



Final Report of Assistant Professor Call n. 70725

Department of Decision Sciences

Application deadline: General Application deadline January 15th, 2019

Junior Hiring Committee: Pierpaolo Battigalli, Emanuele Borgonovo, Igor Pruenster, Carlo Baldassi

Total applications: 232

Valid applications: 171

Number of flyouts: 8

Recommended Action: Call to be closed with 1 position filled

Final Report – Milan, March 4th 2019 (by the committee coordinator, Pierpaolo Battigalli)

Summary: The Committee scrutinized the applications received for the position of Assistant Professor. The first selection was made on the basis of the CV and additional materials provided by the candidates in order to assess the fulfilment of the formal conditions for application. In a second stage, candidates were selected according to the quantity and quality of their scientific production. This step was necessary in order to assess the probability of a successful tenure track given the present tenure requirements at Bocconi (as from the job opening: “applicants should have a trajectory that suggests a tenurable research record is likely”). The result of this process was the choice of 9 candidates who were invited for a flyout: After a meeting, the Committee agreed unanimously about a shared opinion on the candidates and made an offer to GIACOMO ZANELLA.

Evaluations:

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Giacomo, Zanella: has Ph.D. in Statistics from the University of Warwick obtained in 2016/02. His research interests range from Computational and Theoretical Statistics, mainly rooted in the Bayesian approach, to Applied Probability and Stochastic Processes theory. His job market presentation was on scalable importance tempering as a novel algorithm to sample from high-dimensional probability distributions. While the suggested procedure has a huge potential impact in several statistics applications, the candidate has mainly focused on Bayesian variable selection. The committee was very positively impressed by the breadth of such work and by the candidate's mastery of probabilistic and statistical tools involved with the analysis of MCMC techniques. It has, then, come to the conclusion the candidate would represent a perfect fit with the Department and has proposed to make an offer.

The Department Executive Committee (Giunta) has been informed and has unanimously endorsed the Committee's proposal.

In conclusion, the Department received 232 applications, of whom 9 were invited for flyouts, and decided to make one job offer to GIACOMO ZANELLA.

Sincerely,

Pierpaolo Battigalli

Head of Department Hiring Committee