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ALBERTO PRATI

CURRENT AFFILIATIONS

2022- **UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON** (London, UK). Assistant Professor in Economics.
2022- **UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD** (Oxford, UK). Research Fellow (WRC) & Associate (Econ.Dep.).
2021- **LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS** (London, UK). Associate.

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2020-22 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, **University of Oxford** (Oxford, UK).
2020-21 Teaching Lecturer in Economics, **Sciences Po Paris** (Paris, FR).

RESEARCH

MAIN RESEARCH DOMAIN: Economic psychology.
MAIN RESEARCH TOPICS: Measurement; happiness; memory; beliefs; emotions; sustainability.

PUBLICATIONS

1. "Is motivated memory (just) a matter of mood?", with C.Saucet. *Experimental Economics* (forthcoming).
2. "Sharing Meals with others - How sharing meals supports happiness and social connections" with J.De Neve, A. Dugan & M. Kaats, in *World Happiness Report* (2025).
3. "Money and happiness"; with R.Bellaunay & C.Krekel, in *Encyclopedia of Happiness, Quality of Life and Subjective Wellbeing*, Edward Elgar Publishing, (2024).
4. "The causal effect of a health treatment on beliefs, stated preferences and memories"; with C.Saucet. *Journal of Health Economics*, 94, 102864, (2024).
5. "The wellbeing cost of inflation inequalities", *Review of Income and Wealth*, 70(1), 213-238, (2024).
6. "Feeling good is feeling better", with C.Senik, *Psychological Science*, 33(11), 1828-1841, (2022).
7. "The environmental cost of the international job market for economists"; with O.Chanel & M.Raux. *Ecological Economics*, 201, 107565, (2022).
8. "Linking Subjective Wellbeing and Ecologically Sustainable Behavior: A Multidimensional Approach", with C.Krekel, in *Linking Sustainability and Happiness*, pp.175-201, Springer, (2022).
9. "Hedonic Recall Bias. Why You Should Not Ask People How Much They Earn", *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 143, 78-97, (2017).

PRE-PRINTS / SUBMITTED PAPERS

- i. "Sharing meals is associated with greater wellbeing: evidence from 142 countries", with J.De Neve, A. Dugan & M. Kaats. *R&R at Scientific Reports*.
- ii. "Is it possible to raise national happiness?", with C.Senik. *Submitted*.
- iii. "Why you should measure subjective changes", with C.Kaiser. *Submitted*.
- iv. "Estimating time preferences for leisure", with M.Bigoni, D.Dragone & S.Luchini. *Submitted*.
- v. "Is happiness contagious? Evidence from a field experiment", with T. Hanson, Å. Johnsen and A. Kotsadam. *Submitted*.
- vi. "When did it happen? Reconstructing wage evolution in light of current wage satisfaction". *Resting*.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Life satisfaction and the survey fingerprint puzzle”, with T.Beuchot.

“A reappraisal of emotions universality: the sender approach”, with Y.Funaki.

“The grading lottery in secondary education. Experimental evidence from France”, with P. Colo, E. Dagorn, M. Monnet & I. Parkes.

TEACHING

2025- Department Academic Lead of the Widening Participation initiative, UCL.
2024 Advance Higher Education Fellowship.
2021 Member of the undergraduate admission committee, Sciences Po.

Modules:

2023- **Economic Psychology**, undergraduate, History-Politics-Economics program, UCL.
2022-25 **Family Economics**, undergraduate, History-Politics-Economics program, UCL.
2022-23 **Quantitative Methods**, graduate, Economics & Business program, UCL.
2020-21 **Political Economics**; undergraduate; TA for Prof. S.Guriev; Economic Dept., Sciences Po.
2020-21 **Introduction to Economics**; undergraduate; Economic Dept., Sciences Po.
2017-2019 **Econometrics**; undergraduate; Economic Dept., Aix-Marseille University.
2019 **Microeconomics**; undergraduate; Economic Dept., Aix-Marseille University.
2016-2019 **Statistics**; undergraduate; Economic Dept., Aix-Marseille University.

