on Successful Aging and is co-author, with Robert Kahn, Ph.D., of Successful Aging (Pantheon, 1998). Currently, Dr. Rowe leads the MacArthur Foundation's Network on An Aging Society. Dr. Rowe was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. He serves on the Board of Trustees of the Rockefeller Foundation and is Chairman of the Board of Overseers of Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health and the Board of Fellows of Harvard Medical School. He was founding Chair of the Advisory Council of Stanford University's Center on Longevity, a founding Commissioner of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (Medpac) and Chair of the Board of Trustees of the University of Connecticut and the Marine Biological Laboratory.
BRYAN TYSINGER

Bryan Tysinger is Director of Simulation and Data for the Roybal Center for Health Policy Simulation. Mr. Tysinger holds a Master’s Degree in Policy Analysis from the Pardee RAND Graduate School and a B.S. in Applied Mathematics from Harvey Mudd College. He has been a research programmer and quantitative analyst at the Schaeffer Center since 2011, working primarily on microsimulation modeling. As simulation director, Mr. Tysinger oversees the technical development team, assesses the feasibility of new projects, and establishes priorities for development to support the center’s goals.

ENRIQUE VEGA

Dr. Vega is the Regional Advisor on Aging and Health at PAHO and will discuss PAHO’s ageing agenda and provide insights about ageing in Central and Latin America. Dr. Vega serves as a Regional Advisor on Aging and Health at PAHO/WHO.

Dr. Vega has been a strong advocate for the ageing population and previously served as the National Director for Elderly Care with the Ministry of Health of Cuba. He also serves as a Professor of Gerontology and Geriatrics and has provided more than 80 international courses and over 25 publications.
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