

# Maria Kuecken

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## EDUCATION

**Paris School of Economics & Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne University:**  
Ph.D. Economics (2011-present)  
Supervised by Jean-Claude Berthélemy & Marie-Anne Valfort  
**Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne University & ENS Cachan (2010-11):**  
M.Phil. International & Development Economics, *Magna Cum Laude*  
**Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne University (2009-10):**  
M.Sc. Economics, *Magna Cum Laude*  
**Florida State University (2006-09):**  
B.A. Economics & International Affairs, *Summa Cum Laude with Honors*  
Global Pathways Certificate in International Development

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Mathematica Policy Research (12/2014-02/2015):**  
Visiting Fellow (Tanzania Early Childhood Evaluation)  
**International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (08/2013-01/2016):**  
Consultant (Impact Evaluation Replication Programme)  
**OECD, Health Division (06/2011-02/2012):**  
Trainee (Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs)  
**Clinton Global Initiative University (01/2010-05/2010):**  
Commitment Topic Leader (for University of Miami conference)

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## RESEARCH

### Peer-reviewed articles

[When do textbooks matter for achievement? Evidence from African primary schools.](#)  
2013. *Economics Letters*, 119(3): 311-314 - with Marie-Anne Valfort

### Working papers

[Large-scale health interventions and education: Evidence from Roll Back Malaria in Africa with appendix](#) - with Josselin Thuilliez, Marie-Anne Valfort

[Fighting corruption does improve schooling: A replication study of a newspaper campaign in Uganda](#) for 3ie Impact Evaluation Replication Series Paper 10 - with Marie-Anne Valfort

[Economic inequality, teacher truancy and learning: Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa with appendix](#) - with Marie-Anne Valfort

## Work in progress

The impact of student-teacher gender interactions on learning outcomes: Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa

Poverty, information and human trafficking in the Philippines - with Elsa Artadi, Martina Björkman Nyqvist, Eliana La Ferrara

## Reports & media

[Does malaria control impact education? Evidence from Roll Back Malaria in Africa](#), G-MonD Note 12, December 2014 - with Josselin Thuilliez, Marie-Anne Valfort

[Are education policies reaching the marginalised in Africa?](#), VoxEU, March 2013 - with Marie-Anne Valfort

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Undergraduate

**Paris Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po)** (2011-14):

“Development economics” conférences de méthode and tutorial

“Development economics” cours séminaire teaching assistant

**Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne University** (2011-12):

“Introduction à l'économétrie” tutorial (in French)

**University of Pau and Pays de l'Ardour** (2010-11):

“Development economics” lecture

### Graduate

**Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne University** (2011-14):

“Applied econometrics” tutorial

“Applied econometrics” course teaching assistant

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## AWARDS & GRANTS

Policy Design and Evaluation Research in Developing Countries (PODER) Early Stage Researcher Fellowship at IGIER, Bocconi University (2014-15)

Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne University Doctoral Scholarship (2011-14)

European Journalism Centre “Think About It” Competition Winner (2010)

Florida State University Bill Peterson Endowed Scholarship for Distinguished Economics Majors (2009)

Florida State University Outstanding Senior Scholar Award (2009)

Anthony R. Abraham Foundation Project Grant (2009)

CGIU Outstanding Commitment Award (2008)

Florida State University Freshman Scholarship (2006-09)

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship (2006-09)

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## OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

### Seminars & conferences

**2014:** Center for the Study of African Economies conference (Oxford University); Royal Economic Society conference (University of Manchester); CEPR Development Economics Symposium/PODER pre-conference (Stockholm University); German

Economic Association's "Development Economics & Policy" conference (University of Passau); PODER Summer School on "Behavioural and Experimental Economics in Development" (University of Cape Town); BREAD-CEPR-PODER Conference on Development Economics (London School of Economics)

**2013:** Journées de Microéconomie Appliquée (Université Nice - Sophia Antipolis); German Economic Association's "Development Economics & Policy" conference (University of Munich); Développement, Institutions et Ajustement à Long terme "Institutions & Development" conference (University of Paris-Dauphine)

**2012:** Journées de Microéconomie Appliquée (ESC Brest); Association Française de Science Economique (University of Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas); Journées Doctorales d'Économie du Développement et de la Transition (The Graduate Institute)

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#### OTHER SKILLS

**Technical:** Stata, SAS, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Microsoft Office

**Language:** English (Native), French (Professional proficiency), Italian (limited working proficiency)

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