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Position

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, London School of Economics, 2014 – present

Research and Teaching Fields

Applied Microeconomics, Labour Economics, Education, Behavioural Economics

Education

PhD in Economics, Paris School of Economics, 2011 – 2014

Jury: A. Clark (advisor), S. Guriev (referee), A. Oswald (president), E. Proto (referee),
C. Senik (advisor). Defended on 8th October, 2014.

M.Sc. in Economics (with distinction), Paris School of Economics, 2010 – 2011

Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris, Sciences-Po, 2009 – 2011

Ecole Normale Supérieure, 2008 – 2011

References

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Job Market Paper

“Teacher Quality, Test Scores and Non-Cognitive Skills: Evidence from Primary School Teachers in the UK”

Abstract: Schooling can produce both cognitive and non-cognitive skills, both of which are important determinants of adult outcomes. Using very rich data from a UK birth cohort study, I estimate teacher value added (VA) models for pupils' test scores and non-cognitive skills. I show that teachers have large effects on pupils' non-cognitive skills - above and beyond their effects on test scores. The results also reveal an interesting trade-off: teacher VA on test scores are weak predictors of teacher VA on non-cognitive skills, which suggests that teachers recourse to different techniques to improve pupils' cognitive and non-cognitive skills. Finally, I find that teachers' effects on pupils' non-cognitive skills have long-run impacts on adult outcomes such as higher education attendance, employment and earnings, conditional on their effects on test scores.

Press coverage: Lancashire Telegraph, West Sussex County Times, Portsmouth News.

Publications and Working Papers

“Economic Growth Evens-Out Happiness: Evidence from six Surveys” (with Andrew Clark and Claudia Senik), *Review of Income and Wealth*, Vol. 62 (3), p. 3405-3419, 2016.

“Do More of Those in Misery Suffer from Poverty, Unemployment or Mental Illness?” (with Richard Layard), *Kyklos*, forthcoming.

“The Welfare Consequences of Centralisation: Evidence from a Quasi-Natural Experiment in Switzerland”, *R&R, Review of Economics and Statistics*.

“Neighbours’ Income and Wellbeing: Evidence from a Multi-Scale Analysis” (with Abel Brodeur), *Under Review*.

Book and Chapters

“The Great Happiness Moderation” (with Andrew Clark and Claudia Senik), in *Happiness and Economic Growth: Lessons from Developing Countries*, (Andrew Clark & Claudia Senik eds), Oxford University Press, 2014.

The Origins of Happiness, (with Richard Layard, Andrew Clark, Nattavudh Powdthavee and George Ward), Princeton University Press, forthcoming.

Policy Papers

“Exploring Determinants of Subjective Wellbeing in OECD Countries: Evidence from the World Values Survey” (with Piritta Sorsa and Conal Smith), *OECD Working Paper* N°921, 2011.

“Reducing Poverty in Estonia through Activation and Better Targeting” (with Artur Radziwill), *OECD Working Paper*, N°1008, 2012.

“Improving Wellbeing in the United States” (with Aida Caldera-Sanchez and Patrick Lenain), *OECD Working Paper*, N°1146, 2014.

Research Papers

“*Gender Identity, Fairness and Relative Labour Supply within Households*” (with Nattavudh Powdthavee and Anthony Lepinteur)

Abstract: Women have experienced substantial labour market gains over the last half-century. Despite these gains, female labour force participation appears to have plateaued since the early to mid 1990’s. In this paper, we examine consequences of relative working hours within households. We show that in couples where the wife works more than the husband, the wife is more likely to quit her job and/or leave the labour force altogether one period into the future (conditional on the share of wife’s income). Gender identity norms models cannot account for this pattern. Instead, we argue that *fairness* plays an important role in marriage. We present evidence that wives’ perception of fairness in the division of work also impacts the probability of divorce and the division of home production. These patterns hold both in cross-section and within-couples over time.

“*Sleep and Economic Performance: Evidence from a British Cohort Study*” (with Joan Costa-Font)

Abstract: This paper analyses the effects of sleep duration on labour market productivity. The number of hours the average person sleeps has decreased over the last century. Lack of sleep can impair cognitive function and economic performance. However, little is known about economic consequences of sleep deprivation. We exploit variation in child sleep as instrument to estimate the effects of parental sleep. Using the Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children, we show that a one-hour reduction in sleep significantly reduces earnings by 11% by affecting the probability to work, the number of hours worked and self-reported job satisfaction.

