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Date of birth: September 20th, 1992

RESEARCH INTERESTS

PUBLIC ECONOMICS: Social insurance, taxes and benefits, redistribution
LABOUR ECONOMICS: Optimal unemployment insurance, layoffs, bargaining
ECONOMICS OF CRIME: Impact of incarceration, inmate allocation, crime networks
HEALTH ECONOMICS: Inequality in mortality, mental health

CURRENT POSITION

2022- Assistant Professor (tenure track) in ECONOMICS, Department of Economics (LEDa)
Paris-Dauphine University-PSL, Paris, France.

PREVIOUS POSITION

2019-2022 Postdoctoral researcher in LABOUR ECONOMICS AND ECONOMICS OF CRIME,
FAIR - Centre for Experimental Research on Fairness, Inequality and Rationality
Norwegian School of Economics, Bergen, Norway.

EDUCATION

2015-2019 PhD in ECONOMICS, **Paris School of Economics**, Paris.
Dissertation: *Optimal Unemployment Insurance and On-the-Job Behaviours*
Supervisor: Luc BEHAGHEL
PhD Committee: Antoine BOZIO, Thomas LE BARBANCHON, Camille LANDAIS, Andrea WEBER
PhD Awards: French Economic Association (AFSE), *Chancellerie des Universités*, French Unemployment Insurance (*Pôle Emploi*)
2015-2019 Student-researcher under an Industrial Convention of Education through Research (*CIFRE convention*) at the **French Unemployment Agency (Unédic)**, Paris
2012-2014 Master degree in ECONOMICS with distinction *magna cum laude*, **Paris School of Economics**, Paris
Thesis: *An assessment of the insurance and redistribution functions of unemployment benefits in France* | Supervisor: Antoine BOZIO
2009-2012 Bachelor degree in SOCIAL SCIENCES, **University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne**, Paris

PUBLICATIONS

A Poorly Understood Disease? The Impact of COVID-19 on the Income Gradient in Mortality over the Course of the Pandemic. Joint with P. Brandily, C. Brebion, S. Briole. *European Economic Review*, Volume 140, November 2021, pages 103923. ([Manuscript](#))
Media coverage: [Le Monde](#), [L'Humanité](#), [Sud Ouest](#), [France Culture](#), [France Inter](#), [LCI \(00:52\)](#), [Le Figaro](#), [Le Grand Continent](#), [Huffington Post](#)

Unemployment Benefits and Redundancies: Incidence and Timing Effects. *Journal of Public Economics*, Volume 226, October 2023 ([Manuscript](#))

Mental Health Consequences of Correctional Sentencing. joint with Manudeep Bhuller and Katrine Løken. *Forthcoming at the American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*. ([Latest version](#))

WORKING PAPERS

Unemployment Insurance Eligibility and Employment Duration. (Joint with Clément Brébion (PSE) and Simon Briole (PSE). *Revise and Resubmit* requested at the Review of Economic Studies. ([Latest version](#))

Media coverage: [Le Monde](#)

Choosing Unemployment Benefits: the Role of Adverse Selection and Moral Hazard. ([Latest version](#))

Unemployment Insurance and New Forms of Work. (joint with Daphné Skandalis), chapter forthcoming in the *Handbook of Labour Markets in Transition* ([Latest version](#))

An Assessment of the Insurance and Redistribution Functions of Unemployment Benefits in France. (Working paper available upon request)

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

The Unintended Consequences of Easing Access to Unemployment Insurance (Ongoing research, joint with C. Brébion and S. Briole)

Big-box Stores, Local Employment and City Shape. (Ongoing research, joint with Paul Brandily (LSE))

Peer Effects in Prison (Ongoing research, joint with Julian V. Johnsen (NHH))

The Redistributive Effects of Pension Reforms (Ongoing research, joint with Julian V. Johnsen (NHH) and Alexander Willén (NHH))

The Gendered Effect of Working from Home (Ongoing research, joint with Youssef Souidi (University Paris Dauphine-PSL))

Explaining the rise in Fascism: evidence from the *Nasjonal Samling* party in Norway (Ongoing research, joint with Eirik Berger (NHH), Tom Meling (Ohio State University), Kjell Salvanes (NHH))

