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EDUCATION

PhD Economics Candidate, Florida International University, 2002-Present. Expected graduation date: Fall 2007.

M.A. Economics, Florida International University, 2002

Certified Public Accountant, National University of Cuyo, Mendoza, Argentina, 1976

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FIELDS

Political Economy. Computational Economy.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Applied Macroeconomics – Fall 2007

Applied Macroeconomics - Summer A 2007

Applied Macroeconomics - Spring 2007

Applied Macroeconomics - Fall 2006

Principles of Microeconomics - Summer B 2006 (Co-Instructor with Dr. Nejat Anbarci)

Principles of Microeconomics - Spring 2006

Principles of Microeconomics - Fall 2005

Principles of Macroeconomics - Summer A 2005

Principles of Microeconomics - Spring 2005
Principles of Microeconomics - Fall 2004
Teaching Assistant – Fall 2002 to Spring 2004

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate Lecturer, Florida International University, 2004-Present.
Assistant Professor, National University of Cuyo, Mendoza, Argentina, 1995-2000
Senior Researcher, IERAL, Fundación Mediterránea, Mendoza, Argentina, 1995-2000
Independent Consultant, 1977-1995

RESEARCH PAPERS

Welfare Effects of Taxes in a Small Open Economy (Job market paper)

Analyses of welfare effects of taxation policies typically start with a pristine setting without distortions and quantify the losses from tax increases. In reality, numerous taxes in existence distort the economy and changes in one tax instrument that would be welfare improving in their absence may lead to paradoxical losses. This paper provides quantitative examples of such paradoxes for a small open economy populated by infinitely-lived agents.

Conditional Assistance Programs with Endogenous Lobby Formation

Conditional assistance programs generate conflicting relationships between international financial institutions (IFIs) and member countries. The political dynamic of the country adds to the conflict and usually results from opposing interests between the government and special interests groups opposed to reforms. The experience of IFIs with conditionality in the 1990s led them to allow countries more latitude in the design of their reform programs. Conditionality and ownership are not always relevant. A reformist government does not need conditionality and it is useless if it does not want to reform. The usefulness becomes apparent in intermediate situations. A government that faces opposition may use conditionality and the help of pro-reform lobbies as a lever to counteract anti-reform groups and succeed in implementing reforms.

The Political Economy of Failed States

Failed States are the subject of numerous studies but few, if any, take into account the economic dimension of the phenomenon. The only reference in the economic literature is the study of hyperinflation, which is a limited form of state failure. It is necessary at this stage to develop a more encompassing analytical framework to determine the nature of the relationship between weak or non-existent political institutions and the economic consequences that they generate. The purpose of this paper is to design and test a theoretical and empirical framework to analyze the economic causes and consequences of Failed States. It also analyzes the economic institutions and policies that should be implemented in a process of nation building. In the analytical part we stress the importance of the link between economic institutions, economic policies, and economic outcomes. The empirical strategy relies on 2SLS. Institutions and economic outcomes are both endogenous variables in the model. Using OLS may generate problems of reverse

causality or the effects of omitted variables. Also institutions and policy variables are measured with error or the available data represents the variables poorly. All this considerations support an empirical strategy based on 2SLS with distinct and plausible instruments for both institutions and policies.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Citizen of Argentina and Italy. Date of birth: November 27, 1953.

MIGRATORY STATUS

International Student. F1 Visa.

LANGUAGE

Spanish & English (fluent), Italian (reading & writing).

BOOKS REVIEWS

Miles, David and Andrew Scott, 2002. Macroeconomics and the Global Business Environment, Second Edition, New Jersey, John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

OTHER PAPERS & PUBLICATIONS

Murgo, Daniel, Más ahorro, menos consumo (More savings, less consumption), Mercado de Dinero, August 1st, 2007. Online version also available@ <http://www.mercadodedinerousa.com>.

Jorge, Antonio, Jorge Salazar-Carrillo and Daniel O Murgo, editors, 2007, The Future of the Cuban Economy, Colegio de Economistas Cubanos, Miami, Florida.

Murgo, Daniel, Olivieri, Sergio and Andrea Sanchez, Regulaciones a la Industria Vitivinícola. Ley N° 6.216. El caso del mosto. (Regulations to the Wine Industry. Law N° 6.216. The Case of Must). Anales de la Jornadas de Ciencias Económicas 2000. School of Economic Sciences. National University of Cuyo, Mendoza, Argentina.

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Murgo, Daniel, Las finanzas provinciales: Revisando los deberes hechos (Provincial Public Finances: Reviewing the Homeworks), Novedades Económicas, Año 19, N° 193/194, Ene./Feb. 1997.

Murgo, Daniel, Mac Intosh Fernanda and Olivieri, Sergio, Consideraciones sobre empleo y desempleo (Comments on Employment and Unemployment), *Novedades Económicas*, Año 18, N° 191/192, Nov./Dic. 1996.

Juri, María de la Esperanza, Murgo, Daniel Osvaldo, Mac Intosh, Fernanda and Olivieri, Sergio, Provincia de Mendoza. Perfil económico y fiscal. Versión Preliminar (Province of Mendoza. Economic and Fiscal Profile. Preliminary Version). IEERAL-Fundación Mediterránea, Agosto 1996.

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Murgo, Daniel, Evolución de las Exportaciones entre 1988 y 1995 (Evolution of Exports between 1988 and 1995), *Novedades Económicas*, Año 18, N° 184, Abril de 1996.

Murgo, Daniel and Mac Intosh, Fernanda, ¿Qué sabemos realmente sobre el sistema educativo? (What do we really know about the Educational System?), *Novedades Económicas*, Año 18, N° 183, Marzo de 1996.

Juri, María de la Esperanza and Murgo, Daniel Osvaldo, Los desafíos: Reducir el gasto, aumentar la eficiencia y reestructurar la deuda (The challenges: reduce government expenditure, increase efficiency and restructure government debt), *Novedades Económicas*, Año 18, N° 181, Enero de 1996.

Juri, María de la Esperanza and Murgo, Daniel, Análisis del Presupuesto de Mendoza para 1996 (Analysis of the Budget of Mendoza for 1996), IEERAL, Serie Trabajos, N° 39, Mendoza, 1995.

Martín, Guillermo and Murgo, Daniel, Producción de ciruela para consumo en fresco. Evaluación económica de caso. Informe preliminar., Mendoza, 1995.

Martín, Guillermo and Murgo, Daniel, Producción de pera para consumo en fresco. Evaluación económica de caso. Informe preliminar., Mendoza, 1995.

Martín, Guillermo and Murgo, Daniel, Producción de uva fina para vinificar. Evaluación económica de caso. Informe preliminar., Mendoza, 1995.

AFILIATIONS

Member of the American Economic Association.

FIU Economics Graduate Students Association, President, 2003-2004.