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Current Position

Assistant Professor in Economics (tenure track), University of Geneva

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Personal Information

Date of Birth: February, the 15th 1984 in Montpellier, France (34).

Previous Positions

University of Lausanne - Department of Economics, January 2013 to December 2015

Post-doctoral Fellow, Research grant from European Research Council

University of Lausanne - Department of Economics, December 2011 to December 2012

Post-doctoral Fellow

University of Stanford - Political Science Department, April 2011 to July 2011

Visiting Researcher

Sciences Po Paris – Department of Economics, September 2009 to September 2011

Visiting Researcher

Education

Professorial Thesis in Economics (Habilitation à Diriger des Recherches), December 2016

PhD in Economics, University Paris 1 Sorbonne, Paris School of Economics, November 2011

Advisor: Prof. Thierry Mayer

University Paris 1 Sorbonne, Paris School of Economics, September 2007

Master's Degree in International Economics

Admission to l'Ecole Normale Supérieure de Cachan (Top of the class), June 2005

Research Interests

Political Economy, Development Economics

Publications

- "This mine is mine! Spatial evidence on minerals and conflicts in Africa" (with Nicolas Berman, Dominic Rohner and Mathias Thoenig)

American Economic Review (Forthcoming)

- "Corruption for Sales" (with Farid Toubal)

Journal of Comparative Economics (Forthcoming)

- "*The Wild West is Wild: The Homicide Resource Curse*", (with P.Grosjean and M.Sangnier)
Journal of European Economic Association (Forthcoming)
- "Mass Media Effects on Advocacy Non-Governmental Organizations" (with Sophie Hatte)
Journal of Development Economics, 2016, Volume 123, p57-72
- "External shocks, internal shots: the geography of civil conflicts", (with N.Berman)
Review of Economics and Statistics, 2016, Volume 97, No.4 : 758-776
- "Untouchability, Homicides and Water Access", (with C. Bros)
Journal of Comparative Economics, 2015, Volume 43, Issue 3, pp 549-558
- "A Survey of the Causes of Civil Conflicts: Natural Factors and Economic Conditions", (with R. Soubeyran)
Revue Economie Politique, 2015, Volume 126, pp.787-810
- "Living in the Garden of Eden: Mineral Resources and Individualism" (with M. Sangnier)
Journal of Comparative Economics, 2015, Volume 43, Issue 2, pp. 243–256
- "Drought and Civil War in Sub-Saharan Africa", (with R. Soubeyran)
Economic Journal, 2014, Volume 124, Issue 575, pp. 201-240
- "L'effet conditionnel des ressources naturelles sur les institutions"
Revue Economique, 2012, vol 63 Numéro 1

Working Papers

- "The Violent Legacy of Victimization: Post-conflict Evidence on Asylum Seekers, Crimes and Public Policy in Switzerland " (with Veronica Preotu, Dominic Rohner and Mathias Thoenig)
- "Trade and Income: Using Civil Wars in Transit Countries as External Shocks on Trade " (with Vincent Vicard)

Work in Progress

- "Fertile Ground for Conflict" (with Nicolas Berman and Raphael Soubeyran)
- "Communication Strategies of Non-Governmental Organizations: Theory and Evidence", (with Sophie Hatte, Pierre Fleckinger and Matthieu Glachant)
- "Media coverage of interpersonal violence and far-right attitudes", (with Sophie Hatte, Mathias Thoenig and Stephanos Vlachos)

Oldies

- "Diplomatic Intervention in Civil War: Trade for All or Trade for One?" (with Raphael Soubeyran)
- "Relationship between Natural Resources and Institutions"

Other Publications: research notes and policy reports

- "Sécheresse et Guerre Civile en Afrique Sub-Saharienne", 2013, Résultat de recherche, INRA Sciences Sociales, N°6/2013
- "An Overview of the Roots of Civil Wars: Natural Factors and Economic Condition" (with Raphael Soubeyran) Policy Paper G-MonD, January 2013

Media Coverage of Research and Popular Writings

- "*External Shocks, Internal Shots: the Geography of Civil Conflicts*": Chris Blattman's blog
- "*This mine is mine! How minerals fuel conflicts in Africa*": The Economist, Sverige Radio (Swedish)
- "*The Violent Legacy of Victimization: Post-conflict Evidence on Asylum Seekers, Crimes and Public Policy in Switzerland*": VOX (english), Atlantico (french), RTS (french)

- "*Climate and Conflict: Evidence of a weak link between drought and the likelihood of civil war*", (with Raphael Soubeyran), Media Briefings of the Royal Economic Society, 2014
- "Les changements climatiques: source de conflits" Interview by Radio-Canada.ca - Les années Lumières, August 2013 (Interview on climate change and war after the meta-analysis by Hsiang, Burke and Miguel in Science, 2013)
- "La diplomatie permet-elle d'obtenir des avantages commerciaux?" (with Raphael Soubeyran) AFSE/ Les Echos, 21 Avril 2011.