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

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| 2024 | Seminar at University Paris Cité, France
Seminar at Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
Seminar at Prague University of Economics and Business, Czech Republic
<i>4th European Labor Symposium for Early Career Economists</i> , University of Bonn, Germany (scheduled)
Seminar at Paris-Saclay Applied Economics (scheduled), Palaiseau, France
Annual Conference of the European Association of Labor Economics (EALE), Bergen, Norway (scheduled)
Seminar at the Erasmus School of Economics (scheduled), Rotterdam, the Netherlands |
| 2023 | Seminar at University Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas, Paris, France
Seminar at Royal Holloway, University of London, UK
<i>3rd European Labor Symposium for Early Career Economists</i> , University of Copenhagen, Denmark |

- Helsinki Economics of Crime Workshop, Finland
 Seminar at the French Observatory of Economic Cycles, (OFCE, Sciences Po), Paris, France
 71st Congress of the French Economic Association, Paris, France
 PSL-ACSS Institute Academic Seminar, Paris, France
 Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (EEA), Barcelona, Spain
 Annual Conference of the European Association of Labor Economics (EALE), Prague, Czech Republic
 Seminar at University Paris 8, Saint-Denis, France
 Seminar at University of Montreal, Canada
 Berlin Applied Micro Seminar, Germany
- 2022
 Conference of the Association for the development of research in Economics and Statistics (ADRES), Paris, France
 Seminar at the *École Normale Supérieure*, Paris-Saclay, France
 2nd *European Labor Symposium for Early Career Economists*, FAIR, Bergen, Norway
 21th Public Economics conference (LAGV), Aix-Marseille, France
 FAIR *Midway Conference*, Tromsø, Norvège
 Seminar at the Paris-Dauphine University, Paris, France
 Virtual Crime Economics (ViCE) seminar, online
- 2021
 Seminar at the Swedish Institute for Social Research (SOFI), Stockholm University, Sweden
 Seminar at Aix-Marseille School of Economics, Aix-Marseille, France
 Seminar at the Center for Research in Economics and Statistics (CREST), Paris-Saclay, France
 Economics Days (*Journées de l'Économie, JECO*), Lyon, France
 Workshop on Policy and Societal Problems, Lucerne, Switzerland
 IRVAPP Seminar, Trento, Italy
 Seminar "Law, Institutions, Economics" at University Paris-Nanterre, France (scheduled)
 OECD Webinar on COVID and Spatial Inequality, Paris, France
 Annual Conference of the European Association of Labor Economics (EALE) Padova, Italy
 International Institute of Public Finance Annual Congress, Reykjavík, Iceland
 36th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (EEA) Copenhagen, Denmark
 20th *Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet* (LAGV), Aix-Marseille, France
 34th Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (ESPE), Barcelona, Spain
 69th Congress of the French Economic Association, Lille, France
 37th *Journées de Microéconomie Appliquée*, Annecy, France
 European Labor Symposium for Early Career Economists, FAIR, Norwegian School of Economics (Bergen, Norway)
 American Economic Association (ASSA) 2021 Annual Meeting
- 2020
 Economics Days (*Journées de l'Économie, JECO*) (Lyon, France)
 Emerging Research Seminar, Norwegian School of Economics (Bergen, Norway)
 FAIR Seminar, Norwegian School of Economics (Bergen, Norway)
 Workshop on Job Security and Employment Protection, IAAEU (Trier, Germany)
 35th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (Rotterdam, Netherlands).
 2020 Conference on Labor Market Transitions, IAB (Nürnberg, Germany)
 IZA Workshop on Labor Market Institutions (Bonn, Germany)
- 2019
 Seminar at the Department of Economics, Linnaeus University (Växjö, Sweden)
 31st Annual Congress of the European Association of Labour Economics (Uppsala, Sweden)
 Statistics Norway Seminar (Oslo, Norway)
 34th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (Manchester, UK)
 Munich Young Economists Meeting (Kochel, Germany)
 68th Meeting of the French Economic Association (Orléans, France)

- 2018 43rd Symposium of the Spanish Economic Association (Madrid, Spain)
 Association of Southern-European Economic Theorists Conference (Florence, Italy)
 30th Annual Congress of the European Association of Labour Economics (Lyon, France)
 67th Meeting of the French Economic Association (Paris, France)
 35^{mes} *Journées de Microéconomie Appliquée* (Bordeaux, France)
 Perspectives on (Un-)employment workshop, IAB (Nuremberg, Germany)
 Workshop on Labour Economics, IAAEU (Trier, Germany)
- 2017 IZA Summer School in Labour Economics, IZA Institute of Labour Economics (Buch, Germany)
 Applied Economics Seminar, Paris School of Economics (Paris, France)
 Dondena Workshop on Public Policy, Bocconi University (Milan, Italy)
 European Doctoral Program Jamboree, University of Bonn (Bonn, Germany)
 PhD workshop, Collegio Carlo Alberto (Turin, Italy)
 Work in Progress Seminar, Paris School of Economics (Paris, France)
 Little Informal Seminar, Paris School of Economics (Paris, France)
- 2016 Little Informal Seminar, Paris School of Economics (Paris, France)
 Rencontres d'Aussois du Labex OSE (Aussois, France)

