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Prize in memoriam of Etta Chiuri

2024 Edition

In compliance with the statutory prescriptions, the Committee in charge of awarding the Prize in memoriam of Etta Chiuri, fourteenth edition (2024), was composed as follows:

- Prof Lorenzo Cappellari, President of the Associazione italiana economia del lavoro (AIEL);
- Prof Daniela Del Boca, Director of the Centre for Household, Income, Labour and Demographic economics (CHILD);
- Prof Tullio Jappelli, Director of the Centre for Studies in Economics and Finance (CSEF);
- Prof Rosella Levaggi, President of the Società italiana di economia pubblica (SIEP);
- Prof Annalisa Vinella, on behalf of the Comitato premio Etta Chiuri.

The members of the Committee met online repeatedly in the months of April to June 2024, and examined the 27 papers submitted for consideration for the prize award. On average, the quality of submissions was found to be very high.

After a careful review, the Committee unanimously decided to award the 2024 Etta Chiuri Prize, *ex aequo*, to Jacopo Bassetto and Giuseppe Ippedico for their paper *Tax incentives and return migration*, and to Ann-Marie Sommerfeld for her paper *The effect of schooling on parental integration*.

The motivation for this decision is as follows:

*The paper by **Jacopo Bassetto and Giuseppe Ippedico** investigates the effects of the 2010 Italian tax scheme “Controesodo” consisting in the award of an income tax exemption to young high-skilled expatriates who would decide to relocate in Italy. First, the authors use a Triple Difference design and administrative data to identify the effects of the tax incentive, taking advantage of the quasi-experimental conditions created by the fact that expatriates were eligible if (i) born in 1969 or later and (ii) holding a college degree. They find that eligible individuals were 27% more likely to relocate in Italy after the introduction of the scheme. Next, using German social security data to identify effects throughout the wage distribution, the authors deduce that mobility in response to the tax incentive was not concerning top earners only. Last, based on a cost-benefit analysis, the direct fiscal impact of the reform is assessed to be marginally positive, due to the fact that the scheme was targeting young high-skilled individuals.*

The paper contributes to various strands of literature, ranging from the public finance literature on migration responses to tax differentials to the studies on income differentials and migration.

The Committee in charge of awarding the 2024 Etta Chiuri Prize has unanimously decided that the paper by Bassetto and Ippedico deserves the prize in consideration of: (a) the high relevance of the topic investigated (i.e., use of favourable tax schemes for promotion of return migration); (b) the density and clarity of the empirical analysis developed, including several well-executed exercises that convincingly show the causal effects of the Italian tax scheme; (c) the insightfulness of results in terms of policy implications; (d) the excellent fit with the research interests and the methodological rigour of Etta Chiuri.

*The paper by **Ann-Marie Sommerfeld** investigates the effects of the schooling of the oldest child in a migrant household on parents' integration, being based on administrative records on primary school enrolment cut-off dates in 16 German states together with micro data from the German Socioeconomic Panel (SOEP). Using a regression discontinuity design around the school enrolment cut-off and an instrumental variable approach, the author shows that children's schooling enhances parents' integration in terms of labour market outcomes (especially for mothers), financial concerns, German language skills. Gains in disposable income and exposure to the German culture and language are identified as the two main channels through which these outcomes are attained.*

The paper contributes to both the literature on education and the literature on migration, particularly, on labour market outcomes, cultural and social assimilation and well-being of migrants.

The Committee in charge of awarding the 2024 Etta Chiuri Prize has unanimously decided that the paper by Sommerfeld deserves the prize in consideration of: (a) the novelty and interest of the topic investigated (i.e., the link between children's schooling and parents' integration); (b) the originality of the dataset used and the sharpness and methodological rigour of the analysis developed; (c) the insightfulness of results in terms of policy implications; (d) the coherence of the topic considered with Etta Chiuri's research interests.

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