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Doctoral studies

- 2008 – present** **PhD student, Paris School of Economics.**
Thesis title: “Public employment and social protection in developing countries”
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- Fall 2011** **AMID Doctoral Fellow, Department of Economics and STICERD, LSE**
- Spring 2011** **Visiting PhD Student, Department of Economics and JPAL, MIT**

Predocloral studies

- 2006 – 2007** **MSc in Economics « Analyse et Politique Economiques » (with Distinction), Paris School of Economics.**
- 2005 – 2006** **Agrégation of social sciences (National recruitment examination for grammar school teachers): Rank 3rd.**
- 2004 – 2005** **1st year of Masters in Economics (with Distinction), University of Paris X**
- 2003 – 2004** **Bachelor of social sciences (with Distinction), University of Paris X**

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Teaching experience

- 2010** **Lecture “Managing data collection”
Jameel Poverty Action Lab staff training**
- 2010** **Evaluating Social Programs
Jameel Poverty Action Lab executive education**
- 2008 – 2010** **Teaching Assistant at ENSAE**
Econometrics (1st year, graduate)
- 2008 – 2011** **Teaching Assistant at Paris 1- Pantheon Sorbonne University:**
Microeconomics (1st year, graduate)
Applied Microeconomics (3rd year, undergraduate),
Econometrics (3rd year, undergraduate).

Positions held.

- 2007 – 2008** **Jameel Poverty Action Lab**
Research Assistant for Pr. Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo (MIT) and Daniel Keniston (Yale): Randomized Evaluation of Police Reform in Rajasthan (India)
- Summer 2006** **SOFRECO (Paris) :**
Consulting for technical assistance projects (AFD, Europaid, World Bank).

Honors, Scholarships and Fellowships

- 2011-2012** **AMID/LSE Scholarship, European Union**
- 2008-2011** **PhD Scholarship, French Ministry of National Education and Research**
- 2003-2008** **Ecole Normale Supérieure, Full Fellowship**

Conferences and Seminars

2011: London School of Economics (EOPP WIP), MIT (Development lunch), Paris School of Economics (CFDS), North-Eastern Universities Development Conference (Yale).

2010: North-Eastern Universities Development Conference (MIT), European Economic Association, European Society of Population Economics Meetings, Journées de la Microéconomie Appliquée, PSE.

Job Market Paper:

“Equilibrium Distributional Impacts of Government Employment Programs: Evidence from India's Employment Guarantee.” With J. Papp (Princeton University).

This paper presents evidence on the equilibrium labor market impacts of a large rural workfare program in India. We use the gradual roll out of the program to estimate changes in districts that received the program earlier relative to those that received it later. Our results suggest that public sector hiring crowds out private sector work and increases private sector wages. These effects are concentrated in the dry season, during which the majority of public works employment is provided. We use these estimates to compute the implied welfare gains of the program by consumption quintile. We conclude that the equilibrium labor market impacts are a first order concern when comparing workfare programs with other anti-poverty programs such as a cash transfer.

Published / Forthcoming articles:

**“Decomposing wage inequality: public and private sectors in Vietnam 1993-2006” (forthcoming)
World Bank Economic Review.**

This paper studies differences in earnings between public and private sector employees in Vietnam, and their change during the transition towards market economy (1993-2006). We document the fact that the public-private earnings gap is significant, and widens over time: the primacy of the public sector is reinforced. We use a model of comparative advantage in order to disentangle between changes in workers' selection into the public sector and changes in the public sector's wage-setting, as compared to the private sector. We draw counterfactual distributions and show that while workers' sorting is clearly important to explain the public-private sector earnings gap, the widening of this gap over time is mainly due to changing compensation patterns. We show that public employees in the 1990s are underpaid as compared to what they would earn in the private sector. In the early 2000s, we see returns to public workers' comparative advantage rise dramatically.

Works in progress:

“Empowering Female Leaders and Voters: evidence from an awareness campaign in rural India” with A. Banerjee, E. Duflo (MIT) and R. Pande (Harvard Kennedy School of Government).

We study the impact of an awareness campaign during the local elections in Rajasthan India. The campaign emphasized the responsibilities of elected leaders in implementing a government sponsored public works program. Preliminary results of this study show that the campaign has a significant effect on the pool of candidates running for elections. Male incumbents are less likely to run and female incumbents more likely. Among non-incumbents, both male and female candidates are more likely to run. We are currently gathering information on the construction of infrastructures before and after elections to evaluate the impact of increased electoral competition on public good provisions.

“Enhancing the implementation of a public employment program: impact evaluation of a financial reform in India’s Employment Guarantee” with A. Banerjee, E. Duflo (MIT), S. Matthews (Government of Bihar), R. Pande (Harvard Kennedy School of Government).

Social programs are increasingly decentralized, and their success hinges on the implementing capacity of local institutions. This project evaluates an innovative policy intervention which aims at enhancing supply of public employment in Bihar, a State where the Indian employment guarantee faces severe implementation challenges. The new system of funds transfer and expenditures tracking is rolled out in randomly selected phases across Bihar districts. If the intervention successfully increases spending, this project will constitute the first Randomized Control Trial evaluation of the impact of the employment guarantee itself on the lives of the rural poor. Detailed field surveys will measure the effect of increased access to public employment on households’ consumption smoothing and migration decisions, as well as its effect on private labour contracts and wages.

Other Publications:

“Estimating leakages in India’s employment guarantee”, with J. Papp, In R. Khera, editor, The battle for employment guarantee. Oxford University Press, 2011.

Languages

English	Fluent	Italian	Conversational
German	Fluent	French	Native language
Hindi	Fluent		

Other research activities

Online publications	Economic Books Review for Nonfiction.fr, lavedesidees.fr
Seminars	Organizer of the Casual Friday Development Seminar (PSE)
Conferences	Organizer of the Conference “Economists in power: the use of economics in