EDUCATION

2020 **AIX-MARSEILLE SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS** (Marseille, FR)
PhD in Economics. PhD Thesis: *Memory and Subjective Well-Being. Empirical Analysis of Workers' and Consumers' Endogenous Recall Behaviors*. Supervisors: O.Chanel; S. Luchini.
Jury: C. D'Ambrosio, A. Ferrer-i-Carbonell, N. Jacquemet, E. Proto.
2016 **EHESS & PARIS SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS** (Paris, FR)
M.Res. in Economics; program: “Analysis and Policy in Economics” (*Magna cum Laude*).
Master thesis: *Hedonic Recall Bias (Magna cum Laude)*. Supervisor: C. Senik. Referee: A. Clark.
2016 **PARIS 1 PANTHEON-SORBONNE UNIVERSITY** (Paris, FR) – Dep. of Philosophy
B.A. in Philosophy (*cum Laude*)
2013 **PARIS 1 PANTHEON-SORBONNE UNIVERSITY** (Paris, FR) – Dep. of Economics
B.A. in Econometrics (*cum Laude*) from *Magistère d'Economie de Paris 1*.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2025 Co-organizer, workshop “QSS-CLS-CNET”.
2024- **Associate Editor**, *Journal of Happiness Studies*.
2024- Co-organizer, UCL Empirical Social Science seminar and CNET seminars.
2022- Research Advisor, Gallup INC.
2021 Co-organizer, workshop “Fundamental issues in the measurement of subjective wellbeing”.
2015-2016 External Consultant, OECD, Statistics directorate, HSPM division.
2014-2016 Research Assistant at Paris School of Economics. Supervisor: N. Jacquemet.
2015 Trainee, OECD, Statistics directorate, HSPM division. Supervisor: R. Boarini.

Refereeing: *J. of Public Econ., Experimental Econ., J. of Econ. Behavior & Organization, R. of Income and Wealth, J. of Population Econ., Social Science and Medicine, Economica, J. of the Econ. Science Association, J. of Behavioral and Experimental Econ., Econ. Letters, Oxford Bulletin of Econ. and Statistics, J. of Happiness Studies, Applied Res. in QOL, Revue Economique, Cambridge University Press.*

Research

Supervisions: Rémy Bellaunay, Thomas Beuchot, Isaac Parkes.

Visiting: PARIS 1 PANTHEON-SORBONNE UNIVERSITY (2022, 2024); LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS (2020); WASEDA UNIVERSITY (2018, 2023); UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA (2018); COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY (2014); NEW YORK UNIVERSITY (2013).

Languages: **Italian** (native); **French** (fluent); **English** (fluent); **Spanish** (beginner).

PRIZES & HONORS

2025 **Young scholar award**, International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies.
2025 **Best paper award**, 18th workshop on Social Economy, University of Bologna.
2022 **PhD Dissertation prize**, 2nd prize, International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies.
2021 **PhD Dissertation prize**, 1st prize, Aix-Marseille University.
2021 **PhD Dissertation prize**, 3rd prize, Marseille City Hall (*Prix de thèse de la ville de Marseille*).
2011, 2012 Top 2% students in Economics of the Paris 1 University 2010-13 undergraduate program.

FUNDING

2025 IAS Octagon fund by the Institute for Advances Studies (£1,000).
2024 Research fund by Bloom Wellbeing (6,500\$), project “Improving life satisfaction measures”.
2024 Research fund by UCL Small Impact Grants (750€), project “Improving the comparability of LS”.
2023 Research fund by CEPREMAP (4,000€), project “Happiness over time”.
2021-24 Research fund by John Fell (9,000£) and Oxwell (4,500£), project “recallyourmemory.org”.
2020-22 Research fund by AMSE (600€), project “The carbon footprint of the job market for economists”.
2021 Research fund by FNSP (2,750€), project “NoVax”.
2021 Travel grant by ADRES, International Annual Meeting of the ASFEE (Sept.2021, exp.).
2019 Visiting grant by IFREE, Visiting Workshop in Exp. Econ. at Chapman University (Jan.2020).
2018 Travel grant by Volkswagen Stiftung's, International Rationality Summer Institute (Sept.2018).
2014 Scholarship by Columbia University, Columbia Reid Hall office stipend (Jan. 2014 - Mai 2014).
2013 Bilateral exchange-student scholarship Paris 1 University – NYU (Sept. 2013 – Dec. 2013).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- i. "Why sharing meals can make people happier – what evidence from 142 countries shows", *The Conversation*, March 20, 2025.
- ii. "Inflation may be coming down but its unequal effects can still have a big impact on wellbeing", *The Conversation*, July 19, 2023.
- iii. "Le Bien-être à l'épreuve de l'inflation", with M.Perona, note de l'OBE, 2022 – 14 XX Nov. 2022
- iv. "The environmental burden of the international job market for economists", with O.Chanel & M.Raux, *Vox.eu.*, 16 Jan. 22.
- v. "The Italian Job - Voting Preference and Information Aggregation in the 2013 Italian General Elections", *Columbia Economics Review*, Fall 2014, vol.IV, n°I, p.23-30.

