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Citizenship: French
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RESEARCH INTERESTS

PUBLIC ECONOMICS: Social insurance, effect of taxes and benefits on behaviours, redistribution
LABOUR ECONOMICS: Optimal unemployment insurance, impact of unemployment benefits on labour supply, dismissal decisions, bargaining
ECONOMICS OF CRIME: Causes of crime, victimisation, crime networks

CURRENT POSITION

2019- Postdoctoral researcher in LABOUR ECONOMICS AND ECONOMICS OF CRIME, FAIR - Centre for Experimental Research on Fairness, Inequality and Rationality
Norwegian School of Economics, Bergen, Norway.

EDUCATION

2015-2019 PhD in ECONOMICS, **Paris School of Economics**, Paris.
Dissertation: *Optimal Unemployment Insurance and On-the-Job Behaviours*
Supervisor: Luc BEHAGHEL
PhD Committee: Antoine BOZIO, Thomas LE BARBANCHON, Camille LANDAIS, Andrea WEBER
PhD Awards: French Economic Association (AFSE), *Chancellerie des Universités*, French Unemployment Insurance (*Pôle Emploi*)
2015-2019 Student-researcher under an Industrial Convention of Education through Research (CIFRE convention) at the **French Unemployment Agency (Unédic)**, Paris
2012-2014 Master degree in ECONOMICS with distinction *magna cum laude*, **Paris School of Economics**, Paris
Thesis: *An assessment of the insurance and redistribution functions of unemployment benefits in France* | Supervisor: Antoine BOZIO
2009-2012 Bachelor degree in SOCIAL SCIENCES, **University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne**, Paris

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

GUEST LECTURES

October 2020 **University of Lausanne** – Economique Policy Seminar Inequality and Research in COVID-19 times
Seminar to acquaint students with policy-relevant issues in economics
September 2020 **Norwegian School of Economics** – Labor Economics Technology, Import Competition and Unemployment
The objective of the course is to introduce students in MSc in Economics and Business administration to topics in labor economics as well as contemporary empirical research in this field

TUTORIALS

- Fall 2017 **Institut d'études politiques de Paris (Sciences-Po)** – Advanced Public Economics (Prof. Clément Malgouyres)
Advanced public economics tutorials to Public Affairs master degree students
- Fall 2016 **University Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne** – Introduction to economics (Prof. Karim Azizi)
Introduction to Economics to first-year students of the Bachelor in Social and Economic Administration
- Spring 2016 **Institut d'études politiques de Paris (Sciences-Po)** – International Economics (Prof. Jean-Pierre Landau and Philippe Martin)
Support classes on theoretical notions of international economics and governance to first-year students in Public Affair Master

WORKING PAPERS & ONGOING RESEARCH

A Poorly Understood Disease? The Unequal Distribution of Excess Mortality Due to COVID-19 Across French Municipalities. (Joint with P. Brandily, C. Brebion, S. Briole, [Latest version](#))
Media coverage: [Le Monde](#), [L'Humanité](#), [Sud Ouest](#), [France Culture](#), [France Inter](#), [LCI \(00:52\)](#), [Le Figaro](#), [Le Grand Continent](#)

Unemployment Benefits and the Timing of Redundancies. ([Latest version](#))

This paper has received the Best Paper Award in the 2018 Workshop on Labour Economics from IAAEU, University of Trier, Germany.

Choosing Unemployment Benefits: the Role of Adverse Selection and Moral Hazard. ([Latest version](#))

Entitled to Leave: the Impact of Unemployment Insurance Eligibility on Employment Duration and Job Quality. (Joint with Clément Brébion (PSE) and Simon Briole (PSE), [Latest version](#))

An Assessment of the Insurance and Redistribution Functions of Unemployment Benefits in France. (Working paper available upon request)

A Big Fish in a Small Pond? Big-box Stores, Local Employment and City Shape. (Ongoing research, joint with Paul Brandily (PSE))

Sanctioning, recidivism and spillovers. (Ongoing research, joint with Manudeep Bhuller and Katrine Løken)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

