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OVERVIEW

I am a **Full Professor of Management** at the Tor Vergata University of Rome, School of Economics, with experience in connecting academia to industry. Core research interests in firms' strategic decision making, survival, and evolution, combined with genuine enthusiasm for teaching and students' professional development. Research, teaching and other scientific collaborations have spanned Europe, UK, US, and Brazil. I also enjoy discussing the social impact of my activities through LinkedIn, Twitter, and my research blog (www.thebusinesstype.org), LinkedIn and X.

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Among the most recent: *a*) Tor Vergata: Director of the **Interdepartmental Research Centre for TeleInfrastructures** (CTIF Italy, since 2024), and, in the Department of Management and Law, Coordinator of the **Quality Assurance System** (since 2024), Director of the **PhD Programme in Management** (2016-2021), and of the **Master in Real Estate Economics and Management** (since 2015); *b*) Emerald Publishing: Senior Associate Editor for **Management Decision** (since 2023) and Co-Editor for the **Journal of Small Business and Enterprise Development** (since 2023); *c*) European Academy of Management (EURAM): Co-Chair of the **Research Methods and Research Practice Strategic Interest Group** (2023-24; 2019-2021), and of this SIG's standing track **Co-Evolutionary and Ecosystem Perspectives** (since 2012).

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Among the most recent: *a*) **International Blended Learning Award** (2023, Social Sciences and Humanities), for the General Management bachelor course taught at Tor Vergata; *b*) **EURAM Research Grant** (2022), for the co-authored research project "Understanding the non-academic impacts of academic research in their national and international contexts"; *c*) **Emerald Literati Award - Outstanding Paper** (2021), for the article Abatecola G., Cristofaro M. (2020), "Hambrick and Mason's Upper Echelons Theory: Evolution and Open Avenues", *Journal of Management History*, 26(1): 116-136.

RESEARCH

As a distinctive feature, my research approach uses insights from biology and psychology to analyse key business phenomena, such as firm/industry co-evolution and competition, corporate crises/turnarounds, and start-ups' survival/death. Through literature reviews, conceptual modelling and qualitative analyses, I have mostly focused on real estate, automobile, and Unicorns. Overall, together with journal articles, recent works also include: **Abatecola G. (2025), Enterprise Evolution, Survival and the *Businesstype*: From Research to Practice, Routledge.**

TEACHING

Teaching, mentorship and supervising span undergraduates to executives. At Tor Vergata, I have taught **General Management**-related subjects in English (**General Management** [bachelor]; **Strategic Management/Enterprise Evolution** [graduate]) and Italian (**Managerial Decision Making**, graduate), to classes of small (10-20), medium (≈ 50) or large (>100 students) size. Over time, achieved highly favourable teaching evaluations and gratifying placement of supervised students; many of them currently serve in multiple managerial positions, especially for international consulting brands. Teaching experience also includes universities around the globe, such as **Lee** (US), **Sheffield** (UK), **Metropolia** (Finland), **Inholland** (The Netherlands) and **ISCEM** (Portugal). In Italy, I have also taught **Problem Solving and Decision Making** in the **Advanced School of the Italian Police** (2006-2011, Ministry of the Interior), **European University of Rome** (since 2023, bachelor lab), **Advanced School of Criminal Execution** (2024, Ministry of Justice), and in a number of Master programmes at Tor Vergata. Mainly research driven, teaching is mostly interactive, including: *a*) combined talks with industry leaders from primary public/private institutions; *b*) problem solving project works; *c*) classroom challenges; *d*) software simulations; *e*) case studies, *f*) role playing games.

EDUCATION

I hold a PhD in Management and Organizational Behaviour (2006), and a Degree (*summa cum laude*) in Business Administration and Management (2003) from the **Tor Vergata University of Rome**. Recently, I also completed three course seminars with **Harvard Business Publishing**, namely "Teaching with AI" (2024), "Teaching with Cases" (2022), and "Teaching in Online and Hybrid Classes" (2020).