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## Academic Employment

- 2016- Associate Professor (with tenure) in the Department of Economics at the Geneva Graduate Institute
- 2011-2016 Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics at the Geneva Graduate Institute
- 2011- Faculty Associate, Harvard University, Center for International Development
- 2009-2011 Full-time Economist at the Centre for Economic Performance of the London School of Economics and Political Science (promoted in June 2009)
- 2008-2011 Postdoctoral Fellow at the Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government and Fellow at the Women and Public Policy Program, Harvard Kennedy School
- 2007- 2009 Full-time Research Economist at the Centre for Economic Performance of the London School of Economics and Political Science

## Education

- 2007 Ph.D., London School of Economics and Political Science
- 2003 M.A., Northwestern University
- 2002 B.A. *summa cum laude*, Department of Economics, University of Turin

## Selected Affiliations

Swiss National Center of Competence in Research (NCCR); Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR); European Development Network (EUDN); Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA); Center for Economic Studies (CESifo); Centre for Research and Analysis of Migration (CReAM); Woodrow Wilson Center

## Selected Professional Service and Advisory Roles

Member of the Board of Directors of the Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics;  
Member of the Evaluation Committee of the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) Economic Cooperation and Development;  
Member of the Advisory Board of the Swiss Leading House on the Economics of Education, Firm Behavior and Training Policies, coordinated and sponsored by the Swiss State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation;  
Senior Expert of the European Expert Network on Economics of Education (EENEE) coordinated and sponsored by the European Commission, Directorate General Education and Culture

## Publications

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### **Selected Publications in International Peer Reviewed Journals**

Manea R., P. Piraino and M. Viarengo (2023) “Crime, Inequality and Subsidized Housing: Evidence from South Africa,” *World Development*, Vol. 168, pp. 106243

Müller T., P. Pannatier and M. Viarengo (2023) “Labor Market Integration, Local Conditions and Inequalities – Evidence from Refugees in Switzerland,” *World Development*, Vol. 170, pp. 106288

Lee T., G. Peri and M. Viarengo (2022) “The Gender Aspect of Immigrants’ Assimilation in Europe,” *Labour Economics*, Vol. 78, pp. 102180

Ganguli I., R. Hausmann and M. Viarengo (2020) “Gender Differences in Professional Career Dynamics: New Evidence from a Global Law Firm,” *Economica*, Vol. 88, pp. 105-128

Bandiera O., M. Mohnen, I. Rasul and M. Viarengo (2019) “Nation-Building through Compulsory Schooling during the Age of Mass Migration,” *Economic Journal*, Vol. 129, No. 617(1), pp. 62–10

Machin S., S. McNally and M. Viarengo (2018), “Changing How Literacy is Taught: Evidence on Synthetic Phonics,” *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, Vol. 10, No. 2, pp. 217-241

Gibbons S., S. McNally and M. Viarengo (2017), “Does Additional Spending Help Urban Schools? An Evaluation Using Boundary Discontinuities,” *Journal of the European Economic Association*, November, Vol. 16, No. 5(1), pp. 1618–1668

Pritchett L. and M. Viarengo (2015), “Does Public Sector Control Reduce Variance in School Quality?” *Education Economics*, Vol. 23, No. 5, October, pp. 557-576

Pritchett L. and M. Viarengo (2015), “The State, Socialization and Private Schooling: When Will Governments Support Alternative Producers?” *Journal of Development Studies*, (lead article), Vol. 51, No. 7, July, pp. 784-807

Martinez-Fritscher A., A. Musacchio and M. Viarengo (2014), “Colonial Institutions, Trade Shocks, and the Diffusion of Elementary Education in Brazil, 1889-1930,” *Journal of Economic History*, Vol. 74, No. 3, pp. 730-766

Freeman R.B. and M. Viarengo (2014), “School and Family Effects on Educational Outcomes across Countries,” *Economic Policy*, (lead article), Vol. 79, No. 29, July, pp. 395-446

Ganguli I., R. Hausmann and M. Viarengo (2014), “Closing the Gender Gap in Education: What is the State of Gaps in Labor Force Participation for Women, Wives and Mothers?” *International Labour Review*, (lead article), Vol. 153, No. 2, pp. 173-208

Ganguli I., R. Hausmann and M. Viarengo (2014), “Marriage, Education and Assortative Mating in Latin America,” *Applied Economics Letters*, Vol. 21, No. 12, pp. 806-811

Bandiera O., I. Rasul and M. Viarengo (2013), “The Making of Modern America: Migratory Flows in the Age of Mass Migration,” *Journal of Development Economics*, Vol. 102, May, pp. 23-47

Pritchett L. and M. Viarengo (2012), “Why Demographic Suicide? The Puzzles of European Fertility,” *Population and Development Review*, No. 38, pp. 55-71

Freeman R.B., S. Machin and M. Viarengo (2011), “Inequality of Educational Outcomes: International Evidence from PISA,” *Regional and Sectoral Economic Studies*, ([lead article](#)), Vol.11, No. 3

Murtin F. and M. Viarengo (2011), “The Expansion and Convergence of Compulsory Schooling in Western Europe: 1950-2000,” *Economica*, Vol. 78, No. 311, pp. 501-522

Holmlund H., S. McNally and M. Viarengo (2010), “Does Money Matter for Schools?” *Economics of Education Review*, Vol. 29, pp. 1154-1164

### **Selected Books, Reports and Policy Publications**

M. Kaffenberger, L. Pritchett and M. Viarengo (2023) “Towards a Right to Learn: Concepts and Measurement of Global Education Poverty,” published in the Research Handbook on Measuring Poverty and Deprivation, Elgar Handbooks in Development

Kramarz F. and M. Viarengo (2015), “Ni en Emploi Ni en Formation - Des Jeunes Laissés pour Compte,” Paris: Sciences-Po Press [title of the book in English: “Neither in Employment nor in Education – Youth Left Behind”]

Ganguli I., R. Hausmann and M. Viarengo (2018), “Career Dynamics and Gender Gaps among Employees in the Microfinance Sector,” UNU-WIDER Working Paper No. 2017/117, chapter published in the book “Towards Gender Equity in Development” published by Oxford University Press

Kramarz F. and M. Viarengo (2015), “Using Education, Training and Skills to Prevent and Combat Youth Unemployment and Increase Employment,” EENEE Analytical Report, European Commission

Pritchett L. and M. Viarengo (2010), “Explaining the Cross-National Time-Series Variation in Life Expectancy: Income, Women’s Education, Shifts and What Else?” Background Paper Human Development Report 2010 Twentieth Anniversary of the United Nations Development Programme

Hausmann R., I. Ganguli and M. Viarengo (2009), “The Dynamics of the Gender Gap: how do Countries rank in terms of making Marriage and Motherhood compatible with Work?” in the Global Gender Gap Report 2009, Geneva: World Economic Forum Publication

### **Selected Awards, Fellowships and Research Grants**

Eisenhower Fellowship, Royal Economic Society, European Union, Swiss National Science Foundation, Swiss National Center for Competence in Research, Russell Sage Foundation, Einaudi Foundation, Rotary Foundation, Newton International Fellowship awarded by the British Academy and the Royal Society, elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, selected as a *Young Global Leader* by the World Economic Forum.