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## Research Experience

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### **University of Rome "Sapienza"**

Foggia, Italy

ADVISOR: PIERPAOLO D'URSO

April 2025 - Present

- Research project: "Application of appropriate techniques for the analysis of statistical data related to film and audiovisual support policies."

### **University of Foggia**

Foggia, Italy

ADVISOR: ANDREA NIGRI

July 2024 - March 2025

- Research project: "Statistical modeling for university dropout monitoring and prediction"

### **University of Rome "Sapienza"**

Rome, Italy

ADVISOR: PROF. MARIA BRIGIDA FERRARO

July 2023 - June 2024

- Research project: "New developments on clustering of text, functional and other complex data"

### **University of Rome "Sapienza"**

Rome, Italy

ADVISOR: PROF. ANGELO CASTALDO

May 2021 - June 2023

- Research project: "Construction of complex datasets and Machine Learning methods for policy impact evaluation"

### **Agenzia Nazionale per i servizi sanitari (AGENAS)**

Rome, Italy

RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

2018 - 2021

- Cohort and survival analysis

### **University Sant'Anna**

Pisa, Italy

ADVISOR: PROF. STEPHAN COLLIGNON

April 2015 - March 2016

- Research project: "European economic governance"

## Teaching Experience

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2025	<b>Data analysis 2</b> , PhD course - University of Foggia, Department of Economics, Management and Territory	Foggia, Italy
2025	<b>Data analysis 1</b> , PhD course - University of Foggia, Department of Economics, Management and Territory	Foggia, Italy
Fall 2023 - present	<b>Probability and Statistics</b> , Master's Degree Program in Biomedical Engineering - University Campus Biomedico, Faculty of Engineering	Rome, Italy
Fall 2023 - present	<b>Probability and Statistics</b> , Master's Degree Program in Medicine and Surgery "MedTech" - University Campus Biomedico, Faculty of Medicine	Rome, Italy
Spring 2023 - Winter 2024	<b>Statistics</b> , Program in Molecular Biology, Medicinal Chemistry and Computer Science for Pharmaceutical Applications - University of Rome "La Sapienza", Faculty of Pharmacy and Medicine	Rome, Italy
Spring 2025 - present	<b>Fundamentals of R programming</b> , John Cabot University - Department of Mathematics, Natural, and Applied Sciences	Rome, Italy
Fall 2022 - present	<b>Statistics 1</b> , John Cabot University - Department of Mathematics, Natural, and Applied Sciences	Rome, Italy
Spring 2023	<b>Statistics 2</b> , John Cabot University - Department of Mathematics, Natural, and Applied Sciences	Rome, Italy
Fall 2021	<b>The Statistics of Data Science</b> , Telecom Italia Mobile (TIM)	
Fall 2020	<b>Elements of Statistics</b> , Telecom Italia Mobile (TIM)	

## Education

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<b>University of Rome "La Sapienza"</b>	Rome
PHD STATISTICS - METHODOLOGICAL STATISTICS	2022
• Advisor: Prof. Marco Lippi	
<b>University of Rome "La Sapienza"</b>	Rome
ADVANCED COURSES AND WORKSHOPS	2016 – 2020
• EM algorithm and ML estimation of mixture models	
• Capture recapture models	
• Tensor analysis	
• Spatial econometrics	
• Analysis of circular data	
• Graphic models	
<b>University Pompeu Fabra</b>	Barcelona (Spain)
ADVANCED BAYESIAN TIME SERIES	2018
• Instructor: Prof. Gary Koop	
<b>Istituto Superiore di Sanità</b>	Rome (Italy)
LA VALUTAZIONE DEGLI ESITI NELLA PRATICA CLINICA CORRENTE	2018
• Instructor: Dr. Paola D'Errigo	
<b>University of Perugia (Italy)</b>	Perugia
INTERUNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS (SMI)	2017
• Mathematical statistics	
• Partial differential equations	
<b>Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance (EIEF)</b>	Rome (Italy)
ADVANCED COURSES	2013 – 2016
• Latent variables and finite mixture models	
• Topics in VAR modelling	

