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POSITIONS

Toulouse School of Economics (TSE)

September 2019 - September 2020

Temporary Lecturer (A.T.E.R.)

- Teaching: Microeconomics & Macroeconomics

Aix-Marseille School of Economics (AMSE)

September 2016 - June 2020 (Expected)

Ph.D. Candidate in Economics

- *Thesis Title:* Three Essays on Gender and Cultural Economics
- *Supervisors:* Christian Schluter & Roberta Ziparo
- *Thesis committee:* Jean-Marie Baland (University of Namur), Nicolas Berman (AMSE), Nathan Nunn (Harvard University), Alessandra Voena (University of Chicago)
- *Expected completion date:* June 2020

EDUCATION

Harvard University

Spring 2019

Visiting PhD Student

Sponsor: Pr. Nathan Nunn

Toulouse School of Economics (TSE)

2013 - 2015

M.Sc. in Economics, *with Honours*

University Montpellier I

2010 - 2013

B.Sc. in Economics, *with Honours*

RESEARCH FIELDS

Primary fields: Development Economics, Cultural Economics, and Political Economy

Secondary fields: Gender, Household Economics, Economic History, and Applied Microeconometrics

RESEARCH

Women's Position in Ancestral Societies and Female HIV: The Long-Term Effect of Matrilineality in Sub-Saharan Africa. *Job Market Paper (2019)*

Can contemporary female HIV rates be traced back to women's position in ancestral societies? A prediction that emerges from the evolutionary psychology literature is that matrilineal females should exhibit a stronger preference for promiscuous sexual behaviours relative to their patrilineal counterparts, leading to higher HIV rates. In matrilineal kinship organizations males' biological children are not their heirs and integrate the kin group of their mothers. Matrilineal males are therefore less likely to engage in a long-term committed relationship to ensure the survival of their offsprings, and seeking for better genes through sexual variety may have been a preferred reproductive strategy for ancestral matrilineal females. Using within Sub-Saharan countries variation in ethnic groups' ancestral kinship organizations, I find that females originating from ancestrally matrilineal ethnic groups are today more likely to be infected by HIV. This finding is robust to the inclusion of subnational fixed effects, as well as a large set of cultural, historical, geographical, and environmental factors. I find consistent results using a number of alternative estimation strategies, including an instrumental variable strategy and a geographic RD design at ethnic boundaries. Matrilineal females' riskier sexual and contraceptive behaviours constitute the main explanatory mechanisms. Building an epidemiological model, I simulate how these differences in sexual and contraceptive behaviours translate into different gender-specific HIV rates dynamics.

Traditional Norms, Access to Divorce and Women's Empowerment: Evidence from Indonesia, joint with Olivier Bargain & Roberta Ziparo. *Working Paper (2019)*

A growing literature attempts to understand how social norms interact with development policies in shaping women's autonomy. In this paper, we assess the heterogeneous impact of legal reforms depending on ethnic diversity regarding traditional modes of post-marital cohabitation. Global evidence shows a strong correlation between ancestral matrilocality (the husband lives with the wife's relatives) and women's empowerment nowadays. Focusing on Indonesia, we show that this relationship also exists within the country. We exploit a policy experiment that exogenously fosters access to justice for women and increases their ability to divorce. Using a difference-in-differences strategy with fixed effects, we study how women originating from matrilocal ethnic groups respond to the reform relatively to those from patrilocal ethnicities. We find that the former divorce more and, when in stable marriages, experience a significant improvement in well-being and empowerment. This result is consistently obtained for a broad range of outcomes including women's health status, healthcare access, fertility control, asset shares, child well-being and women's final say over many household decisions. Modern legal reforms compound with ancestral norms in a way that leaves disadvantaged women behind. These conclusions call for better tailored policies that can transcend cultural contexts and overcome the adherence to informal laws.

Women's Empowerment and Husband's Migration: Evidence from Indonesia, joint with Olivier Bargain & Roberta Ziparo. *Working Paper (2019)*

In this paper, we examine the effect of women's empowerment on husband's split migration (migration without his wife) in Indonesia. To deal with endogeneity issues, we conduct a difference-in-differences strategy exploiting a national policy experiment that exogenously eased access to justice for women, as well as ethnical variation in traditional post-marriage residence norm. We first document that married women originating from traditionally matrilocal ethnic groups experienced a relatively stronger empowerment following the reforms than women originating from traditionally patrilocal ethnic groups. We also find that matrilocal husband's propensity to split migrate relatively increased following the reforms by 2-2.7 percentage points (an increase of 51-69%). This result suggests that women's empowerment fosters husband's split migration, with anticipated information

asymmetry and risk of moral hazard. We also point to an additional mechanism whereby husband's split migration is facilitated by spousal monitoring and communication. Finally, we find that husband split migrants are more likely to (1) originally live in a village having experienced a natural disaster recently, (2) originate from a liquidity constraint household and (3) be less educated. We therefore suggest that the relative increase in husband's split migration was mainly driven by ex-post risk coping motives, rather than (ex-ante risk diversification) investment motives.

