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DOCTORAL STUDIES

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M.Phil., Economics, Paris School of Economics, *highest distinction*
Msc, Economics and Statistics, ENSAE
Ecole Normale Supérieure Paris Saclay

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Citizenship: French
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RESEARCH FIELDS

Primary Fields: Public Economics, Political Economy
Secondary Field: Labor Economics

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| TEACHING EXPERIENCE | Microeconomics (Undergraduate) | ESCP-Europe | 2018 |
| | Econometrics (Office Hours for Graduate) | Paris School of Economics | 2017 |
| | Public Policy Evaluation (Graduate) | Sciences Po, Paris | 2016 |
| | Macroeconomics (Undergraduate) | University Paris Dauphine | 2016 |
| RELEVANT POSITIONS | Postdoctoral Researcher, Aix-Marseille School of Economics | France | 2019-2020 |
| | Visiting PhD Student, London School of Economics | UK | 2017-2018 |
| | Research Assistant to Professors Thierry Verdier and Claudia Senik | France | 2016 |
| | Research Assistant, French Research Institute For Development | France | 2015 |
| | Research Intern, Centre de Sciences Humaines | India | 2014 |
| FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS | Best paper by a young author at the Australian Gender Economics Workshop | | 2019 |
| | Wicksell Prize for the best paper by a young author at the European Public Choice Society Conference | | 2018 |
| | European Doctoral Program Scholarship, EDP | | 2017-2018 |
| | PhD Full Scholarship | | 2016-2019 |
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| | EEA-ESEM Annual Conference, Aix-Marseille School of Economics, Australian Gender Economics Workshop, LAGV | | 2019 |
| | EEA-ESEM Annual Conference, Royal Economic Society, European Public Choice Society, COSME workshop, INED, EDP Jamboree | | 2018 |
| | European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society, ACES at ASSA, LAGV, EDP Jamboree, INED | | 2017 |
| | Referee: <i>Economic Journal, Journal of Comparative Economics, Labour Economics, Review of Economics of the Household, World Development</i> | | |

PUBLICATIONS **Undoing Gender With Institutions. Lessons from the German Division and Reunification**, with Alexandre Georgieff and Claudia Senik (first author, Forthcoming at *Economic Journal*)

Math, Girls and Socialism, with Claudia Senik, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 46(3), 874-888, 2018

RESEARCH PAPERS

“Gender and Lawmaking in Times of Quotas”

JOB MARKET PAPER

Best paper by a young author at the 2019 Australian Gender Economics Workshop

It is often argued that female politicians defend the interests of women more than their male counterparts. This argument has motivated the introduction of gender quotas. Yet, because of data limitations and conflicting evidence, whether female legislators act on behalf of other women remains questionable. This article investigates this question using a novel method replicable in many contexts. This method consists in combining quasi-experimental variations to randomize the gender of legislators with a dictionary-based approach on text data to identify the topics of the legislation initiated by politicians. I apply this method to a setting with gender quotas and analyze more than 300,000 amendments discussed in the French Parliament over the period 2001-2017. I show that (i) female legislators are twice as likely to initiate women-related amendments, (ii) women’s issues constitute the key topic where women are more active, followed by child and health issues, while men are more likely to initiate amendments related to electoral and military issues, (iii) these differences partly stem from legislators’ individual interests, and (iv) these findings are consistent in both the Lower and Upper Houses when mixed-gender close races and a natural experiment are exploited. From a public policy perspective, the results suggest that gender quotas lead to a shift in policymaking and a greater prevalence of women’s issues in Parliament.

“Persistence of Incumbents and Female Access to Political Positions”

Wicksell prize for the best paper by a young author at the 2018 European Public Choice Society Conference

The persistence of incumbents is often assumed to hinder female access to political positions. The argument is that in a context where incumbents are predominantly men and enjoy an electoral advantage for reelection, the election of women is limited. Yet, there is little causal evidence on this question. This article exploits regression discontinuity from close electoral races in French municipalities to randomize the eligibility of incumbent mayors for reelection. Contrary to expectations, I show that when incumbents cannot run for reelection, female candidates are not more likely to be elected. I investigate the mechanisms and show that female candidates suffer from an electoral penalty only after a female incumbent. This effect is consistent with a backlash or stereotype threat effect penalizing women after a female incumbent.

**RESEARCH IN
PROGRESS**

“Side-Effects of Gender Quotas in Politics: Existence and Resilience in Single-Member Districts”

This article investigates the short and long-term side-effects of gender quotas applied to elections in single-member districts. I exploit gender quotas introduced in the French parliamentary elections in 1997 and 2002. Using elections data from 1979 to 2017 and a difference-in-differences strategy, I show that gender quotas lead to strategic nominations of female candidates in the most difficult constituencies. These strategies gradually disappear for the main left-wing party while they persist up to 15 years later for the main right-wing party. I provide evidence that (i) these strategic nominations are not due to the persistence of incumbents but are consistent with a gender bias and (ii) political parties have different propensities to discriminate against women. From a public policy perspective, the findings suggest that gender quotas applied to elections in single-member districts are not doomed to failure.

“From Material to Non-Material Needs? The Evolution of Mate Preferences through the 20th Century in France”

This paper studies the evolution of long-term mate preferences throughout the 20th century in France. I digitized all the matrimonial ads published in France’s best-selling monthly magazine from 1928 to 1994. Using dictionary-based methods, I show that: (i) the importance of economic criteria in potential partners collapsed and these criteria were mostly replaced by personality criteria, (ii) men’s and women’s preferences converged but still remained different, and (iii) most of these changes started in the late 1960s, coinciding with profound changes to family demographics. These findings suggest that mate preferences are, to a large extent, cultural and that non-material needs have replaced material ones.

**OTHER
WRITINGS**

Publications in French Peer-Reviewed Journals

Les politiques de quotas en faveur des femmes ont-elles brisé ou surélevé le plafond de verre ? (Do Gender Quotas Break or Raise the Glass Ceiling?), *Revue économique*, vol. 69, no. 5, 2018, pp. 849-867.

Travail domestique : les couples mono-actifs en font-ils vraiment plus ? (Housework: Do Single-earner Couples Really Do More?), with Guillaume Allègre, Victor Bart, Laura Castell et Martin Henri, *Economie et statistique*, n°478-480, 2015. pp. 189-208.

Policy Report

The Sexual Division of Labour in the French Parliament, *Institut des Politiques Publiques*, March 2019