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## PROFESSIONAL POSITION

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Sept 2021 - Assistant Professor of Economics (Tenure-track), Copenhagen Business School

## RESEARCH STAYS

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April - May 2025 European Union Institute (EUI), Italy  
October 2024 Paris School of Economics (PSE), France  
April - May 2024 Duke University, United States  
Spring 2019/20 Harvard University, United States

## DOCTORAL STUDIES

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Sept 2017 - 2021 **Paris School of Economics, France**  
Ph.D., Economics. Essays on Migration and Inequality:  
A Global & Post-colonial Perspective  
Advisors: [Thomas Piketty](#) & [Marion Leturcq](#)

## RESEARCH FIELDS

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INTERESTS Applied Labor & Microeconomics, Public Economics, Migration

## PRIOR EDUCATION

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2015-17 Master in Public Policy and Development, **Paris School of Economics, France**  
2012-15 Bachelor in Economics, SRCC, **University of Delhi, India**

## TEACHING & RELEVANT ACTIVITIES

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### Teaching

Fall 2021-

Spring 2023-

Fall 2021-

Fall & Spring 2017-18

### Undergraduate

The Philosophy & Economics of Inequality in the 21st century, CBS

### Graduate

Advanced Quantitative Methods, CBS

Applied Econometrics, CBS

Statistical Reasoning and Quantitative Methods, Sciences Po, Paris

### Supervision

Bachelor Thesis:

Masters' Thesis:

2022: Patrick S. Abildgaard, 2024: Coralie Wirtz, Sabine Irbe

2023: Max C. Gerfort & Rasmus B. Højbjerg

Organizer

2020 - 2022

The Economics of Migration

[Junior Seminar](#)

Referee

Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Labor Economics, Labour Economics, Review of International Economics, World Development, Quarterly Journal of Economics

Consultancy

2016

Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development

OECD, France

## RESEARCH WORK

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### Publications

- “The Colorblind Approach to Inequality and Discrimination: The Case of France” (with Paolo Santini), *Forthcoming in Oxford Review of Economic Policy*

### Working papers

- “Post-colonial Trends of Income Inequality: Evidence from the Overseas Departments of France”, *WID.world Working Paper N° 2020/11. (R&R World Development)*  
Awarded the the First Prize of the “*Prix AFD Jeunes Chercheurs Outre-Mer*” 2022
- “To become or not to become French: The implications of costly naturalization” (with Louis Sirugue) PSE Working Papers halshs-04273821, HAL, (*Submitted*)
- “Is naturalization a passport for better labor market integration? Evidence from a Quasi-Experimental Setting”, PSE Working Papers halshs-03265055, HAL.  
Awarded the *Etta Chiuri Prize 2020 (SIEP)*, *Best Paper Award at the 2021 Workshop on Labour Economics (IAAEU)* & nominated for the Best Paper Award at the *2021 Bavarian Young Economist Meeting*.
- “Global Land Inequality” (with Luis Bauluz and Filip Novokmet), *WID.world Working Paper N° 2020/10*

### Selected Work in progress

- “Migration policy backlash, identity and integration of second generation migrants in France” (with Thomas Baudin and Simone Moriconi)
- “Effect of parents’ naturalization on children” (with Mirna Safi and Haley McAvay)
- “Will you marry mixed? Effect of naturalization reform on mixed marriages” (with Marion Leturcq)

### Policy Reports & Book Chapters

- “Political Cleavages in Sub-Saharan Africa” (with Jules Baleyte, Amory Gethin & Thomas Piketty), in A. Gethin, C. Martínez-Toledano, T. Piketty (ed.), *Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities*. Harvard University Press, 2021
- “Child Poverty in the OECD: Trends, Determinants and Policies to tackle it”, (with O.Thevenon, T.Manfredi & I.Klauzner), *OECD Social, Employment and Migration Working Papers, No. 218*, OECD Publishing, Paris, 2018
- “A decade of social protection development in selected Asian countries”, *Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development*. OECD Publishing, 2017.

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS

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### Awards

- 2022 First Prize “Prix AFD Jeunes Chercheurs Outre-Mer” 2022
- 2022 Association Francaise des Sciences Economiques Best Thesis Award (*shortlisted*)
- 2021 IAAEU Best Paper Award
- 2021 Bavarian Young Economist Meeting Best Paper Award (*shortlisted*)
- 2020 Etta Chiuri Prize, Italian Society of Public Economics (SIEP)

### Grants

- 2024 NEEs CBS Visiting research stay Grant (2.000 EUR)
- 2024 Research Grant ICM (co-PI, 50.000 EUR)
- 2022 Research Grant ICM (2.500 EUR)
- 2020 - 21 4th year PhD Grant, ICM (32.000 EUR)
- 2020 PSE International Mobility Grant (4.500 EUR)
- 2020 INED-iPOPs International Mobility Grant (1.800 EUR)
- 2017 Research Grant by Labex OSE (2.500 EUR)
- 2017 Research Grant by Fonds Sarah Andrieux (1.600 EUR)
- 2017 - 20 PhD Fellowship INED (63.500 EUR)

