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About

Paolo Di Martino joined the Birmingham Business School in 2010. He has been lecturer in Economic History at the University of Bristol (2002-2004), Birmingham (2004-2005) and Manchester (2005-2010). In 2008 he has been junior visiting fellow at the Department of Economic History of the London School of economics.

He gained his PhD in Economic History at the Department of Economics of the University of Pisa (Italy).

In the past he has published work on banking, financial, and monetary history and theory in various journals, including *Business History, Urban History*, and the *History of Economic Ideas*.

Recent research focuses on the links between legal institutions and economic performance, in particular between bankruptcy and insolvency laws and practices and issues of financial intermediation and business governance. On this topic he published various book chapters andarticles in international journals such as *Business History, Histoire et Measure*, and the *Economic History Review.*

Qualifications

1995 First degree in Economics, Department of Economics, University of Pisa (Italy)

1999 PhD in Economic History, Department of Economics, University of Pisa (Italy)

Teaching

Teaching:

Year 1 - undegraduate

The firm and the business environment (with Paul Lewis)

Year 2 - undergraduate

Models of Business

Intermediate business economics and the macro economy (with Stan Siebert)

Year 3 - undergraduate

Advanced business economics (First semester)

Postgraduate supervision

- Legal institutions and economic performance
- Banking, monetary, and financial history.
- The evolution of business in the long term.
- Micro credit and micro finance

Research

- Legal institutions and economic performance
- Banking, monetary, and financial history
- The evolution of business in the long term
- Micro credit and micro finance

Research project, research interests, funds and grants:

"Re-doing business: Insolvency and bankruptcy legislation, models of business, and firms governance in historical and comparative perspective (1900-2010)". Sponsored by the Leverhume Trust, International Network Grant. £22,239, September 2014-August 2016

Banking, finance, and money in the age of the international gold standard (1870-1913)

Other activities

Year 2 coordinator

Seminars organiser

Publications

"Risk and success: re-assessing female entrepreneurship in late-Victorian and Edwardian England" (with Jennifer Aston, Oxford University), ***Oxford Working Papers in Economic and Social History***, n. 125, February 2014

"Rome wasn't built in a day": lobbies, institutions, and speculation in the 1880s building fever", ***Urban History***, forthcoming 2013

(With Shaker Sarsour, *Palestinian Monetary Authority*), "Micro finance in Palestine: issues, performance, and trajectories", ***Business History***. Forthcoming 2012.

"Legal institutions, social norms, and entrepreneurship in Britain (c.1890-c.1939): re-assessing the 'cultural critique'", ***The Economic History Review,*** 65 (1), 2012, pp. 120-143

(with M. Vasta, University of Siena, Italy), "Companies' insolvency and 'the nature of the firm' in Italy, 1920s-1970s", ***The Economic History Review***, 63 (1), 2010, pp. 137-164

"Dealing with failure: bankruptcy and insolvency in the English experience (1890-1939)", ***Histoire et Measure***, XXIII (1), 2008, pp. 137-65

"Approaching Disaster: A Comparison between Personal Bankruptcy Legislation in Italy and England (c.1880-1939)", ***Business History***, 47 (1), 2005, pp. 23-43

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