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## EMPLOYMENT

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Politecnico di Milano, School of Management

- Full Professor 2019-present
- Associate Professor 2014-2019

RFF-CMCC European Institute on Economics and the Environment

- Director 2018-present

Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (FEEM)

- Coordinator, 'Climate and Sustainable Innovation' research programme 2015-2018
- Deputy Director, Climate Change and Sustainable Development research programme 2012-2014
- Senior Researcher 2010-2012

Princeton University

- Post-doctoral Research Associate 2008-2010

## VISITING POSITIONS

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Scripps Institute of Oceanography, UC San Diego

- Visiting Professor summer 2019

Stanford University

- Fellow, Center for the Advanced Studies in the Behavioural Sciences (CASBS) 2014-15

## EDUCATION

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Catholic University of Milan

- PhD Political Economics (European Doctoral Program (EDP)) 2005-2008

London School of Economics

- M.Sc.Econometrics and Mathematical Economics 1999-2001

University of Bologna

- Laurea cum Laude in Engineering 1993-1998

## GRANTS AND RECOGNITION

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2019: Finalist, Decision Analysis Society Publication Award  
2018: Lead Author for the IPCC 6th assessment report, WGIII  
2018: Selection Committee, CASBS fellowships, Stanford University, US  
2016: Scientific Evaluation, Agence Nationale de la Recherche, France  
2016: School coordinator, EAERE-FEEM-VIU European Summer School  
2013: European Research Council (ERC) starting grant  
2012-2018: Deputy Editor of the journal “Climatic Change”  
2012: Member of the scientific committee of the Integrated Assessment Modeling Consortium  
2011: Coordinator the EU FP7 project ‘LIMITS’  
2011: Member of the steering committee of the Energy Modelling Forum 27  
2010: Lead Author for the IPCC 5th assessment report, WGIII  
2010: Best post-doctoral paper award of the Carbon Mitigation Initiative at Princeton University  
2009: Coordinator the EU FP7 project PLANETS’  
2009: Paper included in “Time” magazine’s list of “The 50 Best Inventions of 2009”  
2009-: Co-director of the International Energy Workshop  
2007: Second prize for best paper at the 20th World Energy Congress, Rome  
2000: Scholarship from the London School of Economics for post-graduate studies  
1999: Scholarship from the University of Bologna for postgraduate studies

## PUBLICATIONS

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5. Realmonte G. et. al 2019 ‘An inter-model assessment of the role of direct air capture in deep mitigation pathways’, *Nature Communications*, 10(1)
6. M. Fontana, S. Vantini and M. Tavoni 2019 ‘Functional Data Analysis of high-frequency load curves reveals drivers of residential electricity consumption’, *Plos One*, <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0218702>
7. Nerini, F.F, et. al 2019 ‘Connecting climate action with other Sustainable Development Goals’, *Nature Sustainability*, 2, pages 674–680 (2019)
8. Gao, Y., G. d’Adda and M. Tavoni “Adopting LEDs changes attitudes towards climate change: experimental evidence from China”, *Environmental Research Letters*, <https://doi.org/10.1088/1748-9326/ab1499>
9. Fanghella, V., G. d’Adda, and M. Tavoni. “On the Use of Nudges to Affect Spillovers in Environmental Behaviors.” *Frontiers in Psychology* 10 (2019). <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2019.00061>.
10. Emmerling, Johannes, and Massimo Tavoni. “Exploration of the Interactions between Mitigation and Solar Radiation Management in Cooperative and Non-Cooperative International Governance Settings.” *Global Environmental Change* 53 (November 1, 2018): 244–51. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.gloenvcha.2018.10.006>.

