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EDUCATION

Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University , Paris School of Economics (PSE) *Jan 2022 - Present*

Ph.D. in Economics, under the supervision of Prof. Camille Hémet and Prof. Thomas Breda

Fields: Gender Economics, Crime Economics, Political Economy of the Media, Labor Economics

École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), Paris School of Economics (PSE) *Sept 2018 - Sept 2021*

Master's in Public Policy and Development

Paris Sciences et Lettres-PSL University (Lycée Henri-IV, MINES ParisTech, *Sept 2015 - June 2018*

Paris Dauphine University)

Multidisciplinary Bachelor Program, with a Major in Economics and Sociology

WORKING PAPERS

Does news coverage of violence against women affect its reporting and judicial treatment? Evidence from French administrative data

Abstract: This paper explores how news coverage of violence against women (VAW) affects the reporting and judicial treatment of sexual and domestic violence. I combine high-frequency data on French TV news content with rich novel administrative data on all cases handled by the criminal justice system in France. I document a relatively low level of prosecution of perpetrators of VAW, as well as limited coverage of such violence on TV news, but significant changes have occurred over the last decade. Exploiting the quasi-random timing of news in the short run, I next estimate the effect of TV news coverage of VAW on each stage of the legal process – namely reporting, prosecution and sentencing decisions. First, there is no detectable impact of news on VAW crimes on the propensity to report sexual or domestic violence, but news on law and social affairs relating to VAW leads to a small increase in reporting. Second, I find that prosecutors are less likely to dismiss a case after news coverage of VAW crimes. The effect amounts to a 2% increase in prosecutions of perpetrators of VAW in the week following the news coverage, mainly for domestic violence and cases that were on the verge of being dismissed. Third, sentencing decisions made by judges are not affected. The results suggest that the media can influence prosecutors' decisions, which corresponds to a critical stage in the judicial process as around 80% of complaints are dismissed at this stage. These findings imply that documenting and talking about VAW is important to raise prosecution and effectively combat this violence.

The determinants of sexual violence (under)reporting: Evidence from French survey data

Abstract: Sexual violence and its underreporting are major social problems. Encouraging victims to report to formal authorities is key to preventing and combating this violence. This paper explores the determinants of reporting sexual violence to the police using data from the French victimization survey. I show that the reporting propensity is higher for victims with low socioeconomic status, living in urban areas, or having suffered an assault involving physical injuries. I also analyze rare information on the reasons for not reporting to unveil the mechanisms behind these findings, which allows me to discard some frequently advanced explanations. First, I provide suggestive evidence that victims of higher socioeconomic status report less not because they fear social recrimination but due to better knowledge of the criminal justice system and the material and psychological costs associated with reporting. Second, the sizable impact of physical injury occurrence is unlikely to be explained by better prospects of winning the case thanks to this solid evidence. Instead, it seems driven by better alignment with the cultural norms stemming from the “classic rape” stereotype. Overall, the results suggest that the low reporting of sexual violence stems more from distrust in the criminal justice response than fear of inadequate police intake.

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

Prevalence and reporting of domestic violence: study of a “one-door” system in Nepal (with Andréa Renk)

Effects of a new work organization in the home care sector: Evidence from a randomized experiment in France (with Léa Toulemon, Audrey Rain, Delphine Roy et Thomas Breda)

The impact of juvenile incarceration on their social, educational and professional trajectories: Evidence from French administrative data (with Camille Hémet, Laura Khoury, Manon Garrouste, Nina Guyon and Léa Dousset)

NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Stricot (2024), “Le traitement judiciaire des violences sexuelles et conjugales en France”, IPP Policy Note n°107, Avril 2024.

OCDE (2020), “Paid sick leave to protect income, health and jobs through the COVID-19 crisis”, OECD Policy Responses to Coronavirus (COVID-19), Paris : OCDE.

Thewissen, S., MacDonald, D., Prinz, C., Stricot, M. (2020) “The critical role of paid sick leave in the COVID-19 health and labour market crisis”, VoxEU, 8 Juillet 2020.

