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PROFESSIONAL POSITION

Feb 2026 - Junior Professor Chair in Economics, **Aix-Marseille School of Economics**
Sept 2021 - 2026 Assistant Professor of Economics (Tenure-track), **Copenhagen Business School**

RESEARCH STAYS

April - May 2025 European Union Institute (EUI), Italy
October 2024 Paris School of Economics (PSE), France
April - May 2024 Duke University, United States
Spring 2019/20 Harvard University, United States

DOCTORAL STUDIES

Sept 2017 - 2021 **Paris School of Economics, France**
Ph.D., Economics. Essays on Inequality and Migration:
A Post-colonial & Global Perspective
Advisors: Thomas Piketty & Marion Leturcq

RESEARCH FIELDS

INTERESTS Applied Labor & Microeconomics, Public Economics, Migration

PRIOR EDUCATION

2015-17 Master in Public Policy and Development, **Paris School of Economics, France**
2012-15 Bachelor in Economics, SRCC, **University of Delhi, India**

TEACHING & RELEVANT ACTIVITIES

Teaching	Undergraduate The Philosophy & Economics of Inequality in the 21st century, CBS
Fall 2021-25	Graduate Advanced Quantitative Methods, CBS
Spring 2023-25	Applied Econometrics, CBS
Fall 2021-25	Statistical Reasoning and Quantitative Methods, Sciences Po, Paris
Fall & Spring 2017-18	
Supervision	Barnabas Fabian Bakay (co-supervisor, PhD expected 2026)
Organizer 2020-22	The Economics of Migration Junior seminar
Referee Services	Economics and Statistics, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Labor Economics, Labour Economics, Review of International Economics, The Economic Journal, World Development, Quarterly Journal of Economics
Scientific committee	Economics of Migration Junior Workshop (2023, 2024, 2025, 2026); AFEPOP (2024, 2025, 2026); EAYE (2025, 2026); EEA MinE Best Paper Award (2025);
Consultancy 2016	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

RESEARCH WORK

Publications

- “Post-colonial Trends of Income Inequality: Evidence from the Overseas Departments of France”, *World Development* (2025), 194: 107069
Awarded the First Prize of the “*Prix AFD Jeunes Chercheurs Outre-Mer*” 2022
- “The Colorblind Approach to Inequality and Discrimination: The Case of France” (with Paolo Santini), *Oxford Review of Economic Policy* (2024), 40(3): 592-605

Working papers

- “Intergenerational mobility of immigrants in 15 destination countries” (with Leah Bousstan, Mathias Fjællegaard Jensen and consortium), NBER Working Paper No. 33558, *R&R at American Economic Review*
- “The Making of a Ghetto: Place-Based Policies, Labeling, and Impacts on Neighborhoods and Individuals” (with Jack Melbourne, Sara Signorelli, Edith Zink), IZA Working Paper No. 17573, *R&R at The Economic Journal*
- “Migration policy backlash, identity and integration of second generation migrants in France” (with Thomas Baudin and Simone Moriconi), CESifo Working Paper No. 12362
- “Racial inequality in France” (with ② Paolo Santini, ② Ellora Derenoncourt), NBER Working Paper No. 34013
- “To become or not to become French: The implications of costly naturalization” (with Louis Sirugue) PSE Working Papers halshs-04273821, HAL
- “Is naturalization a passport for better labor market integration? Evidence from a Quasi-Experimental Setting”, PSE Working Papers halshs-03265055, HAL.
Awarded the *Etta Chiuri Prize 2020 (SIEP), Best Paper Award at the 2021 Workshop on Labour Economics (IAAEU)* & nominated for the Best Paper Award at the *2021 Bavarian Young Economist Meeting*.
- “Global Land Inequality” (with Luis Bauluz and Filip Novokmet), *WID.world Working Paper N° 2020/10*

Selected Work in progress

- “Racial inequality in Multiracial Societies” (with Ellora Derenoncourt, Claire Montaloux, and Paolo Santini)
- “Effect of parents’ naturalization on children” (with Mirna Safi and Haley McAvay)

Policy Reports & Book Chapters

- “Political Cleavages in Sub-Saharan Africa” (with Jules Baleyte, Amory Gethin & Thomas Piketty), in A. Gethin, C. Martínez-Toledano, T. Piketty (ed.), *Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities*. Harvard University Press, 2021
- “Child Poverty in the OECD: Trends, Determinants and Policies to tackle it”, (with O.Thevenon, T.Manfredi & I.Klauzner), *OECD Social, Employment and Migration Working Papers, No. 218*, OECD Publishing, Paris, 2018
- “A decade of social protection development in selected Asian countries”, *Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development*. OECD Publishing, 2017.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS

Awards

2022 First Prize “Prix AFD Jeunes Chercheurs Outre-Mer” 2022
2022 Association Française des Sciences Economiques Best Thesis Award (*shortlisted*)
2021 IAAEU Best Paper Award
2021 Bavarian Young Economist Meeting Best Paper Award (*shortlisted*)
2020 Etta Chiuri Prize, Italian Society of Public Economics (SIEP)

Grants

2025 WIL Minigrant (5.000 EUR)
2024 NEeDS CBS Visiting research stay Grant (2.000 EUR)
2024 Research Grant ICM (co-PI, 50.000 EUR)
2022 Research Grant ICM (2.500 EUR)
2020 - 21 4th year PhD Grant, ICM (32.000 EUR)
2020 PSE International Mobility Grant (4.500 EUR)
2020 INED-iPOPs International Mobility Grant (1.800 EUR)
2017 Research Grant by Labex OSE (2.500 EUR)
2017 Research Grant by Fonds Sarah Andrieux (1.600 EUR)
2017 - 20 PhD Fellowship INED (63.500 EUR)

