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EMPLOYMENT

Paris School of Economics <i>Researcher at the EU Tax Observatory</i>	2024 <i>France</i>
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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Primary: Public Finance, Development Economics

Secondary: Applied Econometrics, Welfare Economics, Labor Economics

EDUCATION

Université catholique de Louvain PhD in Economics - Advisor: William Parienté	2017-2024
Institute for Fiscal Studies Visiting Scholar - Supervisor: Anne Brockmeyer	2022
Paris School of Economics MSc in Public Policy and Development	2012 - 2015
Paris I - Panthéon Sorbonne BA and MPhil in Logic Philosophy, History and Sociology of Science (Logic Track)	2006 - 2012
University of Amsterdam Visiting Scholar at the Institute for Logic Language and Computation	2010-2011

PUBLICATIONS

Wealth Inequality in South Africa, 1993–2017 with Aroop Chatterjee and Amory Gethin
The World Bank Economic Review (2021) [[paper](#)][[working paper](#)]

The Triumphant Elephant's return? Growth and Income Inequality in Côte d'Ivoire (1988-2015) with Denis Cogneau and Kenneth Hounghbedji, *Afrique contemporaine*, (2017), Vol 263-264, Issue 3-4, p 221 to 225 [[papier](#)][[paper](#)]

WORKING PAPERS

Fraud Detection Under Limited State Capacity: Experimental Evidence From Senegal with Bassirou Sarr and Mattea Stein - [[paper](#)]

Does Electronic Filing and Payment Increase Tax Compliance? with Awa Diouf and Fabrizio Santoro - [[paper](#)]

Racial Inequality and Redistribution in Post-Apartheid South Africa with Amory Gethin [[paper](#)]

Income Inequality in Côte d'Ivoire: 1985-2014 [[paper](#)]

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 [[project](#)][[note](#)]

Taxing High Income Earners in a Low Income Country with Pierre Bachas and Justine Knebelmann [[note](#)]

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

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)[[paper](#)]

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

A Wealth Tax for South Africa with Aroop Chatterjee and Amory Gethin, WIL - WPS N°2021/02, (2021) [[web app](#)][[paper](#)]

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 Robillard, *Research Papers*, 190, Paris, Agence française de développement (2020) [[paper](#)]

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIP

International Center for Taxation 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 Center for Taxation 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 in 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 <i>Teacher</i>	2024 <i>Belgium</i>
Public Policy Evaluation and Cost-Benefit Analysis	
Université Libre de Bruxelles & Antwerpen Universiteit <i>Invited Speaker</i>	2022 & 2023 <i>Belgium</i>
Public Finance in Developing Countries	
École Nationale de la Statistique et de l'Analyse Économique <i>Teacher</i>	2021-2024 <i>Sénégal</i>
Tax-benefit micro-simulation modelling with Stata and R.	
Université catholique de Louvain <i>Undergraduate Teaching Assistant</i>	2017-2019 <i>Belgium</i>
Microeconomics, Introduction to Research Methods, Introduction to Economics	
Université Paris 13 <i>Graduate Teaching Assistant</i>	2016 <i>France</i>
Econometrics with R	
Sciences Po Paris <i>Graduate Teaching Assistant</i>	2016 <i>France</i>
International Economics	

OTHER RELEVANT POSITIONS

Paris School of Economics <i>Junior Researcher at the World Inequality Lab</i>	2015-2017 <i>France</i>
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 [summary , full-report]	
The World Bank Group <i>Field Coordinator</i>	2014 <i>DRCongo</i>
Large-scale (4,000 respondents) data collection in Northern DRC for a Randomized Control Trial to assess the impact of an innovative agricultural practices.	
Rheinisch-Westfälisches Inst. für Wirtschaftsforschung <i>Field Coordinator</i>	2013 <i>Rwanda</i>
Large-scale (1,000+ respondents) data collection in Rwanda, for a phased-in difference-in-difference, to assess the impact of national-wide extension of the electricity grid.	

OTHER INFORMATION

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

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