COVID-19 Crisis, Éditions OCDE, Paris.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant at the French Institute of Public Policy (IPP) *Aug 2021 - Aug 2023*
Within the Health and autonomy and Employment policy programs

Consultant at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) *May 2020 - Jul 2020*
Directorate of Employment, Labor, and Social Affairs (Work and Health Team)

Economist Intern at the French Ministry of Economics (Direction générale du Trésor) *Nov 2019 - Mar 2020*
Economic Service for the Baltic States, Embassy of France in Lithuania, Economic Office in Vilnius

Intern at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) *May 2019 - Oct 2019*
Directorate of Employment, Labor, and Social Affairs (Skills and Employment Team)

Research Assistant at the National Institute for Demographic Studies (INED) and UMR LEDa *July 2017*
For Loïc Charles and Guillaume Daudin

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching assistant for Macroeconomics: growth *Fall 2023*
Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University

Teaching assistant for Microeconomics: consumer theory *Spring 2024*
Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

2024

- Doctorissimes PhD Conference, April 25-26 – Paris School of Economics
- AFÉPOP inaugural conference, May 2-3 – Campus Condorcet, Aubervilliers
- Internal seminar, May 21 – University of Namur
- 40èmes Journées de Microéconomie Appliquée, June 6-7 – University of Lille
- 3rd IEB Workshop on Public Policies, June 13-14 – University of Barcelona
- 23rd LAGV Public economics conference, June 26-28 – Palais du Pharo, Marseille
- EALE Conference, September 5-7 – Norwegian School of Economics, Bergen

2023

- INA le lab seminar, April 21 – Inathèque, Paris
- Little Informal Seminar of the Paris School of Economics, May 30 – Paris School of Economics
- 71st Congress of the French Economic Association, June 14-17 – Sciences Po Paris

- 2nd Gender and Economics Worksho, June 29-30 – University of Luxembourg
- Law, Institutions and Economics in Nanterre (LIEN) seminar, October 16 – Paris Nanterre Univeristy
- Applied economics seminar, October 24 – Paris School of Economics
- Workshop on Gender Issues and Development, Nov. 20 - Dec. 1 – Paris Nanterre University

2022

- Little Informal Seminar of the Paris School of Economics, October 11 – PSE
- Workshop on crime, penitentiary, and judicial systems, November 14 – CREST-ENSAE Paris

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Défenseur des droits & Institute for Studies and Research on Law and Justice (IERDJ) *October 2023*
 Research grant for the project “Impact of juvenile incarceration on their social, educational and professional trajectories”, with Camille Hémet, Laura Khoury, Manon Garrouste, Nina Guyon and Léa Dousset (60k euros)

Institute for Research in Public Health (IRESP) *June 2023*
 Research grant for the project “Effects of a new work organization in the home care sector: Evidence from a randomized experiment in France”, with Léa Toulemon, Audrey Rain, Delphine Roy et Thomas Breda (100k euros)

National Audiovisual Institute (INA) *July 2022*
 Recipient of the 2022-2023 research grant “INA - Louise Merzeau” for my project “The media coverage of gender-based violence: how does it affect its judicial treatment?” (5k euros)

Doctoral School ED 465 Economics, Panthéon-Sorbonne (EPS) *July 2021*
 3-year doctoral contract (January 2022 - December 2024)

SKILLS

Languages French (native), English (fluent), Spanish (intermediate), Portuguese (beginner)
Computer R, Stata, LaTeX

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Affiliations
 Research Associate at the National Audiovisual Institute (INA le lab) *Since July 2022*
 Doctoral Affiliate at the Institute of Public Policy (IPP) *Since September 2023*

Member of the *Women in Economics Paris and Saclay (WEPS) Association* *April 2023 - Present*
 Within which I organized a conference on gender-based and sexual violence in higher education and research, held on May 16, 2023, at CREST – ENSAE