REFERENCES

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Aix-Marseille School of Economics
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CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

- 2025 Nordic Happiness Summit (Helsinki); University lunch lecture (UCL), 18th Workshop on Social Economy for Young Economists (Forli), ESA Africa (Nairobi), London Behavioural and Experimental Economics Workshop (London), ISQOLS annual meeting (Luxembourg).
- 2024 Wellbeing Research Centre seminar (Univ. of Oxford), WISE centre seminar (OECD, Paris), 7th OECD World Forum on Wellbeing (Rome), World Happiness Report workshop (Rome), Well-being and inclusive education conference (Hiroshima); Economic Dep. Seminar (Keio University), Behavior seminar (PSE), Wellbeing seminar (LSE), South African Reserve Bank seminar (online), IARIW (King's College), Measuring Progress Workshop (STATEC), ISQOLS Conference (Kota Kinabalu).
- 2023 New Methods Seminar (Bank of England), 13th ASFEE meeting (CEE-M), ISOQLS Webinar (online), LiK conference (UCA), WINPEC seminar (Waseda Univ.).
- 2022 Dep. of Economics External Seminar (Univ. of Malaga), Dep. of Economics Postdoctoral Seminar (Univ. of Oxford), "Motivated Reading of Information" Workshop (Sciences Po Paris), Behavior seminar (PSE); Newcastle Experimental Economics Workshop (Newcastle Univ.); BEER Seminar (GATE Lyon), 2022 Well-being Conference (STATEC Luxembourg), Wellbeing Research & Policy Conference (Univ. of Oxford); Behavior Seminar (PSE).
- 2021 Affective Brain Lab seminar (UCL), Economic Psychology Seminar (Panthéon-Sorbonne University), Dr@w seminar (University of Warwick), FETS seminar (online), 20th Journées LAGV (AMSE), ISQOLS (online), 11th ASFEE meeting (BSB), MUN Leiron (Athens).
- 2020 Oxwell seminar (Univ. of Oxford); Behavior seminar (PSE); WIP seminar (Univ. of Bologna).
- 2019 Wellbeing seminar (LSE); Public-Labor-Health seminar (KU Leuven); EHERO seminar (Erasmus Univ.); EDGE Jamboree (Univ. of Cambridge); BEERS Seminar (GATE Lyon); ADRES conference (AMSE); IDEE meeting (Univ. of Bologna); 16th ACDD (Univ. of Strasbourg), 10th ASFEE meeting (TSE), European ESA meeting (BSB).
- 2018 Behavior Seminar (PSE); WINPEC seminar (Waseda Univ.); 16th ISQOLS Meeting (Hong Kong Polytech); 35th Journées de Microéconomie Appliquée (Univ. of Bordeaux); EHERO Seminar (Erasmus Univ.), 67th Annual Meeting of AFSE (PSE); Internal Seminar (Univ. of Bologna).
- until 2017 CORE seminar (Univ. Catholique de Louvain); WIP seminar (PSE); 10th PhD Italian Workshop in Economics (University of Turin); Wellbeing & Justice in the Social Sciences (EHESS & AMSE); 34th JMA (University of Le Mans); 14th ACDD (Univ. of Strasbourg); European Happiness Days (Erasmus Univ. Rotterdam); OECD-Eurostat Expert Group DNA Meeting (OECD, Paris).