11. Vinca, Adriano, Marianna Rottoli, Giacomo Marangoni, and Massimo Tavoni. "The Role of Carbon Capture and Storage Electricity in Attaining 1.5 and 2 Å°C." *International Journal of Greenhouse Gas Control* 78 (November 1, 2018): 148–59. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijggc.2018.07.020>.
12. Ricke, Katharine, Laurent Drouet, Ken Caldeira, and Massimo Tavoni. "Country-Level Social Cost of Carbon." *Nature Climate Change*, September 24, 2018, 1. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41558-018-0282-y>
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14. Vinca, A., J. Emmerling and M. Tavoni "Bearing the Cost of Stored Carbon Leakage" May 2018, *Frontiers in Energy Research* 6(40):1-11
15. Jewell et al. "Limited Emission Reductions from Fuel Subsidy Removal except in Energy-Exporting Regions." *Nature* 554, no. 7691 (February 2018): 229–33. <https://doi.org/10.1038/nature25467>.
16. Rogelj, J. et al. "Scenarios towards Limiting Global Mean Temperature Increase below 1.5 Å°C." *Nature Climate Change*, March 5, 2018, 1. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41558-018-0091-3>.
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18. Witajewski-Baltvilks, J., Verdolini, E. & Tavoni, M 2017 'Induced Technological Change and Energy Efficiency Improvements', *Energy Economics* (2017). doi:10.1016/j.eneco.2017.10.032
19. Nicolini and Tavoni 2017 'Are renewable energy subsidies effective? Evidence from Europe', *Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews* 74:412-423
20. Bonan, Pareglio and Tavoni 2017 'Access to modern energy: a review of barriers, drivers and impacts', *Environment and Development Economics*, 1-26
21. van Soest et. al. 2017 'Low-emission pathways in 11 major economies: comparison of cost-optimal pathways and Paris climate proposals' *Climatic Change* 142(3):491-504 Å · April 2017
22. d'Adda, Capraro and Tavoni 2017 'Push, don't nudge: Behavioral spillovers and policy instruments', *Economics Letters*, 154, 92–95
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24. Marangoni, Tavoni et. al. 2017 'Sensitivity of projected long-term CO<sub>2</sub> emissions across the Shared Socio-economic Pathways', *Nature Climate Change*, doi:10.1038/nclimate3199
25. Emmerling and Tavoni, 2017 'Climate Engineering and Abatement: A 'flat' Relationship Under Uncertainty', *Environmental and Resource Economics*, doi:10.1007/s10640-016-0104-5
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29. Riahi et. al 2016 'The Shared Socioeconomic Pathways and their energy, land use, and greenhouse gas emissions implications: An overview', *Global Environmental Change*, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.gloenvcha.2016.05.009>
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31. Rao et. al 2016 "Future air pollution in the Shared Socio-economic Pathways", *Global Environmental Change* Å · DOI: 10.1016/j.gloenvcha.2016.05.012

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35. Kriegler et. al, 2016 “Will economic growth and fossil fuel scarcity help or hinder climate stabilization?: Overview of the RoSE multi-model study”, *Climatic Change*, Volume 136, Issue 1, pp 7–22
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45. Fuss, S. et al. Betting on negative emissions. *Nature Clim. Change* 4, 850–853 (2014).
46. Bowen, A., Campiglio, E. & Tavoni, M. A macroeconomic perspective on climate change mitigation: meeting the financing challenge. *Clim. Change Econ.* 05, 1440005 (2014).
47. Blanford, G. J., Kriegler, E. & Tavoni, M. Harmonization vs. fragmentation: overview of climate policy scenarios in EMF27. *Climatic Change* 123, 383–396 (2014).
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#### INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

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2017: OECD; Michigan University

2015: Yale University

2014: Stanford University, Yale University

2013: Bruegel Institute, Università della Svizzera Italiana

2012: University of Vigo, Renmin University

2011: Princeton University, Pompeu Fabra University, Economics for Energy Foundation

2010: Bocconi University, ETH Zurich, Bruegel Institute, Tsinghua University, European Bank of Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), Environmental Defense Fund (EDF), Princeton University

2009: Economic and Financial Committee of the United Nations General Assembly, International Energy Workshop

2008: Catholic University of Milan

2007: Princeton University, University of Padua