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

- 2019** IAST/TSE Political Economy Working Group Meeting, November 13, Toulouse, France
European Development Network (EUDN) PhD Workshop, November 7-8, Leuven, Belgium
TSE Applied Micro Workshop, October 14, Toulouse, France
TSE Behavior, Institutions and Development Workshop, October 11, Toulouse, France
Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture (ASREC) Europe, Sep. 26-28, Lund, Sweden
European Doctoral Group in Economics (EDGE) Jamboree, Sep. 18-20, Cambridge, U.K.
34th Congress of the European Economic Association (EEA), August 26-30, Manchester, U.K.
5th International DIAL Development Conference, July 4-5, Paris, France
18th LAGV International Conference in Public Economics, June 13-14, Aix-en-Provence, France
36th Journées de Microéconomie Appliquée (JMA), June 6-7, Casablanca, Morocco
Aix-Marseille School of Economics (AMSE) PhD Seminar, February 26, Marseille, France
- 2018** 2nd GDRI International Development Economics (IDE) Conference, November 15-16, CERDI, France
30th European Association of Labour Economists (EALE) Conference, Sep. 13-15, Lyon, France
7th GREThA International Conference on Development Economics, June 25-27, Bordeaux, France
Summer School in Development Economics, June 19-21, Prato, Italy
UNU-WIDER Nordic Conference on Development Economics, June 11-12, Helsinki, Finland
67th Annual Meeting of the French Economic Association (AFSE), May 14-16, PSE, Paris, France
Aix-Marseille School of Economics (AMSE) PhD Seminar, April 10, Marseille, France
ADRES Doctoral Conference, February 8-9, ENSAE, Paris, France
- 2017** Aix-Marseille University Doctoral Day, November 10, Aix-en-Provence, France
Aix-Marseille School of Economics (AMSE) PhD Seminar, May 9, Marseille, France

TEACHING

- Fall 2019** TA, Microeconomics, B.Sc. in Economics, Toulouse School of Economics - Pr. M.-B. Bouissou
TA, Macroeconomics, B.Sc. in Economics, Toulouse School of Economics - Pr. N. Lepage-Saucier
- Fall 2018** TA, Microeconomics, B.Sc. in Economics, Aix-Marseille University - Pr. Sangnier & van Ypersele
- Spring 2018** TA, Microeconomics, B.Sc. in Economics, Aix-Marseille University - Pr. Paul Belleflamme
- Fall 2017** TA, Mathematics, B.Sc. in Economics, Aix-Marseille University - Pr. Gaëtan Fournier

GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2019-2020:** Temporary Lecturer (A.T.E.R.) Position, Toulouse School of Economics (TSE)
2019: Harvard University visiting mobility grant (funded by Aix-Marseille School of Economics)
2016-2019: Doctoral Scholarship, Aix-Marseille University

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Organization volunteer, 16th Louis-André Gérard Varet (LAGV) Conference, Aix-en-Provence (2017)

SUMMER SCHOOLS

2018 Summer School in Development Economics, June 19-21, Prato, Italy

TECHNICAL SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

Office Software	LaTeX, Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), Open Office
Statistical Software	Stata, QGIS, R (notions)
Languages	French (native language), English (fluent) & Spanish (intermediate level)

EXPERIENCE

SOFRECO (Société Française de Réalisation, d'Études et de Conseil) *October 2015 - April 2016*
Project Manager

- Management of development aid projects, funded by the European Union (EU), the French Development Agency (AFD) and the African Development Bank (AfDB).
- Review and quality check of experts reports and submission of reports to the funders (EU, AFD).
- Budget Management of European Union-funded development aid projects.
- Preparation and writing of technical and financial offers for the EU, AFD and AfDB.

SOFRECO *April 2015 - October 2015*
Project Manager Intern

- Assisted in the management of development aid projects, funded by the European Union (EU) and the French Development Agency (AFD).
- Assisted in the preparation of technical and financial offers for the EU, AFD and AfDB.

University Montpellier I, LAMETA *April 2014 - June 2014*
Research Assistant Intern

- Conducted a study of the impact of regulation and competition on networks investment in telecommunication industries in OECD member countries.

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