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BIOGRAPHY

Elena Argentesi is a Senior Advisor at Lear. She is an Associate Professor at the Department of Economics of the University of Bologna. She earned a Ph.D. in Economics at the European University Institute. She teaches Competition Economics both at the undergraduate and at the postgraduate level. Her research interests and publications are in the area of industrial organization and competition policy, with a focus on empirical issues. She has done consultancy work as a technical expert for several public bodies, such as DG Competition and other competition agencies.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2006-present	UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA Department of Economics Associate professor (Sept. 2020-)
2010-present	LEAR – LABORATORIO DI ECONOMIA, ANTITRUST E REGOLAMENTAZIONE Consultancy Senior Advisor
2006-2020	UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA Department of Economics Assistant professor
2003-2006	UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA Department of Economics Research fellow
2001-2002	EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE Research Assistant

EDUCATION

2005	EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE, FLORENCE PhD in Economics
2004	IDEI, University of Toulouse Institut d'Economie Industrielle Visiting fellow
2002-2003	UNIVERSITY OF TOULOUSE Visiting student
1998	UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA, ITALY Degree in Economics

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Italian: native language

English: fluent in reading, writing and speaking

French: fluent in reading, writing and speaking

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

POLICY REPORTS

- Study on Exploring Aspects of the State of Competition in the EU, study commissioned by the European Commission, DG Competition, (with Lear, E.CA Economics, Kantar, Fideres, University of East Anglia and Prometeia), 2023.
- Study on territorial supply constraints in the EU retail sector, study commissioned by the European Commission, DG Internal Market Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (with VVA), 2020.
- Evaluation support study on the EU state aid for access to finance by SMEs, study commissioned by the European Commission, DG Competition (with DIW, Lear and Sheppard Mullin), 2019.
- Ex-post assessment of merger control decisions in digital markets, study for the UK Competition and Markets Authority (with Lear), 2019.
- The economic impact of enforcement of competition policies on the functioning of energy markets, Study commissioned by the European Commission, Directorate-General for Competition (with ICF and DIW Berlin), 2015.
- Mergers in the Dutch grocery sector: an ex-post evaluation: Assessing the effects on price and non-price dimensions of competition, Study commissioned by the Netherlands Authority for Consumers and Markets (with Lear), 2015.
- Ex-Post Evaluation of Merger Cases, Report commissioned by the UK Competition Commission (with Lear), 2011.

PUBLICATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL JOURNALS

- The Effect of Mergers on Variety in Grocery Retailing (with Paolo Buccirossi, Roberto Cervone, Tomaso Duso and Alessia Marrazzo), *International Journal of Industrial Organization*, 2021, 79.
- Merger Policy in Digital Markets: An Ex-Post Assessment (with Paolo Buccirossi, Emilio Calvano, Tomaso Duso, Alessia Marrazzo and Salvatore Nava), *Journal of Competition Law and Economics*, 2021, 17(1): 95–140.
- A retrospective evaluation of the GDF/Suez merger: Effects on the Belgian gas hub (with Albert Banal-Estañol and Jo Seldeslachts), *Energy Journal*, 2021, 42(6).
- Ex-Post Merger Evaluation in the UK Retail Market for Books (with Luca Aguzzoni, Lorenzo Ciari, Tomaso Duso and Massimo Tognoni), *Journal of Industrial Economics*, 2016, 64 (1): 170–200.
- “A Retrospective Merger Analysis in the UK Videogames Market” (with Aguzzoni L., Buccirossi P., Ciari L., Duso T., Tognoni M., Vitale C.), *Journal of Competition Law and Economics*, 2014, 10 (4): 933-958.
- “Acquisition of information and share prices: An empirical investigation of cognitive dissonance” (with Helmut Lütkepohl and Massimo Motta), *German Economic Review*, 2010, 11(3): 381-396.
- “Estimating market power in a two-sided market: the case of newspapers” (with Lapo Filistrucchi), *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, 2007, 22 (7): 1247-1266.
- “Market Definition in Printed Media Industries: Theory, Practice and Lessons for Broadcasting” (with Marc Ivaldi), in Paul Seabright and Juergen von Hagen (eds.), *The Economic Regulation of Broadcasting Markets*, Cambridge University Press, 2007.
- “Piracy and Product Differentiation in the Market for Digital Goods” (with Matteo Alvisi and Emanuela Carbonara), *Rivista Italiana degli Economisti*, a. VIII, n. 2, 2003.

WORKING PAPERS

- “Estimating Demand with Multi-Homing in Two-Sided Markets” (with Pauline Affeldt and Lapo Filistrucchi), 2021, Working Paper DSE, University of Bologna.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Training on Theories of harm in digital markets in the programme ENTranCE for Judges, Florence Competition Programme, European University Institute, 2021

Training to the Albanian Competition Authority for a project coordinated by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), May-June 2020.

Training to the Bulgarian Commission for Protection of Competition for a project coordinated by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), April 2018.

Collaboration to the preparation of a report commissioned to the TILEC (University of Tilburg) by the Netherlands Authority for Consumers and Markets on a merger in the yellow pages market (2008).

TEACHING

Competition Policy, Master in Economics and Public Policy, University of Bologna, 2023 – present.