“*The Long Lasting Effect of Childhood on Adult Wellbeing: Evidence from Cohort Data*” (with Andrew Clark and Warn Lekfuangfu)

Abstract: To what extent do childhood experiences continue to affect adult wellbeing? We argue that to account for an emerging body of evidence, it is important to build a model of childhood effects on multiple stages of adulthood, where effects at different stages may attenuate or accumulate over time. Using two British birth cohort datasets, we map out the profile of the effect of childhood on adult outcomes, including life satisfaction. We find that the effects of many aspects of childhood do not fade away over time, but remain remarkable stable. In both birth cohorts child non-cognitive skills are the strongest predictors of adult life satisfaction at all ages, and family socioeconomic characteristics have a persistent (smaller) effect on adult life satisfaction. Regarding other measures of life outcomes (labour market, family life, and health) we find that child emotional health, rather than intellectual performance, has the greatest effect on adult outcomes.

Teaching Experience

- 2014 – present “Topics in Wellbeing Economics”, M.Sc. (2nd year) in Economics and Psychology, Post-Graduate, University Paris 1 – La Sorbonne (*in english*)
- 2011 – 2014 “Econometrics”, 3rd year of Undergraduate, Ecole Normale Supérieure
- 2011 – 2014 “Microeconomics”, 3rd year of Undergraduate, Ecole Normale Supérieure
- 2011 – 2014 “Applied Economics”, 3rd year of Undergraduate, Ecole Normale Supérieure

Research Experience and Other Employment

- 2010 – 2016 Consultant, Department of Economics and Statistics Directorate, OECD
- 2013 – 2014 Research Assistant for Professor Claudia Senik (Big data), Paris School of Economics
- 2012 – 2013 Visiting PhD Student, Department of Economics, London School of Economics
- 2011 – 2014 Teaching Assistant (Allocataire monitrice), Ecole Normale Supérieure
- 2011 Internship, France Stratégie – Centre d’Analyse Stratégique – Commissariat Général du Plan, Department of Labour Economics and Education

Scholarships and Fellowships

- 2014 – 2017 Postdoctoral Fellowship, London School of Economics
- 2012 – 2013 European Doctoral Program in Quantitative Economics
- 2011 – 2014 PhD Scholarship, French Ministry of National Education and Research

Other Professional Activities

Refereeing Activity:

Journal of Public Economics, Review of Income and Wealth, Public Administration, Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, OECD Journal: Economic Studies, Journal of Psychosomatic Research, Economics and Human Biology

Seminars and Conferences:

- 2016 – 2017 AEA meetings (Chicago), Paris School of Economics (Lunch seminar), 15th Journées Louis-André Gérard Varet (LAGV) at the Aix-Marseille School of Economics, Royal Economic Society (RES) conference at the University of Sussex, HEIRS international conference in Rome, 8th ECPP international conference in Angers, London School of Economics (Labour seminar & Wellbeing seminar), ThEMA University of Cergy Pontoise (Invited seminar), University Paris 1 – La Sorbonne (Invited seminar);
- 2015 Tinbergen Institute (Invited seminar), University of Southern California (Day Reconstruction Method Conference), RES meetings at the Westminster Business School, European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society at the University of

Bocconi, ADRES conference at the University of Cergy-Pontoise, 40th Symposium of the Spanish Economic Association (SAEe) in Girona, London School of Economics (Labour seminar), 14th Journées LAGV at the Aix-Marseille School of Economics, Annual CEP conference;

2014 Spring Meetings of Young Economists (SMYE) conference in Vienna, 1st Applied Econometrics IAAE at the Queen Mary University, 63th AFSE conference in Lyon, Annual congress of the European Association of Labor Economists (EALE) in Ljubljana, 12th ISQOLS on wellbeing economics at the Freie Universitat (Berlin), London School of Economics (Wellbeing seminar);

2012 – 2013 Paris School of Economics (Work-in-progress seminar), OECD conference on new directions in welfare, 62th AFSE conference at the Aix-Marseille School of Economics, London School of Economics (PhD seminar), 11th ISQOLS on wellbeing economics at the Ca' Foscari University, European Doctoral conference at the European University Institute (EUI).