

## **Professor Francesco Pastore**



With great sadness we mourn the much too early death of IJM Associate Editor Professor Francesco Pastore (June 6, 1966 - July 13, 2022). I have asked distinguished professor Klaus Zimmermann, member of the IJM Editorial Advisory Board and a longstanding colleague and friend of Francesco, to write an appreciation.

### **Professor Adrian Ziderman**

Editor-in-Chief, IJM

### **Professor Francisco Pastore – An Appreciation**

Francisco Pastore will be remembered for his wide range of high-quality contributions to the academic profession - as a highly respected Italian economist, a leading researcher in European Labour Economics, as a journal editor of sound judgement and loyal and a trusted colleague.

Following a Master of Science in Economics at Coripe-PielJMMonte, University of Turin, a Dottorato di Ricerca in Development Economics and Policy at the University of Naples "Federico II", a Ph.D. in Economics at the University of Sussex, he was ranked as Full Professor of Economic Policy (Italian national habilitation system) and as an Associate Professor of Political Economy and Economic Statistics.

He has been an Associate Professor of Economics at the Department of Economics of the University of Campania Luigi Vanvitelli, since 2015. His outstanding reputation and his strong commitment for serving the scientific community have brought him many honorable

affiliations including the positions of Honorary Member of the Romanian Academy of Sciences, Research Fellow of the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), and Fellow of the Global Labor Organization (GLO). For longer periods, he served as the Secretary of the Italian Association of Labour Economics (AIEL), and on the Executive Boards of the European Association of Comparative Economic Studies (EACES) and the Italian Association of Comparative Economic Studies (AISSEC).

Francesco committed considerable time and effort to editorial responsibilities. Next to his role as Associate Editor of IJM and the *Journal of Population Economics* (JOPE), he served as the Managing Editor of the IZA *Journal of Development and Migration* and on the boards of many other journals. Prior to his appointment as IJM Associate Editor, he acted over the years as Guest Co-Editor for five well received IJM special themed issues. It is sad that he was unable to complete this current issue on "School to Work Transition around the World: The effect of the Pandemic Recession"; its high quality is largely due his remarkable commitment and leadership. We are grateful to Professor Misbah Tanveer for completing the task.

Francesco Pastore's contributions and support have been instrumental in the development of Global Labor Organization (GLO), where he acted as GLO Country Lead for Italy, and as a GLO Research Cluster Lead for "School-to-Work Transitions". He also provided notable contributions for GLO VirtYS, a mentoring program for junior scientists. These two current IJM special issues on school-to-work transitions have been the outcome of a collaborative effort between GLO and IJM, guided enthusiastically by Francesco Pastore as both IJM Associate Editor and GLO Research Cluster Lead.

The challenges and issues of "School-to-Work Transitions" have been a core element in Francesco Pastore's own research and publication activities over many years, with many frequently cited contributions in the field. He has also made notable contributions in the areas of gender and education economics.

Francesco Pastore's ambitions and his continuous commitment has helped us to connect and to perform. He initiated new directions. His work has been well published and is broadly cited. He has made a long-lasting impact on our profession. He will be sorely missed.

**Klaus F. Zimmermann**

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President, Global Labor Organization