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## CURRICULUM VITAE

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## EDUCATION and QUALIFICATION

Sept 2022 - now	<b>Paris School of Economics (PSE), Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne</b> <b>PhD student</b> in Economics Supervisors: Anne-Célia Disdier and Fabrice Etilé Thesis committee: Karen Macours Topic: The burdens of malnutrition in developing countries.	Paris (FR)
Jan - April 2025	<b>The University of Hong Kong (HKU)</b> <b>Visiting Scholar</b> , School of Public Health - Division of Health Economics, Policy and Management Hosted by: Karen A. Grépin	Hong Kong SAR
2020 - 2022	<b>Paris School of Economics (PSE), École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociale</b> <b>MSc</b> in Applied Economics, with specialization in Public Policy and Development <i>Magna cum laude</i> mention	Paris (FR)
2017 - 2020	<b>Utrecht University - School of Economics (USE)</b> <b>BSc</b> in Economics and Business Economics (minor in Economic Geography) <i>Cum laude</i> mention	Utrecht (NL)
Aug - Dec 2019	<b>Singapore Management University - School of Economics and Business (SMU)</b> Undergraduate exchange program	Singapore (SG)
2012 - 2017	<b>Liceo Scientifico A. Avogadro</b> Maturità in traditional scientific studies, 96/100	Biella (IT)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Jun 22 - May 2023	<b>Paris School of Economics (PSE)</b> <b>Research Assistant</b> (supervisor: François Bourguignon) Monitoring the publication of two volumes at Cambridge University Press (CUP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>State and Business in Tanzania's Development (Bourguignon, F. and Wangwe, S.)</li><li>Institutional Challenges at the Early Stages of Development (Bourguignon, F. and Platteau, J. P.)</li></ul>	Paris (FR)
Sept 21- Aug 2022	<b>Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)</b> <b>Research Assistant and Collaborator</b> (supervisor: Dil B. Rahut) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Contributions to academic paper on "Assessing the well-being of the elderly in Bangladesh" (with T. Sonobe, D. B. Rahut and S. N. Shimul)</li><li>Contributions to academic paper on "Good governance for sustainable development outcomes in developing countries" (with D. B. Rahut and B. Bhagirath)</li></ul>	Tokyo (JP) 100% online

May - July 2021	<b>Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)</b> <b>Student Intern</b> (supervisor: Dil B. Rahut) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of the “Elderly’s well-being project in Bangladesh”</li> <li>Articles on the <i>Asian Pathways</i> (ADBI’s blog)</li> <li>Administrative work for the organization of upcoming ADBI conferences</li> </ul>	Tokyo (JP) 100% online
July - Aug 2020	<b>Groupe Crédit Agricole S.A.</b> (Economic Studies Department) <b>Student Intern</b> (supervisor: Isabelle Job-Bazille) Macro Economics and Banking Economics services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focus on the Italian case (post-Covid recovery decisions)</li> <li>Focus on the EU Covid Recovery Fund</li> <li>Articles on <i>Perspectives</i> (Crédit Agricole S.A.’s weekly blog)</li> </ul>	Montrouge (FR)

## ACADEMIC RESEARCH

### Publications

**Rahut, D. B., & Destefanis, A.** (2024). The multidimensional well-being of Asian senior citizens: A systematic review. ADBI Working Paper No. 1443. Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), Tokyo. <https://doi.org/10.56506/KAIT9216>

**Destefanis, A., Sonobe, T., Rahut, D., & Aryal, J. P.** (2021). Lessons for the informal sector from COVID-19. Asia Pathways. Asian Development Bank Institute.

- Forthcoming*: Parental migration and unconditional cash transfers for education. Evidence from the Smart Indonesia Program." (with D. B. Rahut)
- Forthcoming*: Good governance for sustainable development outcomes in developing countries - A systematic review. (with D. B. Rahut and B. Bhagirath)

### Working Papers

- “Maternal Education and Mother-Child Health Outcomes: Evidence from Bangladesh” (JMP)
- “Does Globalization Affect Maternal Education's Health Returns? Evidence from Nutrition”, with Anne-Celia Disdier and Fabrice Etilé
- “Well-being of elderly in Bangladesh: Subjective well-being, Dementia and Covid-19.”, with Tetsushi Sonobe, Dil B. Rahut and Shafiun N. Shimul

### Conferences and Seminars

- 2025**: Health Economics, Policy and Management Seminar (HKU School of Public Health, Hong Kong SAR), PSE collegial retreat (CNRS Roscoff, France)
- 2024**: Globalization, Political Economics and Trade - Spring Internal Seminar (Paris School of Economics, France), Behaviour, Health and Ageing workshop (University of Paris-Dauphine, France), Nutritional Security in Asia and the Pacific: Challenges and Opportunities (ADBI, Japan - online), Globalization, Political Economics and Trade - Fall Internal Seminar (Paris School of Economics, France), PSE collegial retreat (CNRS Fréjus, France)
- 2023**: Casual Friday Development Seminar (Paris School of Economics, France)
- 2021**: Regional Conference on Health and Socioeconomic Well-Being of Older Persons in Developing Asia: Role of Individual and Household (JICA-ADB-ADBI, Japan – online)

### Grants

- International Mobility Grant**, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne - € 1,700 (2025)
- International Mobility Grant**, Paris School of Economics - € 2,895 (2025)
- International Mobility Grant**, UMR/CNRS - € 1,367 (2025)
- PhD Doctoral Contract**, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne (sept 2022- aug 2025)
- Research grant**, Asian Development Bank Institute - US\$11,741 (2021)

Teaching

- **Teaching Assistant:** Economics of Development (EN) - Master level M1  
Professor Jerome Sgard - Fall Semester 2025 - SciencesPo Paris
- **Teaching Assistant:** Introduction à l'économétrie (FR) – Bachelor level L3  
Professor Catherine Doz - Spring Semester 2024 - Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne
- **Teaching Assistant:** Introduction to Econometrics (EN) – Bachelor level L3  
Professor Tobias Broer - Spring Semester 2024 - Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne
- **Teaching Assistant:** Global Economic History (EN) – Bachelor level L3  
Professor Jerome Sgard - Fall Semester 2023 - SciencesPo Paris

Scientific and Administrative Activities

- PSE (PjSE) PhD student representative (2025 - ...)
- Member of the Strategic Committee (CLEOR) of PSE (2025 - ...)
- Organization member, “Globalization, Political Economy, Trade (GPET) PhD students’ seminar” (2022-2024)
- Organization assistant, “European Association of Young Economists (EAYE) conference” (2024)
- Organization assistant, “PSE collegial retreat – Fréjus” (2024)
- Organization member, “Rural Economic Transformation: Pathways to Inclusive and Sustainable Prosperity in post-COVID-19 Asia” (ADB I - 2019)
- Organization member, “Environmental Challenges and Agricultural Sustainability in Asia: Interlinkages and Future Implications” (ADB I - 2019)

LANGUAGES AND OTHER COMPETENCES

Languages	Italian (mother tongue), English (fluent), French (fluent), German (elementary)
Computer Skills	R studio (advanced), LaTeX (advanced), qGIS (basic), STATA (basic), Microsoft Office (advanced)
Other(s)	New ECDL Full Standard (European Computer License)

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