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Research fields

Development Economics (Microfinance, Education, Migration, Gender, Risk-coping strategies), Behavioral Economics, Impact Evaluation

Academic positions

2016-present **Tenured Assistant Professor**, AMSE, Aix-Marseille University
2015-2016 **Assistant Professor**, AMSE, Aix-Marseille University
2013-2015 **Postdoctoral Researcher**, CERDI, Clermont-Ferrand
2012-2012 **Fulbright Visiting Scholar**, Economics Dpt. and SIEPR, Stanford University (Fall)
2011-2011 **Marie-Curie Visiting Researcher**, IIES, Stockholm University (Spring - Summer)
2010-2010 **Marie-Curie Visiting Researcher**, STICERD, LSE (Summer - Fall)
2008-2012 **Doctoral Research Fellow (aspirant)**, Fond National de la Recherche Scientifique
2006-2008 **Teaching Assistant** for Professor P. Reding, University of Namur

Education

2008-2012 **Ph.D. in Economics**, CRED, University of Namur (Académie Louvain)
Dissertation: “Essays on the direct and indirect impacts of microfinance” (supervisors: Jean-Marie Baland and Paul Reding; other committee members: Xavier Giné, Catherine Guirkingier, Romain Houssa, and Rohini Somanathan)
2006-2008 **M.Res. in Economics**, Economics School of Louvain
2003-2006 **M.A. in Economics**, University of Namur (majors: Development and Monetary Econ.)
2003-2004 **Erasmus exchange year**, University College Dublin
2001-2003 **B.A. in Economics, Social Science, and Business Admin.**, University of Namur

Peer-reviewed publications

“Coping with shocks: the impact of Self-Help Groups on migration and food security”, *World Development*, vol. 155, July 2022
“Child Education and Labour Decisions of Long-Run Microfinance Participants in Rural India” (with Jean-Marie Baland and Rohini Somanathan), *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, vol. 69, no. 1, October 2020
“Financial Exclusion in Developed Countries: a Field Experiment Among Migrants and Low-income People in Italy” (with Giorgia Barboni and Alessandra Cassar), *Journal of Behavioral Economics for Policy*, vol. 1, no. 2, 2017, pp. 39-49
“Microfinance Spillovers: a Model of Competition in Informal Credit Markets with an Application to Indian Villages”, *European Economic Review*, vol. 89, October 2016, pp. 21-41

Working papers

“The Impact of Microfinance: An Adverse Selection Model”, *CRED working paper 2010/05*, 2010
“Overcoming Constraints to Agricultural Innovation through the Market: Insights from the Peruvian Andes”, *CRED working paper 2010/06*, 2010

Policy papers

“The Demand for Savings, Credit and Insurance in a Simple Dynamic Framework” (with Vianney Dequiedt), *FERDI Policy Brief*, No. 81, November 2013

“Investing in Boys and Girls: Schooling Decisions and Credit Constraints for Microfinance Participants in India” (with Jean-Marie Baland, and Rohini Somanathan), *PRADAN NewsReach*, Vol. 13, No. 1, pp. 16-27, January 2013

“Poverty, Access to Credit and Absorption of Income Shocks: Evidence from Self-Help Groups in India”, *PRADAN NewsReach*, Vol.12, No. 10, pp. 38-48, September 2012

“Lucha contra las restricciones a la innovación agrícola: un enfoque de mercado”, in: de la Torre, C., *Kamayoyq: promotores campesinos de innovaciones tecnológicas*, Vol. 2, Lima: ITDG, 2008

Teaching

Aix-Marseille University (ALLSH and FEG)

Public economics (undergrad)

Strategic decision making (undergrad)

Data collection and survey techniques (undergrad)

Introduction to data analysis and impact evaluation techniques (master)

Economics of poverty and development assistance (master)

Economic and policy perspectives of migration (undergrad)

University work methodology (undergrad)

PhD student supervision

2020- Daniela HORTA SAENZ

2021- Aisha SALIH

Other academic services

2022-present AMSE Placement Officer

2021-present Organizer of AMSE Development and International Economics meetings

2017-present Director of L2 LEA AMU

2016-present Elected member of AMSE council

2016-present Co-organizer of AMSE Development and International Economics seminar

2016-2018 Co-organizer of AMSE general seminar

Refereeing: Journal of Development Economics, Economic Development and Cultural Change, World Development, Applied Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Oxford Economic Papers, Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics, Annals of Public and Cooperative Economics, Louvain Economic Review, Revue d’Economie du Développement

Awards and fellowships

Research grant from ANR, 2021 (20,000€)

Qualification aux fonctions de maître de conférences from the Conseil National des Universités, 2015

Research grant from the Levi Strauss Foundation, 2013-2015 (60,000\$)

Fulbright Award for Research or Lecturing, 2012-2013

Belgian American Educational Foundation Honorary Fellowship, 2012-2013

Pio Sodalizio dei Piceni Research Award, 2012 (6,500€)