**University of Rome "La Sapienza"**

Rome

## MSc ECONOMICS

2013

- Advisor: Prof. Massimiliano Tancioni

**University of Rome "La Sapienza"**

Rome

## BSc ECONOMICS

2007

- Advisor: Prof. Giancarlo Gandolfo

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**Professional Experience**

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Oct. 2024 - Present	<b>Senior academic member</b> , M & S Research hub
Sept. 2023 - Dec. 2023	<b>Senior expert</b> , Svimez
Sept. 2023 - Dec. 2023	<b>Data manager</b> , University of Rome "La Sapienza" - Faculty of Medicine
2021 - 2023	<b>Monitoring committee</b> , University of Rome "La Sapienza" - Faculty of Medicine
2022 - 2023	<b>Expert Statistician</b> , Deloitte consulting s.r.l.
2018 - 2021	<b>Researcher Statistician</b> , Agenzia Nazionale per i servizi sanitari (AGENAS)
2017 - 2018	<b>Contract researcher</b> , Svimez
2016-2018	<b>Statistician</b> , Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri/Invitalia
2016 - 2017	<b>Contract analyst</b> , KPMG international
2015 - 2016	<b>Researcher</b> , CER - Centro Europa Ricerche

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**Publications**

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**PUBLISHED**

**Forti, M.**; Nigri, A.; Hanlin S. "Skew-normal finite mixture models for change-point detection in time series", IES conference book (2025) ISBN: 978-88-5495-849-4

**Forti, M.**; Bilancia, M.; Cafarelli, B.; Del Gobbo, E.; Nigri, A. "Multinomial Finite Mixture Models for predicting university drop-out", Quality & Quantity (2025) DOI: 10.1007/s11135-025-02135-5

**Forti, M.**; Ferraro, M. B.; Giordani, P. "Fuzzy clustering with L0 regularization", Annals of Operations Research (2024), DOI: 10.1007/s10479-025-06502-1.

**Forti, M.**; Ferraro, M. B.; Giordani, P. "L0-penalized membership in sparse fuzzy clustering", SIS conference book, Bari, Italy (2024), ISBN: 978-3-031-64447-4.

Giordani, P. **Forti, M.**; Ferraro, M. B.; "FKML0: a Matlab routine for sparse fuzzy clustering", 2024 IEEE International Conference on Fuzzy Systems (FUZZ-IEEE), pp. 1-8, DOI: 10.1109/FUZZ-IEEE60900.2024.10611853

Antonelli, M. A.; Castaldo, A.; **Forti, M.**; Marrocco, A.; Salustri, A. "Workplace accidents, economic determinants and under-reporting: An empirical analysis in Italy", International Journal of Manpower. DOI: 10.1108/IJM-01-2024-0026

Barile B.; **Forti, M.**; Castaldo, A.; Marrocco, A. 2024, "Causal impact of economic subsidies on firm bankruptcy using machine learning uplift modelling" Scientific reports, <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-024-60348-4>

Ricci L.; Tombini M.; Savastano E.; Pulitano P.; Piccioli M.; **Forti, M.**; Narducci F.; Sancetta B.; Mecarelli O.; Ciccozzi M.; Di Lazzaro V.; Assenza G.. 2024 "Quantitative EEG analysis of Brivaracetam in drug-resistant epilepsy: A pharmaco-EEG study", Clinical Neurophysiology, DOI: 10.1016/j.clinph.2024.04.023

**Forti, M.**; Castaldo, A.; Marrocco, A. 2023. "Modelli a mistura finita per la valutazione delle politiche pubbliche: studio sui Bandi ISI-INAIL", Capitolo in "È possibile incentivare la sicurezza sui luoghi di lavoro? Evidenze e approcci sulla valutazione di efficacia", ed. G. Giappichelli, ISBN 9791221105001. - (2023), pp. 173-184

**Forti, M.**; Castaldo, A.; Marrocco, A. 2023. "Valutazione d'impatto della politica ISI-INAIL sulla sopravvivenza delle imprese", Capitolo in "È possibile incentivare la sicurezza sui luoghi di lavoro? Evidenze e approcci sulla valutazione di efficacia", ed. G. Giappichelli, ISBN 979-12-211-0500-1. - (2023), pp. 185-209

Antonelli, M. A.; Castaldo, A.; **Forti, M.**; Marrocco, A.; Salustri, A. 2024. "An alternative approach to understanding occupational safety and health (OSH): an empirical insurance cost perspective in Italy", Applied economics letter, ISSN 1350-4851. - (2024), pp. 1-8. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/13504851.2024.2308564>

Castaldo, A.; Daddi, S.; **Forti, M.**; Marrocco, A.; Antonelli, M. A.; Germani, A. R.; 2023. "Le politiche di sostegno agli investimenti in SSL influiscono sulla produttività delle imprese?" Chapter inside the volume: "E' possibile incentivare la sicurezza sui luoghi di lavoro? Evidenze e approcci sulla valutazione di efficacia" - ISBN 979-12-211-0500-1, pp. 213-236 - G. Giappichelli Editore s.r.l.