Industrial organization (in Italian), BA in Economics and Business, University of Bologna, Forlì Campus, 2020 - present.

Economics of Competition Policy, Master in International Politics and Economics, University of Bologna, Forlì Campus, 2006 - present.

Competition Economics, European Master in Law and Economics, University of Bologna, 2010 - 2017.

Principles of Economics (in Italian), BA in Sociology, University of Bologna, Forlì Campus, 2006 - 2020.

Labour Economics (in Italian), Master in Labour Law, School of Economics, University of Bologna, 2005 - 2023.

Microeconomics (in Italian), BA in International relations and diplomatic affairs, University of Bologna, Forlì Campus, 2006.

SELECTED CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

Seminar at Loughborough University, 2022

Seminar at the Toulouse School of Economics, Industrial Organization seminar series, 2021

Invited speaker at the Workshop on The Digital Market Act proposal in the European Union, Instituto Complutense de Análisis Económico (ICAE), Universidad Complutense de Madrid, 2020

COunterfactual Methods for Policy Impact Evaluation 2018, Berlin, 2018

Invited seminar, Italian Competition Authority (AGCM), March 2018.

Annual conference of the Association of Competition Economics, Madrid, November 2017.

Annual Conference of the European Association for Research in Industrial Economics (EARIE), Maastricht, September 2017.

Annual conference of the Association of Competition Economics, Amsterdam, November 2016.

CRESSE Conference on “Advances in the Analysis of Competition Policy and Regulation”, Rhodes, July 2016.

Expert speaker at the Workshop on Competition in the Food Retail Sector, European Parliament, May 2016.

2nd Annual BECCLE Competition Policy Conference, Bergen, April 2016.

Third International Meeting in Law & Economics, Paris, April 2016

Lear Conference 2015 “Antitrust Economics 2.0”, Rome, June 2015.

Workshop "Economic impact of competition policies on the functioning of the energy markets”, DG-Competition, European Commission, Brussels, June 2015.

Seminar, Copenhagen Business School, February 2015.

Workshop ‘Industrial Organization: Theory, Empirics and Experiments’, Alberobello, June 2014.

Invited seminar, Tilburg University, June 2014.

Annual Conference of the European Association for Research in Industrial Economics (EARIE), Evora, September 2013.

Keynote speaker, Workshop on “Time Series and Competition Policy”, Stellenbosch University (South Africa), March 2013.

CRESSE Conference on “Advances in the Analysis of Competition Policy and Regulation”, Crete, July 2012.

IDEI/Microsoft Workshop on the economics of online search and search advertising, Paris, March 2012.

Workshop ‘Industrial Organization: Theory, Empirics and Experiments’, Otranto (Lecce), June 2011.

Annual Conference of the European Association for Research in Industrial Economics (EARIE), Istanbul, September 2010.

Trento Festival of Economics, June 2010, invited lecture.

Workshop “Advances in Industrial Organization”, Vienna, April 2010.

TILEC Workshop on “Competition Policy and Regulation in Media Markets: Bridging Law and Economics”, Tilburg, June 2009.

Association of competition economics (ACE), 6th annual conference, Budapest, November 2008.

Invited seminar, CentER, Tilburg, June 2008.

ASSET Conference, Padua, November 2007.

5th Workshop on Media Economics, University of Bologna (local organizer), October 2007.

Annual Congress of the Econometric Society European Meeting (ESEM), Vienna, August 2006.

Invited seminar, WZB, Berlin, July 2006.

Sixth CEPR Conference on Applied Industrial Organization, Madeira, May 2006.

International Industrial Organization Conference 2006, Boston, April 2006.

CEPR Conference on “Competition Policy for International Development, Growth and Trade”, Brussels, December 2005.

CEPR Young Researchers Meeting, DG Competition, Brussels, December 2005.

EUI Competition Day, Florence, November 2005.

XXI Jornadas de Economía Industrial, Bilbao, September 2005.

CEPR European Summer Symposium in Economic Theory 2005, Gerzensee (Switzerland), July 2005.

Invited seminar (joint seminar CERAS (ENPC), EUREQua (Paris I), Ecole Polytechnique and DELTA (ENS)), Maison de Sciences Economiques, Paris, March 2005.

(EC)² Conference: The Econometrics of Industrial Organization, Marseille, December 2004.

Conference on “Regulation of media markets”, Toulouse, October 2004.

Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (EEA), Madrid, August 2004.

Fifth CEPR Conference on Applied Industrial Organization, Hydra, May 2004.

Annual Conference of the European Association for Research in Industrial Economics (EARIE), Helsinki, August 2003.

Fourth CEPR Conference on Applied Industrial Organization, Leuven, May 2003.

COMMITTEES

Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Industry, Competition and Trade (2022–present)

Council of the School of Economics (2022–2023)

Executive Board, Department of Economics (2012–2015 and 2021–2024)

Scientific Committee of the Bigiavi Economics Library (2020–present)

Member of the Council of the Istituto di Studi Superiori, University of Bologna (2019-2023).

Member of the Scientific Council of the Collegio Superiore, University of Bologna (2019-)

Member of the Scientific Committee of the Workshop on Media Economics (2007-2009).