Marie-Curie Early Stage Fellowship, 2010-2011

Presentations

Invited seminars

2019: CERDI; 2016: European Commission JRC (Ispra); 2015: Nova SBE Lisbon, Goethe University Frankfurt, AMSE-GREQAM; 2014: AMSE-GREQAM, St. Gallen; 2012: UC Berkeley, Stanford University, CERDI, Lund University; 2011: CERMi (Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management), CRED, STICERD (LSE), IIES (Stockholm); 2010: EOPP (LSE), LICOS (Leuven), CRED

Conferences and workshops

International Conference in Development Economics, June 30 – July 2, 2021, Bordeaux

15th ISI Conference on Economic Growth and Development, December 18-20, 2019, New Delhi
 2nd Bordeaux Applied Economics Workshop, March 29, 2019, Bordeaux
 67th Annual Congress of the French Economic Association (AFSE), May 14-16, 2018, Paris
 IDE-GDRI Conference, November 3-4, 2016, Clermont-Ferrand
 31st EEA Annual Congress, August 22-26, 2016, Geneva
 Public Economic Theory Conference, July 11-13, 2016, Rio de Janeiro
 19th Annual Conference of the Microfinance Centre, June 23-24, 2016, Tirana
 UNU-WIDER Conference on Human Capital and Growth, June 6-7, 2016, Helsinki
 3rd DIAL Conference, July 2-3, 2014, Paris
 64th Annual Congress of the French Economic Association (AFSE), June 22-24, 2015, Rennes
 World Bank-FERDI workshop on Disaster Risk Financing and Insurance, June 4-5, 2015, Clermont-Ferrand
 International Conference on Globalization and Development, May 11-12, 2015, Goettingen
 Workshop “Analyzing Extreme Weather Events from a Microeconomic Perspective”, March 9, 2015, DIW Berlin
 ADRES Doctoral Conference, February 27-28, 2015, La Sorbonne (Paris)
 6th Summer School in Development Economics, June 23-27, 2014, Ascea (faculty: Martina Björkman, Ethan Ligon, Rocco Macchiavello, Karen Macours, Dilip Mookherjee and Stefan Napel)
 63rd Annual Congress of the French Economic Association (AFSE), June 16-18, 2014, Lyon
 31^e Journées de Microéconomie Appliquée, June 5-6, 2014, Clermont-Ferrand
 7th COSME-FEDEA Workshop on Gender Economics, May 22-23, 2014, Madrid
 International conference on “International labor mobility and inequality across nations”, January 23-24, 2014, Clermont-Ferrand
 Social Innovation on Microsavings workshop and final conference, September 9-10, 2013, Brussels
 5th ECINEQ Conference, July 22-24, 2013, Bari
 World Bank-FERDI workshop on flexible microfinance products to address risk, June 12-14, 2013, Clermont-Ferrand
 CEPR/AMID Development Economics Conference, June 8-9, 2012, Bocconi University
 Doctoral Workshop of the Economic School of Louvain, May 24, 2012
 Doctoral Workshop on Finance and Microfinance, December 1, 2011, University of Namur
 AMID Presentation Skills Training Workshop, September 23-26, 2011, Paris School of Economics
 CEPR/BREAD/AMID Development Economics Conference, September 23-24, 2011, PSE
 10th EUDN Ph.D. Seminar, July 7-8, 2011, Amsterdam
 2nd European Research Conference on Microfinance, June 16-18, 2011, Groningen
 NEUDC, November 6-7, 2010, MIT
 25th EEA Annual Congress, August 23-26, 2010, Glasgow
 2nd AMID Summer School, June 23-26, 2010, London: “Empirical Methods for Development Research” (faculty: Radha Iyengar, Greg Fisher, Eliana La Ferrara, and Esther Duflo)
 RGS Doctoral Conference in Economics, February 11-12, 2010, Bochum (Germany)
 1st AMID Summer School, June 15-18, 2009, Namur: “An Introduction to Field Surveys in LDCs” (faculty: Berk Özler, Remma Hanna, Vincenzo Verardi and Juan-Camilo Cardenas)

Other relevant experience

2019- **Massilia Sun System** (www.massiliasunsystem.org), co-founder, board member and chief public relations officer
 2010- **Project Syndicate** (www.project-syndicate.org), English-French translator of op-eds about world news, economics and politics
 2018-2019 **Soutien Migrant.e.s 13**, legal adviser for immigrants in Marseille
 2005-2018 **Université de Paix asbl** (www.universitedepaix.eu), board member
 2008-2009 **PRADAN** (www.pradan.net) and **CRED**, design and implement a longitudinal LSMS data collection in Jharkhand, India (7 months)
 2005 **Soluciones Prácticas** (www.solucionespracticas.org.pe), design, implement and communicate the evaluation of a rural training program in the Cusco province, Peru (6 months)

Language skills

French (native), **English** (fluent), **Italian** (fluent), **Spanish** (advanced), **Dutch** (intermediate).

Additional trainings and skills

Computer: Stata, Limesurvey, CPro, LaTeX, Matlab

General Information Cycle from the Belgian Development Agency (2011)

Certificate in Positive Management of Interpersonal Conflicts from the Université de Paix (2010) – recognized by the Education Ministry of Belgium

Certificates of Youth Leader (2003) and Adult Trainer (2007) from Les Scouts – recognized by the Education Ministry of Belgium

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