Antonelli, M. A.; **Forti, M.**; Salustri, A., Marrocco, A. 2023. "Un'analisi economico-territoriale esplorativa della sicurezza sul lavoro in Italia" Chapter inside the volume: "È possibile incentivare la sicurezza sui luoghi di lavoro? Concezione, contesto e implementazione dei Bandi ISI Inail" - ISBN 9791221101294, G. Giappichelli Editore s.r.l.

Castaldo, A.; Germani, A. R.; **Forti, M.**; Salustri, A., Marrocco, A. 2023. "Le determinanti degli infortuni sul lavoro: un'analisi sull'eterogeneità a livello europeo" Chapter inside the volume: "È possibile incentivare la sicurezza sui luoghi di lavoro? Concezione, contesto e implementazione dei Bandi ISI Inail" - ISBN 9791221101294, pp. 177-196 - G. Giappichelli Editore s.r.l.

Antonelli, M. A.; **Forti, M.**; Salustri, A., Marrocco, A. 2023. "Gli infortuni sul lavoro in Italia: un'analisi empirica a livello regionale" Chapter inside the volume: "È possibile incentivare la sicurezza sui luoghi di lavoro? Concezione, contesto e implementazione dei Bandi ISI Inail" - ISBN 9791221101294, G. Giappichelli Editore s.r.l.

Castaldo, A., Germani A. R., **Forti, M.**, Salustri, A., Marrocco, A. 2023. "Drivers and frictions of workplace accidents: an empirical investigation of cross-country European heterogeneity" Applied economics - ISSN 0003-6846, pp. 1-16. DOI: [10.1080/00036846.2023.2203458](https://doi.org/10.1080/00036846.2023.2203458)

Antonelli, M. A., **Forti, M.**, Salustri, A., Marrocco, A. 2023. "Accidents at work in Italy: an empirical analysis at the regional level.", Public Finance Research Papers, n. 60 – Institute of Economics and Finance, Department of Juridical and Economic Studies, Sapienza University of Rome, <https://www.dsge.uniroma1.it/sites/default/files/pubblicazioni/economia/e-pfrp60.pdf>

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**Forti M.**. 2022. "Dynamic Factor Models: improvements and applications". PhD Thesis: <http://hdl.handle.net/11573/1613357>.

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Barili F., D'Errigo P., Rosato S., Biancari F., **Forti M.**, Pagano E., Baglio G., Badoni G., Parolari A., Seccareccia F. 2021. "Impact of gender on 10-Year outcomes after coronary artery bypass grafting, Interactive CardioVascular and Thoracic Surgery – EURHEARTJ-D-20-05281, doi:10.1093/icvts/ivab125

Barili F., D'Errigo P., Rosato S., Biancari F., **Forti M.**, Evangelista A., D'Ovidio M., Parolari A., Gellini M., Borsellino L. Grossi C. Rosato F. Parolari A. Seccareccia F. 2021. "PRedict long term Outcomes afteR Isolated coronary arTery bypass surgery" Software: <https://www.outcomeresearch.it/PRIORITY/>

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**Forti M.**. 2018. "Redditi, povertà e disuguaglianze tra crisi e ripresa produttiva". Il mulino - Chap. 6. ISBN: 978-88-15-27989-7

**Forti M.**. 2017. "Disuguaglianza e povertà: dal Reddito di Inclusione al Reddito di Cittadinanza". Il mulino - Chap. 6. ISBN: 9788815273543

## IN REVIEW

Marrocco, A.; Castaldo, A.; **Forti, M.** "The Effect of Occupational Safety and Health Investment Policies on Firm Survival"

Nigri, A.; **Forti, M.**; Hanlin, S. "Extending finite mixture models with skew-normal distributions and hidden Markov models for time series"

Alaimo, L.; **Forti, M.**; Nigri, A. "Location-Scale-Shape Modeling via Mixture of Skew Normal Distributions: Application to Health Data"

Salustri, A.; **Forti, M.** "Latina's Proximity Tourism: A Multidimensional Analysis"

## IN PREP

3-way functional data analysis clustering

Advancements to spatial modelling in compositional data fuzzy cluster analysis

Financial Shock propagation in the Swiss banking industry: a new econometric approach to model spatial interaction.

