



Final Report for the Assistant Professor Call of Academic Year 2015-16

Department of Decision Sciences

Università Bocconi

Application deadline: January 15th, 2016.

1. Candidates whose fields of interest was in the broad area of Operations Research and Management Science and wished to be considered for an interview at the 2015 INFORMS meeting in Philadelphia had October 15th, 2015 as deadline.
2. Candidates whose fields of interest were in Decision Theory and Game Theory (theoretical and experimental) and related fields and wished to be considered for an interview at the 2016 ASSA meeting in San Francisco had December 1st, 2015 as deadline.

Junior Hiring committee: Pierpaolo Battigalli (chair); Sarah Auster, Emanuele Borgonovo, Simone Cerreia Vioglio, Alessandra Cillo.

Interviewing committee in Philadelphia: Emanuele Borgonovo and Alessandra Cillo.

Interviewing committee in San Francisco: Pierpaolo Battigalli and Simone Cerreia Vioglio.

Number of valid applications: 176

Number of scheduled interviews in Philadelphia: 5

Number of scheduled interviews in San Francisco: 19

Number of invited flyouts: 3

Number of offers: 1

Summary: At the very beginning of the Fall semester the Department posted a call for assistant professors, with an application deadline fixed at January 15th, 2015. We received 162 valid applications. Applications covered all the three major research fields of the Dept., namely, Economic Theory, OR, and Statistics. The majority of applications was received by the Econ. Theory group (roughly, 75%) and the rest was more pertinent to the two other fields. We targeted applicants who had in our view good prospects of publishing in top international research journals. We interviewed around 30 candidates (between the Informs and the ASSA meetings) and had three flyouts.

Reporting on the interviews:

Informs: Emanuele Borgonovo and Alessandra Cillo interviewed five candidates (OMISSIS). Three other candidates (OMISSIS) not present at Informs were interviewed via Skype conference calls. Based on the CV, the interview and the fit with the Decision Sciences area, the Department decided to fly out one candidate (OMISSIS) for an assistant professorship and to open a post-doc position for a second candidate (OMISSIS). The candidate selected for assistant professorship decided to accept an offer from the United States and canceled the visit to Bocconi. The procedures for the post-doc position are ongoing.

ASSA: We scheduled 19 interviews. Three candidates (OMISSIS) withdrew before their interview took place. These candidates were basically able to find a job before the beginning of the market. The other 16 candidates were interviewed by Pierpaolo Battigalli and Simone Cerreia Vioglio. Based on the CV and the outcome of the interviews, and given the high standards of the Dept. and the current job market situation of the 16 candidates, the Dept. opted to fly out 2 candidates (OMISSIS). As for the two remaining candidates (OMISSIS), each had a full day of interviews and presented his/her research, here at Bocconi. The Department faculty. was positively impressed by both candidates, but any action was prevented by the fact that both candidates received offers from top US institutions and they signalled a preference to stay in North America.

Other candidates: The Dept. decided to fly out a Statistics candidate (OMISSIS). S/He had a full day of interviews and presented his/her research, here at Bocconi. Also in this case, the Dept. was positively impressed by the candidate, so that an offer was made. The offer at the end was turned down. The candidate was considering at the same time two other offers: one from a very top US institution and another from a top European institution.

In conclusion the call for Assistant Professorships in Decision Sciences was closed without any position being filled. We anticipate attending the ASSA and Informs meetings again and making another open call for an Assistant Professor position in Autumn 2016.

Signed on behalf of the Decision Sciences Assistant Professorship Recruitment Committee of Bocconi University.

Pierpaolo Battigalli



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