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Research Interests

LABOR ECONOMICS Job Quality, Policy Evaluation, Active Labor Market Policies
DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS Segmented Labor Markets, Informality, Cash transfers

Education

- 2015 - (2019) Ph.D. in Economics, **Paris School of Economics**
Supervisors: Luc Behaghel (PSE), Jérôme Gautié (Paris 1)
PhD Jury: Abhijit Banerjee (MIT), Imran Rasul (UCL), Roland Rathelot (Warwick)
Pre-Defense: July 19th, 2018; *Defense:* Spring 2019 (expected)
- 2016 - 2017 *Marie-Curie* Research Fellow at SALDRU, **University of Cape Town**
- 2013 - 2015 Master Degree in Quantitative Economics, **Paris School of Economics**
Track “Public Policy and Development”, *Magna Cum Laude*
- 2010 - 2013 Bachelor Degree, **Sciences Po. Paris (Paris Institute of Political Studies)**
Cum Laude, exchange year at the **London School of Economics** (2012-2013)

Research

Working Papers

Labor Market Effects of Cash “No Strings Attached”: Evidence from South Africa’s *Child Support Grant* - JOB MARKET PAPER [[Latest Version](#)]

Does money without conditions have lasting effects on employment outcomes in a segmented labor market? I study the impact of an unconditional cash transfer in South Africa paid to Black and Coloured women, a group with both low employment and high informality. I use discontinuous exposure to the *Child Support Grant* for mothers whose child was born one cohort apart to identify the labor market effects of roughly one year of grant (\approx 400 \$ 2010). As a job search model

would predict, these mothers are more likely to be unemployed, and less likely to be working, while receiving the transfer. Five years after the grant has stopped, the employment rate is back to the same level as ineligible mothers, but those who had received the grant are more likely to work in the formal sector. More money does not seem to translate into greater job quality gains. Overall, these results indicate that unconditional cash transfers can have persistent, positive effects on job quality, but do not seem to increase employment at the extensive margin.

Public Pensions and Elderly Informal Employment: Evidence from a Change in Retirement Age in South Africa - [[Latest Version](#)] [[WP Version](#)]

Work in Progress

Working Time Regulations, Employment and Productivity, with C. Batut (PSE)

Ongoing Evaluations

The Effect of Providing Information on Unopened Vacancies on Job Seekers and Firms, with L. Behaghel (PSE), M. Gurgand (PSE), S. Dromundo (PSE)

“Learning to Learn” and Job-Seekers’ Training, with L. Behaghel (PSE), E. Maurin (PSE), S. Signorelli (PSE)

Research Dissemination

“Child Grants Can Help Mothers Get Better Jobs” March, 2017, *Ground Up*
(also on [The Daily Maverick](#), [All Africa](#), [UCT News](#))

Teaching

ECONOMETRICS 3 - PARIS SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

Teaching Assistant, 2018, (2019), Professor Philipp Ketz

Most advanced Econometrics course for first year graduate students in PPD master

Teaching Evaluations 2018

Work Experience

OECD, ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Part-Time Trainee, 2014-2015

Employment, Labour and Social Affairs (ELS) Directorate. “Job Quality” project.

Supervisors: Alexander Hijzen (OECD ELS/IMF) and Paolo Falco (OECD ELS)

Statistical assistant for OECD 2015 Employment Outlook (Chapter 5)

Fellowships

- 2018 - 2019 *Chaire Travail* (Labor Chair) One-Year Fellowship
- 2016 - 2017 *Marie-Curie* “PODER” Early Stage Researcher (ERS) Fellowship
- 2015 - 2018 Full Doctoral Scholarship from Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University

Conferences & Seminars

- 2018 *3rd Conference on Public Finance in Developing Countries*, Zurich (December, scheduled)
Oxford Development Economics Workshop, Oxford (September)
EEA Annual Conference, Cologne (August)
Labor and Public Economics Seminar - PSE, Paris (June)
Work-in-Progress Seminar - PSE, Paris (May)
- 2017 *IBS Jobs Conference, Invited Speaker*, Warsaw (December)
Casual Friday Development Seminar – PSE, Paris (November)
IZA Workshop: Labor and Development, Bonn (October)
PSI- PSE seminar - PSE, Paris (June)
PODER Final Conference and CEPR Annual Symposium on Development Economics, LSE, London (June)
CSAE Conference, Oxford (March)
SALDRU Seminar – UCT, Cape Town (February)
- 2016 *6th Gretha International Conference in Economic Development*, Bordeaux (June)
Casual Friday Development Seminar – PSE, Paris (September)
PSI- PSE seminar - PSE, Paris (April)

Languages & Skills

LANGUAGES English (advanced), French (advanced), Italian (Native)
SOFTWARE Stata, R, L^AT_EX, Office

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