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CURRENT PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Sept. 2009 - present **Sciences-Po**, Assistant Professor of Economics

Sept. 2009 - present **J-PAL**, Lab Affiliate

PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

2008-2009 **Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL)**
Post-doctoral fellow

2006 - 2008 **Ecole Normale Supérieure**
Lecturer in Economics

2003 - 2008 **Paris School of Economics / DIAL**
Doctorate Researcher, Program "Long-term History and Resources' Distribution within Africa"

EDUCATION

2003 - 2008 **PhD in Economics, Paris School of Economics**
Dissertation: Inequality, development and colonial history in the former French West Africa
Fields: Development Economics, Economic History, Inequality, Empirical Economics
Supervision: Denis Cogneau and Thomas Piketty
Jury: Jean-Marie Baland, Denis Cogneau, Esther Duflo, Pierre Jacquet, Thomas Piketty, Gilles Postel-Vinay
Defended on November, 27th 2008, with highest honours

2001 - 2002 **Master in Economics "Analyse et Politique Economiques", EHESS-DELTA, Paris**
Dissertation: "L'influence des facteurs sociologiques, historiques et politiques sur l'efficacité de l'aide publique au développement"
Supervision: François Bourguignon

1997 - 2001 **Master in Management, Hautes Etudes Commerciales (HEC), Paris**
Specialization: Economics
Dissertation: "The concept of rationality in economics"
Supervision: Hervé Crès

1999 - 2000 **Maîtrise in Philosophy**, University Paris IV (Sorbonne), with honors

1998 - 1999 **Licence in Philosophy**, University Paris IV (Sorbonne), with honors

1995 - 1997 **Classe préparatoire HEC**, Lycée Carnot, Paris
Two-year intensive program to prepare competitive entrance exams to French business schools. Successful in every exam within the top ten candidates.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Sciences-Po, Paris

- Development Economics (Undergraduate course) [2009]
- Development Microeconomics (Graduate course) [2010, 2011]

Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris

- General Economics (Undergraduate course) [2006, 2007]
- Social Fairness and Distribution Issues (Undergraduate course) [2007, 2008]
- Applied Econometrics (Undergraduate course) [2007]
- **Jury** for the selection of students [2008, 2009, 2010]

Institut Supérieur des Techniques d'Outre-Mer (ISTOM), Cergy-Pontoise

- International Poverty Reduction Policies (Graduate course, Master in International Agro-Development) [2005, 2006, 2007, 2008]

Paris School of Economics, Paris

- **Teaching Assistant** for Esther Duflo, "Recent Advances in Development Economics" (Graduate course, Master in Economics) [2007]

Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, Paris

- **Teaching Assistant** for the J-PAL course in Paris (train over practitioners and researchers in running randomized evaluations) [2008]

Optimal Prépa - Ipésup, Paris

- **Teaching Assistant in Mathematics**, Undergraduate courses, Classes Préparatoires HEC. 2,700 hours of teaching [1997-2009]

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Research interests: Development Economics, Field Experiments, Economic History.

Since Sept. 2008

Poverty Action Lab

Research on educational and health policies using field experiments:

- Encouraging young entrepreneurship in poor areas. In collaboration with Adie and the Haut Commissariat aux Solidarités Actives, France
- Community empowerment in school management. In collaboration with the World Bank and the Ministry of Education, Niger
- The role of information and social learning on risky sexual behaviour. In collaboration with Iresco, Cameroon
- Does enhancing human and social capital help in entrepreneurship? In collaboration with Millenium Challenge Corporation and Agence Pour le Progrès, Morocco
- Can a Pay-for-Performance mechanism improve the quality of the health sector? In collaboration with the World Bank and the government of Haut-Katanga, Democratic Republic of Congo
- The role of non-cognitive skills in economic success. In collaboration with the Groupements de Créateurs, and the Haut Commissariat aux Solidarités Actives and IUMM, France

Since Mar. 2007

CEPREMAP

- Report on European Aid Policy, April 2008

Oct. 2003 – Aug. 2008

Dial (Institut de Recherche pour le Développement)

Participation to the ACI Research Contract "Long-term History and resource distribution in Africa", financed by the French Ministry of research.

Jan. – Apr. 2001

French Development Agency (AFD)

Consultant in macroeconomics. Report on the impact of Agency's fundings on social and economic outcomes.

Refereeing: *American Political Sciences Review, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Econometrica, Journal of Development and Cultural Change, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic History, Perspectives on Politics, Review of Economics and Statistics, World Development*

Conference organisation: 5th EUDN PhD Seminar in Development Economics, on December 6th, 2007, hosted by the Paris School of Economics and Dial in Paris.

ACADEMIC PAPERS

Publications and forthcoming articles:

"History Matters: the long term impact of colonial public investments In French West Africa", *American Economic Journal - Applied Economics*, 1(2): 176-215, April 2009

"The long term impact of European settlement within former French West Africa: Did prosperous areas fall behind?", *Journal of African Economies*, 20(2): 263-311, March 2011

Working Papers:

"The Black Man's Burden - The cost of the colonization of French West Africa for French and African taxpayers", Revise and Resubmit *Journal of Economic History*

"Le bilan économique de la colonisation française : chronique d'une historiographie manquée », Paris School of Economics Working Paper, 2008

Understanding Community Participation to Make Services Work (with Elizabeth Beasley)

Papers in progress:

The role of information and social learning on risky sexual behaviour - Evidence from a randomized experiment in Cameroon (with Esther Duflo, Pascaline Dupas and Juliette Seban)

Do local communities allocate funds optimally? Evidence from a randomized experiment in Niger (with Elizabeth Beasley)

Does a "Pay for Performance" mechanism improve the quality of the Health Sector - Evidence from a field experiment in Congo (with Juliette Seban)

Does human and social capital help in entrepreneurship? Evidence from a randomized experiment in Morocco (with Bruno Crépon, Dean Karlan and William Pariente)

Supporting youth entrepreneurship in disadvantaged neighbourhoods in France (with Bruno Crépon, Esther Duflo and William Pariente)

The role of non-cognitive skills in economic success - Evidence from a field experiment in France (with Yann Algan, Bruno Crépon and William Parienté)

BOOKS

"Annales de Mathématiques 2001", Presses Universitaires de France, Collection Major, 2001, with S. Prétesille, M. Fégyvères, M. Dehorter et D. Bourrilly.

"Annales de Mathématiques 2000", Presses Universitaires de France, Collection Major, 2000, with S. Prétesille, M. Fégyvères et B. Taconet.

OTHER FIELD EXPERIENCE

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| 1992-1994 | <i>Cesson-Abrud</i> , Co-founder. NGO dedicated to French and Romanian young people meetings through common public works alternatively in France and Romania. |
| 1993-1995 | <i>Cameroon 1995</i> , Co-founder. NGO dedicated to public housing repairing in 3 towns in Cameroon. I also participated in farming in a Northern rural area. |
| 1997-1998 | <i>France-Nepal</i> . NGO dedicated to sanitary technical assistance in isolated villages in Nepal. |
| 2000 | <i>Phnom-Penh HIV dispensary</i> . I participated in the all-day care of sick people. Cambodia. |