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### Research interests

Economic history, regional economic development, determinants of human capital accumulation and labour productivity.

### Current position

Tenure-Track Assistant Professor (RTD-b) at the Department of Economics and Statistics, University of Siena.

### Previous appointments

Sept. 2018 – Dec. 2018      Investigador Dr. Junior (postdoc) at the Department of Economic History,  
Institutions, Policy and the World Economy, Universitat de Barcelona, Spain.  
Febr. 2016 – Aug. 2018      Assistant Professor (Visiting) at the Department of Economics and Economic  
History, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain.  
June 2014 – Jan. 2016      Post-Doc and Visiting Professor at the Department of Economics, University  
of Tuebingen, Germany.

### Education

2010 – 2014                      PhD in Economic History, European University Institute, Italy  
2008 – 2010                      M.Sc. in Economics, University of Siena, Italy, summa cum laude  
2005 – 2008                      B.Sc. Economics, University of Siena, Italy, summa cum laude

### Publications in peer-reviewed journals

1. J. Westberg and G. Cappelli (2018). "Divergent paths to mass schooling at Europe's poles? Regional differences in Italy and Sweden, 1840-1900." **International Journal for the Historiography of Education**. Forthcoming.
2. G. Cappelli (2018). "Was Putnam Wrong? The Determinants of Social Capital in Italy Around 1900." **Rivista di storia economica**, a. XXXIII, n. 3, dicembre 2017: 277-313.
3. G. Cappelli and J. Baten (2017). "European Trade, Colonialism and Human Capital Accumulation in Senegal, Gambia and Western Mali, 1770 – 1900." **The Journal of Economic History** 77 (3): 920-951.
4. G. Cappelli (2017). "The Missing Link? Trust, Cooperative Norms, and Industrial Growth in Italy." **The Journal of Interdisciplinary History**, Winter 2017, 47 (3): 333-358.
5. G. Cappelli (2016). "One size that didn't fit all? Electoral franchise, fiscal capacity and the rise of mass schooling across Italy's provinces, 1870–1911." **Cliometrica** 10 (3): 311-343.
6. G. Cappelli (2016). "Escaping from a human capital trap? Italy's regions and the move to centralized primary schooling, 1861 – 1936." **The European Review of Economic History** 20 (1): 46-65.

### Books

1. G. Cappelli (2018). *La formazione del capitale umano e del capitale sociale nello sviluppo economico italiano (1861-1913)*. Pisa: Pisa University Press.

### Book chapters

1. G. Cappelli (forthcoming). "A struggling nation since the making? Liberal Italy and the cost of neglecting primary education," in Johannes Westberg, Lukas Boser, Ingrid Brühwiler (eds.), *School Acts, the Rise of Mass Schooling and the Emerging Nation States in the Long 19<sup>th</sup> century*. London, Palgrave Macmillan.
2. G. Cappelli (2017). "Capitale umano e crescita economica: l'evoluzione del sistema educativo italiano," in Paolo Di Martino and Michelangelo Vasta (eds.), *Ricchi per caso. La parabola dello sviluppo economico italiano*. Bologna, il Mulino.
3. G. Cappelli (2019). "Il capitale umano: il fattore mancante dello sviluppo economico italiano" (with M. Vasta), in F. Amatori and M. D'Alberti (eds.), *L'impresa italiana*, vol. II, *Temi e problemi*, Enciclopedia Treccani.

### Published reviews and commentaries

1. G. Cappelli (forthcoming). Review of the book *'Without a job': a history of unemployment in Italy* (by Manfredi Alberti, book in Italian). **The Journal of European Economic History**.
2. G. Cappelli (forthcoming). "When theory met data: economic history and the 'truth(s)' of quantitative research". **International Journal for the Historiography of Education**.

## Working papers

1. G. Cappelli (2019). "Electoral franchise and the rise of mass education: a quasi-experiment based on Italy and Spain, 1860-1920" (with G. Quiroga Valles).
2. G. Cappelli (2018). "Quite a visible hand? State funding and primary education in 19<sup>th</sup>-century France and Italy." **Submitted**.
3. G. Cappelli (2018). "Still a long way to go: decomposing GDP inequality across Italy's regions, 1871-2011." EHES WP no. 123 (with E. Felice, D. Tirado, J. Martínez-Galarraga). **Submitted**.
4. G. Cappelli (2017). "Schooling worth getting? School efficiency and human-capital accumulation in Italy's provinces, 1861-1911" (with M. Bozzano). Working paper.
5. G. Cappelli (2017). "Does centralisation foster human capital accumulation? Quasi-experimental evidence from Italy's Liberal Age" (with M. Vasta). **R&R at the Economic History Review**.
6. G. Cappelli (2016). "Human capital accumulation in Africa in a long-term perspective, 1730-1970: did colonialism matter?" (with J. Baten). CEPR Discussion Paper n. 11273, Centre for Economic Policy Research, London. **R&R at the Journal of Development Economics**.
7. G. Cappelli (2018). "The human capital gender gap and educational reforms in Italy (1861-1921)" (with M. Vasta). Working paper.

## Teaching experience

Economic History of Latina America, *Universitat de Barcelona* | World Economic History, *Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona* | Financial and Monetary History, *Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona* | Institutional Change and Economic Development: *Máster Interuniversitario de Historia Económica* | Education and Development, *Master in Development Economics and International Cooperation @ Università di Roma "Tor Vergata"* | Italy's Regional Inequality and Regional Policy in the Long Run, *Master in Economics and Development Policy @ LUISS School of Governance* | Lecture on Empirical Studies on Migration, Trade and Growth in the Long Run, *Master in Economics @ University of Tuebingen* | Research Internship in Economic History, *University of Tuebingen* | Teaching Assistant for The Internationalisation of Economic Growth, 1870 to the present day, *London School of Economics and Political Science*.

## Grant and funding

1. Co-investigator and co-author for the project *How did education policy shape the race towards mass education? A comparative perspective based on France, Italy, Spain and Sweden, c. 1840–1940*, funded by the Swedish Research Council for the period 2017 – 2020 (c. 550,000 Euros).
2. Co-investigator for the project *Pasado y presente en España de los niveles de vida: salud, alimentación y sostenibilidad, siglos XIX-XX*, funded by the Spanish Ministry of the Economy and Competitiveness for the period 2017 – 2020 (45,000 Euros). Reference HAR2016-76814-C2-1-P (Fondos Feder). PI: Josep Pujol (UAB).

## Selected International Conferences and Seminars (since 2016)

EH Tune 2018, Siena, November 2018 | APHES Conference 2018, Lisbon, November 2018 | World Economic History Congress 2018, Boston, August 2018 | EHES Conference 2017, Tuebingen, September 2017 | 1st Catalan Economic Society Conference (CESC), Barcelona, May 2017 | EHS Annual Conference 2017, Royal Holloway, London, 2017 | La Società italiana e le grandi crisi economiche (Istat), Rome, November 2016.

## Languages

Italian (Mother Tongue). English (Proficiency, CEFR: C2). Spanish (Advanced, CEFR: C1). Intermediate understanding of written and spoken French (CEFR: B2). Beginner in German (CEFR: A1/A2)

## References

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