Modelling difference in count data leveraging Skellam distributions and hidden Markov models for time series

Mixed type variable in  $L_0$  penalised membership FKM to group within effect

Trimodal skew-normal regression

Functional Data Analysis and Dynamic Factor Model: a forecasting horse race on US data

## REFEREE ACTIVITIES

ANnals of Operations Research (ANOR)

Journal of Applied Statistics: Environmental Statistics and Data Science

Quality & Quantity

## Awards, Fellowships, & Grants

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- Evaluation strategies to contrast university drop-out through empowerment and to design educational and career guidance practices” (“*Strategie di valutazione per contrastare l'abbandono universitario attraverso l'empowerment e per progettare pratiche di orientamento formativo e professionale*”), PRIN 2022 PNRR (code P2022XYN9A – CUP D53D23020530001), Prof. Andrea Nigri
- From 2024 Member of the Italian Statistical Society (SIS),  
**Commendation - For the “competence and the professionalism expressed” in the sphere of the activities that brought to the publication of 2019 edition of National Program of Evaluation (Programma Nazionale Esiti)**, AGENAS
- 2020  
2014 Particolarmente meritevole - For the Mortara scholarship aimed to pursue the studies in Mathematics, Statistics and Econometrics, Bank of Italy

## Presentations and events

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### PRESENTATIONS AS INVITED AUTHOR

SIS DIAS – Data, Indicators and Analysis for Sustainability - Conference on Sustainability Analysis on Measuring Change for a Resilient Future ICSA 2025, Florence, Italy

### CONTRIBUTED PRESENTATIONS

**Forti M.**, Nigri A. Hanlin S. “Skew-normal finite mixture models for change-point detection in time series” – IES 2025 - Innovation & Society: Statistics and Data Science for Evaluation and Quality (IES 2025), Bressanone, Italy

Giordani P., Ferraro M. B. **Forti M.**, Nigri A. “Fuzzy clustering with L0 penalization for mixed-type data” – 8th International Conference on Econometrics and Statistics (EcoSta 2025), Tokyo, Japan.

Giordani P., Ferraro M. B. **Forti M.** “FKML0: a Matlab routine for sparse fuzzy clustering” – FUZZ-IEEE World Congress on Computational Intelligence (IEEE WCCI 2024), Yokohama, Japan

**Forti M.**, Ferraro M. B., Giordani P. “L<sub>0</sub>-penalized membership in sparse fuzzy clustering” – SIS (LII Annual meeting), Bari, Italy (2024)

Castaldo A., Germani A. R., Marrocco A., **Forti M.** 2021. “Drivers and Frictions of Occupational Accidents: an Empirical Investigation on European and Italian Territorial Heterogeneity” – AISRE XLII Annual conference

**Forti M.**, Cerza F., Cicala S. D., D’Errigo P., Rosato S., Manno V. 2020. “Trends in mortality and heart failure after acute myocardial infarction in Italy from 2007 to 2017” – Poster exposed at 16th World congress on Public Health

**Forti M.**, Cerza F., Cicala S. D., D’Errigo P., Rosato S., Manno V. 2020. “Bilateral internal thoracic artery grafting in coronary surgery: 10-year outcomes” – Poster exposed at 16th World congress on Public Health

**Forti M.**, Cerza F., Cicala S. D., D’Errigo P., Rosato S., Manno V. 2020. “Health performance evaluation of the Italian hospital care system” – Poster exposed at 16th World congress on Public Health

**Forti M.**, Cerza F., Cicala S. D., D’Errigo P., Rosato S., Manno V. 2020. “Hospital management of patients with acute coronary syndrome: influence of age and gender” – Poster exposed at 16th World congress on Public Health

### ORGANISED EVENTS

May 2023 - Un nuovo policy mix per la Salute e Sicurezza del Lavoro: l’evoluzione del quadro giuridico e le iniziative di sostegno agli investimenti - Convegno organizzato nell’ambito delle attività di disseminazione del Progetto INAIL Bric 2019