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APPOINTMENTS

2019-Present Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Nottingham
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2015 - 2019 University of Oxford, Pembroke College and Economic and Social
History Group
Rokos Career Development Fellow in Economics

2016 - present University of Oxford, Department of Economics and History Faculty
Lecturer – MPhil/MSc Economic and Social History

EDUCATION

2012 – 2016 Sciences Po
PhD in Economics under the supervision of Yann Algan
Examiners: Yann Algan, Sascha Becker, Sergei Guriev, Nathan Nunn,
and Paul Seabright.

2010 - 2011 Harvard University
Visiting graduate student in the Department of Economics

2008 – 2010 Paris School of Economics
Master's degree (Analysis and Policy in Economics)
Graduated with honours

2007 – 2012 École Normale Supérieure, rue d'Ulm
Élève Normalienne (BL), Department of Social Sciences

RESEARCH FIELDS

Primary: Development economics, economic history, political economy
Secondary: Gender, applied econometrics, economic geography

TEACHING

2019- University of Nottingham
“Growth and Development” (undergraduate course, taught jointly with
Roberto Bonfatti); “Advanced Development Economics”
(undergraduate course, taught jointly with Oliver Morrissey);

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“Development Microeconomics” (graduate course, taught jointly with Oliver Morrissey and Trudy Owens)

- 2015 – 2019 Pembroke College, University of Oxford
College tutor in development economics and quantitative economics.
Undergraduate programs: E&M, Economics and History, and PPE
- 2016 - 2019 Department of Economics and History Faculty, University of Oxford
Lecturer in Quantitative Methods, MPhil/MSc in Economics and Social History.
- 2009 – 2015 Teaching assistance at Paris-1 (2009), Harvard University (2010), Paris School of Economics (2011-2012), and Sciences Po (2012-2015).

PUBLICATIONS IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

- “Internal borders and population geography in the unification of Italy” with Brian A’Hearn. [CEPR working paper DP 14604](#). Accepted for publication: *Journal of Economic History*
- “Notre Taxe de Paris: Tax expenditures with two public goods” with Guillaume Willems. Accepted for publication: *Revue Économique*.
- “[Cash Crops, Print Technologies, and the Politicization of Ethnicity in Africa](#),” *American Political Science Review*, 2022, 116(1), 181-199. Joint with Philip Roessler and Yannick Pengl.
- “[Sex and the mission: The conflicting effects of early Christian missions on HIV in sub-Saharan Africa](#)”. *Journal of Demographic Economics*, 86(3), 213-257. doi:10.1017/dem.2019.16. Joint with Julia Cagé
- “[The long-term effects of the printing press in sub-Saharan Africa](#).” *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* (2016), 8(3), 69-99, joint with Julia Cagé

WORKING PAPERS

- “[Gender Difference in Reference Letters: Evidence from the Economics Job Market](#)” (2022) Joint work with Markus Eberhardt and Giovanni Facchini. [[CEPR DP 16960](#)] [[IZA WP 15055](#)] Awarded a University of Nottingham [STEMM-Change EDI grant - 2019](#).
- “Career Paths with a Two-Body Problem: Occupational Specialisation and Geographic Mobility”. Upjohn Institute [Working Paper WP 21-345](#) (2021). Awarded [Upjohn Institute for Employment Research](#) Early Career Research Award - 2020. Joint with Guillaume Willems.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- “Does it really matter how different we are? Ancestry distances and income in the USA”, forthcoming in the *World Scientific Encyclopaedia of Global Migration*, Robert M. Sauer (ed.), *World Scientific Publishing Co*.
- “The devil is in the detail: Christian missions’ heterogeneous effect on development in sub-Saharan Africa.” in *The long-term economic and political shadow of History*, vol. 2, eds. Michalopoulos and Papaioannou, CEPR press (2016), joint with Julia Cagé

RESEARCH PROJECTS

- “Gender Differences in reference letters” Joint work with Markus Eberhardt and Giovanni Facchini. Awarded a University of Nottingham [STEMM-Change EDI grant - 2019](#).

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SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

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| 2020 | BA/Leverhulme research grant for project on the British Suffrage movement UoN Stemm Change EDI Grant for project on gender differences in reference letters. |
| 2019 | Early career grant from the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research for project on gender employment gaps and geographic mobility in academia. Joint with Guillaume Wilemme. |
| 2015 – 2019 | Rokos Career Development Fellowship (Postdoc fellowship) |
| 2016 – 2018 | John Fell Fund Research fund awarded by the University of Oxford for the research on the long-term effects of mission on HIV |
| 2012 – 2015 | French Ministry of Research and Higher Education PhD scholarship |
| 2010 - 2011 | Herchel-Smith Scholarship Student exchange full scholarship between the École Normale Supérieure and Harvard University |
| 2005 - 2010 | French Ministry of Education - AEFÉ Undergraduate full scholarship for foreign students |

RELEVANT SKILLS AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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| Programming and software | Advanced: ArcGIS; ArcPy; QGIS; Stata; R. Intermediate: Python; Shell. Basic: SAS; HTML |
| Languages | Spanish (mother language); French (bilingual); English (very advanced) |
| Referee | Comparative Political Studies; Economic Letters; Economic Journal; Explorations in Economic History; Journal of African Economies; Journal of Development Economics; Journal of Economic History; Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Quarterly Journal of Economics. |

OTHERS

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| Translation | Collective translation from Spanish, edited by François Géral <i>Proses Apatrides</i> , Éditions Finitude |
| Interests | Cooking; Photography (mostly film); yoga |