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Research Interests

Development Economics, Education Policy, Bilingual Education, Economic History.

References

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Education

PhD in Economics Advisors: Tanguy Bernard (BSE), Denis Cogneau (PSE) Thesis: “Local vs European languages in post-colonial African education systems” Jury: Jules Gazeaud (CERDI), Paul Glewwe (U. Minnesota), Catherine Guirkingner (U. Namur), Elise Huillery (DIAL) Visiting PhD at Novafrica (Nova SBE), Lisbon	University of Bordeaux	2022-2025
Master in Economics M.Sc. Public Policy and Development (17/20) Thesis: “Assessing donors’ responsibility: The impact of corruption in humanitarian aid sector allocation”	Paris School of Economics	2017-2019
Bachelor in Economics	Paris-Dauphine University and PSL	2016-2017

Publications

Hemlock, C., Galasso, E., Weber, A., Randriamiarisoa, T., **Col, M.**, Dieci, M., Ratsifandrihamanana, L., Fernald, L. Integrating early child development into an existing health and nutrition program: evidence from a cluster-randomized controlled trial. *BMC Public Health* 24, 2583 (2024). [Link](#)

Working Papers

“N m'a faamu”, Boosting Learning Through Bilingual Education. Evidence from Mali [\[pdf\]](#)

Unveiling the global determinants and effects of bilingual education policies in Africa [\[pdf\]](#)

Offline Digital Technologies and Learning in Low-Connectivity Schools: Experimental Evidence from Senegal. With Luc Behaghel (PSE), Simon Briole (CEEM), Quentin Daviot (Eval Lab) [*draft available upon request*]

Research projects

Identifying the barriers to the bilingual education reform in Mozambique, with Juliette Crespin Boucaud (U. Namur) and Vasco Magona (U. Maputo) – *ongoing data collection*

Air pollution air students' achievements in Côte d'Ivoire, with Thomas Thivillion (U. Bordeaux) – *early stage*

Language of instructions & nation building in the catholic missions in DRC, with Juliette Crespin Boucaud (U. Namur), Yannick Dupraz (Paris Dauphine), Catherine Guirkingier (U. Namur), Paola Villar (Panthéon-Sorbonne) – *ongoing data collection*

Work Experience

Education Research Consultant	Eval Lab	2026-ongoing
Research and technical support on multiple RCTs on education		
Short Term Consultant	World Bank	2026-ongoing (i) 2024-2025 (ii) 2019-2021 (iii)
(i) Management of data collection, quality & analysis for the Ethiopian Cash Transfer program (PSNP) targeted at women IE (PI: Margaux Vinez)		
(ii) Data cleaning and analysis for the Nigeria Social Safety Net Program IE (PI: Ayodele Fashogbon)		
(iii) Report writing for the Mahay Mikolo nimble evaluation (PI: Emanuela Galasso)		
Pre-doc Research Assistant	Paris School of Economics	2022
Prof. Denis Cogneau (PSE) and Prof. Yannick Dupraz (AMSE) Building a dataset on firms and on trade in the French colonies during the colonization		
Field Research Assistant (based in Cameroon)	LEAP - Cattolica University	2021
Prof. Lucia Corno (Cattolica) Development of survey instruments and randomization tools Baseline data collection for an RCT on breast ironing including 3450 households Training and supervision of 30 enumerators		
Field Coordinator (based in Madagascar)	World Bank	2019-2021
Emanuela Galasso (WB) Data management of an RCT integrating an early childhood component into the nutrition government program Development and piloting of the instruments, monitoring of the intervention Coordination between stakeholders (government, research team, consultants, etc.)		
Research Assistant	Paris School of Economics	2019
Prof. Antoine Bozio (PSE, IPP): Qualitative data collection with homeless people Prof. Jérôme Bourdieu (PSE) and Prof. Lionel Ketzenbaum (PSE): Data cleaning and analysis		
Intern (based in Madagascar)	French Research Institute (IRD)	2018
Process evaluation (qualitative study) of a WFP project		

Grants & Awards

IPUMS International 2026 Student Research winner	250 \$	2026
Evaluation of Twige Twese in Burundi, for Expertise France (with Eval-Lab)	40.000 €	2026
IGC Small Project Facility (with Juliette Crespin-Boucaud and Vasco Magona Sande)	19.959 £	2025
J-PAL Learning for All Initiative (with Luc Behaghel, Simon Briole and Quentin Daviot)	220.000 €	2024
UBGRS Mobility grant	7.000 €	2024
MESRI grant (PhD scholarship)	96.000 €	2022-2025

Seminars/conferences

LEAP (Stellenbosch, online), AYEW (online), IDEE Webinar (PSE, online)	2026
CFDS (PSE), Lisbon Micro Group, WAP Society (Bordeaux), EUDN PhD workshop (CERDI), RES Annual Conference (Birmingham), ICDE (Paris-Nanterre)	2025
AEHN (Sapienza - Roma), AFSE (Bordeaux), BSE PhD seminar, Nova SBE PhD seminar (Lisbon)	2024
BSE PhD seminar	2023

Skills & Training

- Programming Software: R, Stata, QGIS
- CAPI Software: Survey Solutions, SurveyCTO, KoboToolBox
- Protecting Human Research Participants Certificate, 2021
- MOOC Evaluating Social Programs (J-PAL & MIT), 2020
- Teaching experience (University of Bordeaux, Addis Ababa University)