### Fellowships

- 2021 - 23 Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellowship, European University Institute (*declined*)
- 2021 - Pan-African Scientific Research Council (PASRC) Fellow
- 2018 - Fellow at Institut Covergences Migrations
- 2017 - World Inequality Lab Research Fellow
- 2016 - 18 Cité Internationale Universitaire de Paris Scholarship
- 2015 - 17 French Government Excellence Graduate Scholarship
- 2012 - 15 Indian Government Scholarship for Undergraduate Program

## SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

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- 2024 Workshop on “The evolution of the access to citizenship and permits” Paris (*invited*), Workshop on “Economic and Social Integration of Immigrants and Refugees” Naples (*invited* discussant), NBER Race and Stratification Working Group Boston, UNU-Merit Seminar Series Maastricht (*invited*), Lisbon Migration Economics Workshop, 3rd Migration and Family Economics Workshop IESEG Paris (*invited*), 8<sup>th</sup> LEED workshop Copenhagen, 23<sup>rd</sup> LAGV Marseille, EEA 2024, Workshop on the Political Economy of Migration ENS-Lyon, Paris Migration Economic Seminar (*invited*), Journée d’études au MNHI (*invited*)
- 2023 Workshop on Economic Development in the Indian Ocean La Réunion (*invited*), Migration and Politics Como, European Association for Labor Economists (EALE) Prague, 20th IMISCOE Annual Conference Warsaw (*invited* Plenary speaker), 2nd Migration and Family Economics Workshop IESEG Paris (*invited* discussant), ICM International Conference - Migration at Work Paris (*invited*), OECD Regional Economics of Migration Paris (*invited* discussant), Bristol Economic Policy and Behaviour Workshop Bristol, Symposium in Labor Economics (ELSE) Copenhagen (*invited*), Migration Observatory 7th Annual Conference Carlo Alberto Torino (*invited*), FBK-IRVAPP Seminar Series Trento (*invited*)
- 2022 Paris Migration & Demographic Economic Seminar (ICM, PSE) (*invited*), Seminar CEMOI (University of La Réunion) (*invited*), 21eme Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet (LAGV), 7th Linked Employer-Employee Data (LEED) workshop (Porto), UNU-WIDER & UNIANDES “Reducing inequality” Conference (Bogotá) (*invited*), Actes de Recherche Ultra Marine (ARUM) 2022 (Paris), Inequality Platform Symposium, CBS

- 2021 Royal Economic Society 2021 Annual Conference, 2nd Workshop on the Economics and Politics of Migration EBRD & King's College London, Workshop on Labour Economics (IAAEU, Trier University), Immigration Initiative at Harvard (IIH) Conference, PhD - Economics Virtual Seminar, ADRES Doctoral Conference 2021, (Strasbourg, France), 17th IZA Annual Migration Meeting, European Association of Labour Economists (EALE) Annual Conference, Economic Demographic Workshop (EDW), 20th Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet (LAGV), 2021 SEHO Boston Virtual Meeting, Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (ESPE), EEA-ESEM Virtual 2021, 69th Congress of the French Economic Association (AFSE), Labour and Public Economics Seminar (PSE), EUI Experimental & Quasi-Experimental Studies in Immigrant Naturalisation Workshop (*invited*)
- 2020 35th annual Congress of the European Economic Association (Rotterdam), European Winter Meetings Econometric Society, 10th Annual Conference on Immigration in OECD Countries OECD, XXXII SIEP Conference (Milan), IFO CEMIR Junior Migration Economist Workshop (Munich), 1st Stockholm Workshop on Diversity and Workplace Inclusion (Stockholm), Public & Labor Graduate Group (Harvard University), Political Economy Workshop (Harvard University), Economic History Graduate Workshop (Harvard University), Applied Economics Lunch Seminar (PSE), LEAP Virtual Seminar Series (Stellenbosch University- *invited*), Warsaw International Economic Meeting (Warsaw), Applied Young Economist Webinar (Warwick), Junior Economics of Migration Seminar, Labour and Public Economics Seminar (PSE)\*, Young Economist Meeting Brno\*
- 2019 Séminaire Café (INED), European Historical Economic Society EHES Conference (Paris), ECINEQ Conference-Study of Economic Inequality (Paris), Doctoral Day of INED (Paris)
- 2018 LAGV International Conference in Public Economics (Aix-en-Provence), 13th International Conference of the AFD on Development (Paris), Economic History Seminar (PSE)
- 2017 First WID.world Conference (Paris), Rencontres d'Aussois Labex OSE (France), Journée au vert UR9 INED (France)

## OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

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Skills	Microsoft Office, LateX, Stata, R, Python (basic)
Languages	English (fluent), French (fluent), Mauritian Creole (native), Italian (Intermediate), Hindi (Intermediate), Danish (basic - A2)
Nationality	French, Mauritian

*Updated: August 2024*