Léo CZAJKA

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EMPLOYMENT

Paris School of Economics 2024
Researcher at the International Tax Observatory *France*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Primary: Public Finance, Development Economics

Secondary: Applied Econometrics, Welfare Economics

EDUCATION

Université catholique de Louvain 2018-2024
PhD in Economics - Advisor: William Parienté
Visiting scholar, Institute for Fiscal Studies (2022)

Paris School of Economics 2012 - 2015
MSc in Public Policy and Development

Paris I - Panthéon Sorbonne 2006 - 2012
BA and MPhil in Logic, Philosophy, History and Sociology of Science (Logic Track)
Visiting scholar, ILLC - University of Amsterdam (2010-2011)

PUBLICATIONS

Wealth Inequality in South Africa, 1993–2017 with Aroop Chatterjee and Amory Gethin, *The World Bank Economic Review*, Vol. 36, Issue 1, pp. 19–36 (2022)

The Triumphant Elephant's return? Growth and Income Inequality in Côte d'Ivoire (1988-2015) with Denis Cogneau and Kenneth Houngbedji, *Afrique contemporaine*, Vol. 263-264, Issue 3-4, pp. 221–225 (2017)

WORKING PAPERS

Fraud Detection Under Limited State Capacity: Experimental Evidence From Senegal with Bassirou Sarr and Mattea Stein

Does Electronic Filing and Payment Increase Tax Compliance? Evidence from Large Taxpayers in Senegal with Awa Diouf and Fabrizio Santoro

Racial Inequality and Redistribution in Post-Apartheid South Africa with Amory Gethin - *Revise and Resubmit, Journal of the European Economic Association*

Income Inequality in Côte d'Ivoire: 1985-2014

WORK IN PROGRESS

Using Third-Party Data to Improve Tax Compliance in a Context of Low Enforcement with Bassirou Sarr, Florence Kondylis and Mattea Stein - *ongoing full-scale RCT*

Market Concentration, Rent Extraction and Minimum Wage in Senegal, with Bassirou Sarr

Taxing High Income Earners in a Low Income Country with Pierre Bachas and Justine Knebelmann

Income Inequality in Senegal, with Denis Cogneau, Bassirou Sarr and Anne-Sophie Robilliard

POLICY WORK

Strengthening Personal Income Taxation in Senegal - Case Study with Pierre Bachas, Aïssatou Diallo, Justine Knebelmann and Anaëlle Touré, *Equitable Growth, Finance and Institutions Notes*, Washington, D.C.: World Bank Group (2023)

Data Management at the Senegalese Tax Authority: Insights from a Long-term Research Collaboration with Florence Kondylis, Bassirou Sarr and Mattea Stein, *African Tax Administration Paper* 27, Brighton: Institute of Development Studies (2022)

A Wealth Tax for South Africa with Aroop Chatterjee and Amory Gethin, *World Inequality Lab Working Paper* 2021/02 (2021)

Collect more, spend better? Assessing the incidence of fiscal systems and public spending in three Francophone West African countries with Akim Al-Mouksit, Mahdi Ben Jelloul and Anne-Sophie Robilliard, *AFD Research Papers* 190, Paris: Agence française de développement (2020)

REFEREEING SERVICE

Journal of Public Economics, International Tax and Public Finance, Journal of International Development, South African Journal of Science, International Centre for Tax and Development, Revue d'économie politique, Revue Internationale des Études de Développement

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIP

International Centre for Tax and Development (ICTD) - £31,850

World Bank - Global Tax Program - $60,900 - with Pierre Bachas and Justine Knebelmann

Exploratory Research Grant - (PEDL-CEPR) - £32,088 - with Bassirou Sarr

World Bank - $103,900 - with Florence Kondylis, Bassirou Sarr and Mattea Stein

FNRS - Full FRESH Scholarship (2x2 years)

FNRS - Mobility Grant

International Centre for Tax and Development (ICTD) £32,778 - with Florence Kondylis, Bassirou Sarr and Mattea Stein

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

2024-2025: Advances in Field Experiments (LSE), CSAE Conference 2025: Economic Development in Africa (Oxford), CEPR Development Economics Annual Symposium Joint with Nova SBE, Safeguarding tomorrow – innovative approaches to growth and equity (UNU-WIDER), AFEDEV Annual Conference, EEA Congress (Bordeaux School of Economics).

2023: Workshop on Networks and Development (University of Naples Federico II, CESEF), UCLouvain internal seminars (IRES lunch, CORE Brown Bag)

2022: Development Work in Progress Seminar (IFS/STICERD/UCL), IFS internal seminar, Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF), Colloque ENSAE-Dakar, IRD, Université Paris Dauphine

2018-2021: Annual Conference on Theory and Evaluation of Public Policies (TEPP, Paris Saclay), International Conference on the Shadow Economy, Tax Behaviour and Institutions, UCLouvain Economics Seminar, Taxing Personal Income and Wealth in Developing Countries (World Bank Tax Conference), Workshop on Taxation for Inclusive Development (Nordic Africa Institute), WID.world conference

TEACHING

Université catholique de Louvain 2024
Teacher *Belgium*

Public Policy Evaluation and Cost-Benefit Analysis

Université Libre de Bruxelles & University of Antwerp 2022 & 2023
Invited Speaker *Belgium*

Public Finance in Developing Countries

École Nationale de la Statistique et de l'Analyse Économique 2021-2024
Teacher *Senegal*

Tax-benefit micro-simulation modelling with Stata and R.

Université catholique de Louvain 2017-2019
Undergraduate Teaching Assistant *Belgium*

Microeconomics, Introduction to Research Methods, Introduction to Economics

Université Paris 13 2016
Graduate Teaching Assistant *France*

Econometrics with R

Sciences Po Paris 2016
Graduate Teaching Assistant *France*

International Economics

OTHER RELEVANT POSITIONS

Paris School of Economics 2015-2017
Junior Researcher at the World Inequality Lab *France*

Inequalities in sub-Saharan Africa under the supervision of Denis Cogneau and Thomas Piketty. I was also part of the report research team of the **World Inequality Report 2018**.

The World Bank Group 2014
Field Coordinator *DR Congo*

Large-scale (4,000 respondents) data collection in Northern DRC for a Randomized Controlled Trial assessing the impact of innovative agricultural practices.

Rheinisch-Westfälisches Inst. für Wirtschaftsforschung 2013
Field Coordinator *Rwanda*

Large-scale (1,000+ respondents) data collection in Rwanda for a phased-in difference-in-differences design assessing the impact of the nationwide extension of the electricity grid.

OTHER INFORMATION

Software: Stata, R, basic Python, HTML and GitHub.

Languages: French (native), English (professional), Italian (basic)