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

LECTURES

- Fall 2023 **PSL University** – Intermediate Microeconomics to 3rd-year bachelor students in Sustainability Sciences
- Spring 2023 **Paris-Dauphine University** – Measurement issues to 1st-year master students in Quantitative Economics master program
- 2022-2023,
2023-2024 **PSL University** – Introduction to research in Economics to 3rd-year bachelor students in Multidisciplinary Undergraduate degree (CPES)
- Fall 2022, 2023 **Paris-Dauphine University** – Inequality and Redistribution to 2nd-year master students in Quantitative Economic Analysis master program

GUEST LECTURES

- October 2020 **University of Lausanne** – Economic Policy Seminar Inequality and Research in COVID-19 times
- September 2020 **Norwegian School of Economics** – Labour Economics Technology, Import Competition and Unemployment to students in MSc in Economics and Business administration

TUTORIALS

- Fall 2017 **Institut d'études politiques de Paris (Sciences-Po)** – Advanced Public Economics to Public Affairs master degree students (Prof. Clément Malgouyres)
- Fall 2016 **University Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne** – Introduction to economics to first-year students of the Bachelor in Social and Economic Administration (Prof. Karim Azizi)
- Spring 2016 **Institut d'études politiques de Paris (Sciences-Po)** – International Economics to first-year students in Public Affairs Master (Prof. Jean-Pierre Landau and Philippe Martin)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

DISSERTATION AWARDS

- 2020 Best Ph.D. Dissertation Award, French Economic Association (AFSE)
- 2^{me} prize of the 2020 Best Ph.D. Dissertation Award in Economics & Management, *Chancellerie des Universités de Paris*
- 2^{me} prize of the 2020 Best Ph.D. Dissertation Award on Labor Markets, French unemployment insurance (*Pôle Emploi*)
- Distinction from the jury, 2020 Ph.D. Dissertation Award, University *Paris-Sciences Lettres* (PSL)
- Best Paper Award, 2018 Workshop on Labour Economics, IAAEU, University of Trier, Germany

RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2020 Cepremap & Chaire Travail, **Paris School of Economics**
- 2019 EUR-PgSE, **Paris School of Economics**
- 2018 Labex OSE, *Ouvrir la Science économique*, Paris School of Economics
- 2017 Labex OSE, *Ouvrir la Science économique*, Paris School of Economics
- 2015-2019 Doctoral Scholarship, Unemployment insurance organisation, UNEDIC, Paris, France

OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

- 2024- Member of the Scientific Committee of the French Unemployment Insurance (France Travail)

REFEREE

- Scientific journals: *American Economic Review*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *IZA Journal of Labor Economics*, *IZA Journal of Labor Policy*, *Oxford Economic Papers*, *European Economic Review*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Nature Mental Health*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Health Economics*, *Economie et Statistiques*
- Research projects: 24th Spring Meeting of Young Economists, *Global Development Network*

SEMINAR AND WORKSHOP ORGANIZATION

- PSI-PSE, **Paris School of Economics**, 2017-2018
- European Labor Symposium for Early Career Economists, **FAIR, Norwegian School of Economics** – Spring 2021 and 2022
- 2023 Annual Doctoral Conference of the Association for the Development of Research in Economics and Statistics (ADRES), **University of Paris Dauphine-PSL** – January 2023
- Applied Microeconomics Seminar, **University Paris Dauphine-PSL**, 2023-2024

MEDIA & POLICY REPORTS

- “La dégressivité des indemnités chômage ralentit le retour à l’emploi”, *Le Cercle*, *Les Echos*, March 23rd, 2017
- [An evaluation of the “option right”](#), Unédic, 2018
- [Le timing des licenciements économiques dépend-il des indemnités chômage ?](#), Note n°3 de la Chaire Travail, PSE, 2019
- [Assurance chômage et durée des emplois](#), Note n°6 de la Chaire Travail, PSE, 2020

LANGUAGES & SKILLS

- French (native), English (fluent), Spanish (intermediate), Italian (intermediate)
- STATA, SAS, Latex, MS Office