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## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Postdoctoral researcher, University of Göttingen** *2024 - 2025*

**Lecturer, Université Gustave Eiffel** *2023 - 2024*

Teaching macroeconomics, economic and social policies, money and finance, and statistics to undergraduate students.

**Lecturer, Sciences Po Paris, School of International Affairs** *2023*

Teaching public finance of development course to graduate students.

**Lecturer, Université Paris Dauphine** *2021 - 2023*

Teaching open macroeconomics to undergraduate students.

## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D., Université Paris Dauphine PSL, DIAL - IRD** *2019 - 2023*

Thesis under the direction of Lisa Chauvet and Marin Ferry.

**Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne** *2017 - 2019*

Master in Development Economics, with honors.

Redaction of a memoir investigating the impact of Chinese aid on firms' export, under the direction of Lisa Chauvet

**Université Savoie Mont-Blanc, Annecy** *2014 - 2017*

Bachelor in Economics and Finance,

Foreign exchange in Frostburg State University, Maryland USA.

Valedictorian, with honors.

## LANGUAGES

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<b>French</b>	Native language.
<b>English</b>	Full professional proficiency.
<b>Spanish</b>	Limited working proficiency.

## SKILLS

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<b>Statistics</b>	Stata, Python, Excel.
<b>GIS</b>	QGIS.
<b>Word Proc.</b>	L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, Word.

## PUBLICATIONS

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**”Connective Infrastructure and Firms Export: China vs. the World Bank, Different Approaches, Different Results?”** *2023*

Revue d’Economie du Développement, International Conference on Development Economics, Special Issue

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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**”Foreign Aid and Power Play: Political Cycle in World Bank’s Procurement Allocation”**

*Forthcoming*

With Lisa Chauvet and Marin Ferry.

This paper investigates the existence of a political cycle in the World Bank’s allocation of procurement contracts. We estimate the determinants of the average amount in dollars for procurement contracts won by supplier firms for a given semester and recipient country. Our results suggest that domestic firms win larger contracts around elections in the recipient country. Additional results point to cronyism, since the domestic preference is particularly intense around elections in recipient countries where the electoral code allows for corporations to donate to candidates. We also show that foreign firms win 43% larger contracts abroad prior to an election in the supplier firm’s country of origin. Further results bear strong hints of supplier-to-recipient influence in procurement contract allocation, since this cross-border political cycle is found in particular when suppliers and recipients are significant aid partners and share a colonial history.

**”Chinese Connective Infrastructure Projects and Firms’ Export Activity in Developing Countries”** *Forthcoming*

In recent decades, China has emerged as a crucial provider of transport infrastructure in developing countries. In fact, the 2018 Infrastructure Consortium for Africa report highlights that China’s funding for infrastructure in Africa over the past decade has exceeded the combined contributions of all G8 countries. In light of this information, it becomes worthwhile to investigate the impact of China’s transport infrastructure on firm-level development, particularly its role in enhancing firms’ export probability. To explore the potential effects of these projects, I matched firm-level data from the World Bank Enterprise Survey with geo-located Chinese-funded projects between 2000 and 2019. I employ an instrumental variable strategy where the interaction between the region’s probability to receive transport projects and labor unrest in China is as a source of aid exogeneity. On average, There seems to be no significant effect of Chinese transport infrastructure on firms’ probability to export. Further heterogeneity analyses at regional, sector, and company levels are conducted, and firms located in low-population density regions would benefit from Chinese transport projects.

**”The Political Legacy of 19th Century Politicization and Repression in Southeastern France”** *Forthcoming*

Runner-up for the Wicksell Prize during the EPCS conference 2023 in Hannover.

This paper investigates how diverging historical trajectories during the 19th century have influenced electoral outcomes over the long-run by exploiting the natural experiment created by the 1815-1860 border that separated France from the Duchy of Savoy and the Nice County. Thanks to a spatial discontinuity design, I estimate the political legacy of these distinct paths, which involves different politicization processes and exposure to the 1851 political repression against Republicans. Results suggest that these distinct historic paths translated into a preference for radical Republicans on the French side during the election of 1871. This preference persists until nowadays, as the French side voted more for left-wing candidates in presidential and legislative elections between 1995 and 2022.

Using first-hand archives data on repressed citizens, results indicate that political repression lowered the preference for the left. Further analyses suggest that repression against locally prominent citizens, emigration generated by the repression, and a relatively homogenous population can explain the persistence of these historic events on electoral results.

## CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

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### 2024

International Conference in Development Economics, Aix-en-Provence.  
72th Congress of the French Economic Association (AFSE), Bordeaux.  
Economic History Society Conference, Newcastle.  
Virtual Workshop in Historical Political Economy.

### 2023

European Public Choice Society Conference, Hanover.  
The Political Economy of International Organization Conference, San Diego.  
AFEDEV Job Market training seminar  
LEDa Internal Seminar  
DIAL Internal Development Seminar.  
CEPR Paris Symposium 2023  
Annual Workshop Economics & Politics, Brussel.

### 2022

Journée des Doctorants PSL.  
DIAL Internal Development Seminar.  
Graduate Students in International Political Economy Workshop.  
European Public Choice Society Conference, Braga.  
70th Congress of the French Economic Association (AFSE), Dijon.  
International Conference in Development Economics, Clermont-Ferrand.

### 2021

The Political Economy of International Organization Seminar.  
CSAE Conference on Economic Development in Africa.  
European Public Choice Society Conference.  
International Conference in Development Economics.  
Globalization and Development International Conference.

### 2020

DIAL Internal Development Seminar.  
Journée Doctorale du Développement.