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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 **Fulbright Visiting Scholar**, Economics Dpt. and SIEPR, Stanford University (Fall)
2011 **Marie-Curie Visiting Researcher**, IIES, Stockholm University (Spring - Summer)
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

2008-2013 **Ph.D. in Economics**, CRED, University of Namur (Académie universitaire 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

“Exposure to worrisome topics can increase cognitive performance when incentivized by a performance goal” (with Eva Raiber and Daniela Horta Sáenz), *Scientific Reports*, vol. 14, no. 1204, January 2024
“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

“Female Entrepreneurship and Gender Norms: Theory and Evidence on Household Investment Choices” (with Renaud Bourlès, Sarah Vincent, and Roberta Ziparo), *AMSE working paper 2024-22*, 2024
“Stress and cognitive capacity in pandemic times” (with Eva Raiber and Daniela Horta Sáenz), *AMSE working paper 2023-02*, 2023
“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

“Marseille: vers une démocratie située”, *Civis Open Lab*, 2022

“Child Labor and Schooling Decisions among Self-Help Group Members in Rural India”, *Evidence Consortium on Women’s groups*, December 2020

“How self-help groups enable households to cope with climatic shocks”, *Ideas For India*, July 2020

“Le micro-crédit en Inde : un nouveau chemin vers l’école ? ” (with Claire Lapique), *CNRS Le Journal et Dialogues économiques*, November 2021

“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., *Kamayoq: 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

2021- [Aisha SALIH](#)

2020-2024 [Daniela HORTA SAENZ](#) (placement: post-doc NHH Bergen)

Other academic services

2022-2025 AMSE [Placement Officer](#)

2022-2025 AMSE recruitment committee member

2021-present Organizer of AMSE Development and International Economics meetings

2017-present Director of 2nd year of [LEA diploma](#) of Aix-Marseille University

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, Gates Open Research, Data and Policy, Journal of Demographic Economics, Revue d’Economie du Développement

Awards and fellowships

Research grant from AFD, 2024 (20 000 €)

Research grant from CIVIS Open Lab, 2021 (3 000 €)

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

4th Arne Ryde Workshop on Culture, Institutions, and Development, October 24-25, 2024, Lund
EEA-ESEM Annual Congress, August 26-30, 2024, Rotterdam
Novafrica Conference on Economic Development, June 27-28, 2024, Lisbon
Journée d'Études Migrations et Santé mentale, July 4, 2023, Marseille
IMEBESS Conference, May 18-20, 2023, Lisbon
STATA Conference, May 15-16, 2023, Marseille
WAP Conference, May 4-5, 2023, Bordeaux
MYPEERs Workshop, January 23-26, 2023, Wengen
LAGV Conference, June 6-8, 2022, Marseille
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

2022 **African Capacity Building Foundation**, instructor for impact evaluation training
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, R, SurveyCTO, Limesurvey, CSPro, 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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