Fellowships

2021 - 23 Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellowship, European University Institute (*declined*)
2021 - Pan-African Scientific Research Council (PASRC) Fellow
2018 - Fellow at Institut Covergences Migrations
2017 - World Inequality Lab Research Fellow
2016 - 18 Cité Internationale Universitaire de Paris Scholarship
2015 - 17 French Government Excellence Graduate Scholarship
2012 - 15 Indian Government Scholarship for Undergraduate Program

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

2026* Public Governance Working Group University Paris-Dauphine PSL (*invited*), VATT Seminar Helsinki (*invited*), RFBerlin Migration Forum, 2nd IGM Consortium Forum London (*invited*). * - incl. *scheduled*

2025 Political Economy Seminar Oxford University (*invited*), PSPE Seminar London School of Economics (*invited*), Global Citizenship Seminar EUI (*invited*), Workshop on the Immigrant Assimilation Princeton University (*invited*), Immigration Policy Lab seminar ETH Zurich (*invited*), International Forum on Migration Statistics 2025 Malmö (*invited*), Sixth World Labor Conference Toronto, 22nd IMISCOE Annual Conference Paris, ASREC Conference Copenhagen, VIVE Seminar Copenhagen (*invited*)

2024 Workshop on “The evolution of the access to citizenship and permits” Paris (*invited*), Workshop on “Economic and Social Integration of Immigrants and Refugees” Naples (*invited* discussant), NBER Race and Stratification Working Group Boston, UNU-Merit Seminar Series Maastricht (*invited*), Lisbon Migration Economics Workshop, 3rd Migration and Family Economics Workshop IESEG Paris (*invited*), 8th LEED workshop Copenhagen, 23rd LAGV Marseille, EEA 2024, Workshop on the Political Economy of Migration ENS-Lyon (*invited*), Paris Migration Economic Seminar (*invited*), Journée d’études au MNHI (*invited*), 14th Annual International Conference Immigration in OECD countries

2023 Workshop on Economic Development in the Indian Ocean La Réunion (*invited*), Migration and Politics Como, European Association for Labor Economists (EALE) Prague, 20th IMISCOE Annual Conference Warsaw (*invited* Plenary speaker), 2nd Migration and Family Economics Workshop IESEG Paris (*invited* discussant), ICM International Conference - Migration at Work Paris (*invited*), OECD Regional Economics of Migration Paris (*invited* discussant), Bristol Economic Policy and Behaviour Workshop Bristol, Symposium in Labor Economics (ELSE) Copenhagen (*invited*), Migration Observatory 7th Annual Conference Carlo Alberto Torino (*invited*), FBK-IRVAPP Seminar Series Trento

2022 Paris Migration & Demographic Economic Seminar (ICM, PSE) (*invited*), Seminar CEMOI (University of La Réunion) (*invited*), 21eme Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet (LAGV), 7th Linked Employer-Employee Data (LEED) workshop (Porto), UNU-WIDER & UNIANDES “Reducing inequality” Conference (Bogotà) (*invited*), Actes de Recherche Ultra Marine (ARUM) 2022 (Paris), Inequality Platform Symposium, CBS

2021 Royal Economic Society 2021 Annual Conference, 2nd Workshop on the Economics and Politics of Migration EBRD & King’s College London, Workshop on Labour Economics (IAAEU, Trier University), Immigration Initiative at Harvard (IIH) Conference, PhD - Economics Virtual Seminar, ADRES Doctoral Conference 2021, (Strasbourg, France), 17th IZA Annual Migration Meeting, European Association of Labour Economists (EALE) Annual Conference, Economic Demographic Workshop (EDW), 20th Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet (LAGV), 2021 SEHO Boston Virtual Meeting, Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (ESPE), EEA-ESEM Virtual 2021, 69th Congress of the French Economic Association (AFSE), Labour and Public Economics Seminar (PSE), EUI Experimental & Quasi-Experimental Studies in Immigrant Naturalisation Workshop (*invited*)

2020 35th annual Congress of the European Economic Association (Rotterdam), European Winter Meetings Econometric Society, 10th Annual Conference on Immigration in OECD Countries OECD, XXXII SIEP Conference (Milan), IFO CEMIR Junior Migration Economist Workshop (Munich), 1st Stockholm Workshop on Diversity and Workplace Inclusion (Stockholm), Public & Labor Graduate Group (Harvard University), Political Economy Workshop (Harvard University), Economic History Graduate Workshop (Harvard University), Applied Economics Lunch Seminar (PSE), LEAP Virtual Seminar Series (Stellenbosch University- *invited*), Warsaw International Economic Meeting (Warsaw), Applied Young Economist Webinar (Warwick), Junior Economics of Migration Seminar

2019 Séminaire Café (INED), European Historical Economic Society EHES Conference (Paris), ECINEQ Conference-Study of Economic Inequality (Paris), Doctoral Day of INED (Paris)

2018 LAGV International Conference in Public Economics (Aix-en-Provence), 13th International Conference of the AFD on Development (Paris), Economic History Seminar (PSE)

2017 First WID.world Conference (Paris), Rencontres d’Aussois Labex OSE (France), Journée au vert UR9 INED (France)

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

Skills Microsoft Office, LateX, Stata, R

Languages English (fluent), French (fluent), Mauritian Creole (native), Italian (Intermediate), Hindi (Intermediate), Danish (basic - A2)

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