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| 2020 Best Ph.D. Dissertation Award | French Economic Association (AFSE) |
| Distinction from the jury | 2020 Ph.D. Dissertation Award
University <i>Paris-Sciences Lettres</i> (PSL) |
| Best Paper Award | 2018 Workshop on Labour Economics, IAAEU,
University of Trier, Germany |
| 2018, Fellowship | 6-months research grant
Chaire Travail, Paris School of Economics |
| 2018, Research grant | Labex OSE, <i>Ouvrir la Science économique</i> ,
Paris School of Economics |
| 2017, Research grant | Labex OSE, <i>Ouvrir la Science économique</i> ,
Paris School of Economics |
| 2015-2019, Doctoral Scholarship | Unemployment insurance organisation, UNEDIC,
Paris, France |

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

- 2021 European Labor Symposium for Early Career Economists, Norwegian School of Economics, scheduled (Bergen, Norway)
34th Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (scheduled)
Society of Labor Economists (SOLE) Annual Meeting (scheduled)
ASSA 2021 Annual Meeting
- 2020 Emerging Research Seminar, Norwegian School of Economics (Bergen, Norway)
FAIR Seminar, Norwegian School of Economics (Bergen, Norway)
Workshop on Job Security and Employment Protection, IAAEU (Trier, Germany)
35th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (Rotterdam, Netherlands).
2020 Conference on Labor Market Transitions, IAB (Nürnberg, Germany). Scheduled.
IZA Workshop on Labor Market Institutions (Bonn, Germany). Scheduled.
- 2019 Seminar at the Department of Economics, Linnaeus University (Växjö, Sweden)
31st Annual Congress of the European Association of Labour Economics (Uppsala, Sweden)
Statistics Norway Seminar (Oslo, Norway)
34th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (Manchester, UK)
Munich Young Economists Meeting (Kochel, Germany)
68th Meeting of the French Economic Association (Orléans, France)
- 2018 **43rd Symposium of the Spanish Economic Association** (Madrid, Spain)
Association of Southern-European Economic Theorists Conference (Florence, Italy)
30th Annual Congress of the European Association of Labour Economics (Lyon, France)
67th Meeting of the French Economic Association (Paris, France)
35^{mes} Journées de Microéconomie Appliquée (Bordeaux, France)
Perspectives on (Un-)employment workshop, IAB (Nuremberg, Germany)
Workshop on Labour Economics, IAAEU (Trier, Germany)
- 2017 **IZA Summer School in Labour Economics**, IZA Institute of Labour Economics (Bonn, Germany)
Applied Economics Seminar, Paris School of Economics (Paris, France)
Dondena Workshop on Public Policy, Bocconi University (Milan, Italy)
European Doctoral Program Jamboree, University of Bonn (Bonn, Germany)
PhD workshop, Collegio Carlo Alberto (Turin, Italy)
Work in Progress Seminar, Paris School of Economics (Paris, France)
Little Informal Seminar, Paris School of Economics (Paris, France)
- 2016 Little Informal Seminar, Paris School of Economics (Paris, France)
Rencontres d'Aussois du Labex OSE (Aussois, France)

MEDIA & POLICY REPORTS

- [“La dégressivité des indemnités chômage ralentit le retour à l’emploi”](#), Le Cercle, Les Echos, March 23rd, 2017
- [An evaluation of the “option right”](#), Unédic, 2018
- [Le timing des licenciements économiques dépend-il des indemnités chômage ?](#), Note n°3 de la Chaire Travail, PSE, 2019
- [Assurance chômage et durée des emplois](#), Note n°6 de la Chaire Travail, PSE, 2020

OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

2015, 2013-2014 Research assistant at the **Institut des Politiques Publiques**, Paris
2014-2015 Research assistant at **Liegey-Muller-Pons**, Paris
2014 Research assistant for Pr. Denis Cogneau (*Projet Afristory*) at the **Paris School of Economics**, Paris

REFEREE

Scientific journals: *IZA Journal of Labor Economics*, *IZA Journal of Labor Policy*
Research projects: 24th Spring Meeting of Young Economists, *Global Development Network*

SEMINAR ORGANIZATION

PSI-PSE, **Paris School of Economics**, 2017-2018
European Labor Symposium for Early Career Economists, **FAIR**, **Norwegian School of Economics** – April 2021

LANGUAGES & SKILLS

French (native), English (fluent), Spanish (intermediate), Italian (intermediate)
STATA, SAS, Latex, MS Office