Honors, Scholarship and Grants

- 2015 Swiss National Fund Grant - *Ambizione Project* on "*Income Shocks and the Diffusion of Conflicts: Empirical Evidence and Policy Implications*" (417'000 chf)
- 2015 Member of the project *GREENGO: New Tools for Environmental Governance: the role of NGOs* (French National Research Agency)
- 2013 Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics Young Economist Award 2013 (for the paper "*External shocks, internal shots: the geography of civil conflicts*")
- 2013 Three years Post-Doc research grant from European Research Council - "*The Economics of Grievances and Ethnic Conflicts*" with Mathias Thoenig at HEC Lausanne
- 2012 Best PhD Thesis Prize from the Chancellerie of Paris - Award "Louis Forest"
- 2012 Best article and one of the winners of the Interuniversity Centre for Peace Studies (CISP) award (for the paper "*Drought and Civil War in Sub-Saharan Africa*")
- 2011 One year Post-Doc research grant at HEC Lausanne
- 2010 Scholarship from the Chancellerie of Paris
- 2008 Accessit Award of the Best Paper, 7th *European School on New Institutional Economics* (ESNIE) (for the paper "*Relationship Between Natural Resources and Institutions*")
- 2007 Three years PhD. Grant from Ens Cachan / Paris School of Economics

Professional Activities

Referee:

American Economic Review, African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Conflict Management and Peace Research, Econometrica, Economic Inquiry, European Journal of Political Economics, International Economics, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Public Economics, Oxford Economic Paper, Public Choice, Review of International Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Revue d'Economie Politique, World Development .

Administrative Duties:

- Member of the Conseil Participatif (Geneva), since 2016
- Member of the scientific committee Bachelor program (Geneva), since 2016
- Supervisor of Bachelor Thesis (Geneva), since 2016
- Supervisor of Master Thesis (Geneva), since 2016
- Co-organizer of the workshop "*Political Economy of Conflicts and Development*" (with Dominic Rohner and Mathias Thoenig) (January 22-24, 2015)
- Supervisor of Master Thesis (Lausanne), 2012 - 2016
- Supervisor of Master Thesis (MRIAIE and Magistère Economie de la Sorbonne), 2008-2012

Consulting/Policy Work:

- Expert for the European Commission on "*Water and Violence*" project (2015-2016).
- Consultant for the World Bank "*Great Lake Region trade facilitation*" project (2015-2016)

Others:

- Book updating "*Economie Internationale*" (Mucchielli and Mayer), édition Dalloz, 2009-2010
- Participation to "*Muslim Integration into EU Societies: Comparative Perspectives*" (Stanford, Sciences Po and Paris 1, under the supervision of David Laitin), 2009-2010
- Report for "Club du CEPII" (Centre d'études prospectives et d'informations internationales), 2008-2011

Conferences

2015

Young Swiss Economists Meeting (Zurich), *Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet* (Aix en Provence)

2013

Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics (Neuchatel), *Association Française de Sciences Economiques* (Aix en Provence), *Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet* (Aix en Provence), *European Meeting of Econometric Society* (Gothenburg)

2012

Political Economy Program Meeting NBER (Cambridge), *Annual Alliance for Research on Corporate Sustainability* (Yale), *AMSE Development Workshop/Annual HiCN Workshop* (Aix en Provence)

2011

International Society for New Institutional Economics (Stanford); *ADRES-Doctoral Conférence* (Paris)

2010

- Association Française de Sciences Economiques (Nanterre); *International Society for New Institutional Economics* (Stirling); *European and African Conference in Finance and Economics* (Paris)
- 2009
Journées de l'European Society for New Institutional Economics (Dijon); *OxCarre Annual Conference* (Dubai), *European Economic Association* (Barcelone); *International Society for New Institutional Economics* (Berkeley), *Dynamics, Economic Growth and International Trade* (Los Angeles); *European Society for New Institutional Economics* (Cargèse); *Doctoral Meeting Days* (Montpellier)
- 2008
European Society for New Institutional Economics (Cargèse)

Invited Seminars and Workshops

- 2016
 7th Development Economics Workshop (Tilburg); Paris Trade Seminar (PSE-Paris 1-Sciences Po); Workshop "*Resources and Governance*" (Bergen)
- 2015
 PRIO Workshop on "*Climate Anomalies and Violent Environments*" (Oslo); Workshop on "*The Political Economy of Conflicts and Development*" (Villars, Switzerland)
- 2014
University of Paris 1 (Development and Globalization); *University of Cergy (THEMA)*; *University of Konstanz*; *University of Fribourg*; Workshop on "*The Geography of Civil Conflict: Evidence from Subnational Data*" (Munche)
- 2013
University of Montpellier (MOISA); *University of Lille (SIUTE)*; *University of Lucerne*, Workshop on "*The Political Economy of Sustainable Development*" (Montpellier)
- 2012
University of Lausanne (Research Seminar in Law and Economics); *CRED Workshop* (Namur); *University of Paris 1 (Graduate students in International Economics Seminar)*
- 2011
University of Lausanne (DEEP Advanced Seminar in Economics); *University of Stanford (Comparative Politics Workshop)*; *University of Paris 1 (Graduate students in International Economics Seminar)*
- 2010
University of Paris 1 (Trade Seminar); *European Bank for Reconstruction and Development* (London); *University of Montpellier*
- 2008
University of Paris 1 (Environmental Economics Seminar); *University of Paris 1 (Trade Seminar)*

Teaching Experience

- Since 2016 Economics of Globalization – *University of Geneva* – Master
Natural Resources, Institutions and Development – *University of Geneva* – Master
Measures of Economics – *University of Geneva* – Bachelor
Plural Readings of the Economics – *University of Geneva* – Bachelor
- 2012-2015 Economic Policy - *University of Lausanne* - HEC - Master
Economic Growth - *University of Lausanne* - HEC - Master
- 2009-2011 International Economics - *Sciences Po* - *Thierry Mayer*- 2nd year bachelor
- 2008-2011 International Economics - *Magistère in International Relations and Foreign Action (MRIA)* - 3rd year bachelor - *University Paris I Pantheon Sorbonne*
- 2008-2009 International Economics - *Sciences Po* - *Martin and Mayer*- 2nd year bachelor
- 2007-2008 International Economics – *MRIA* - 3rd year bachelor - *University Paris I Pantheon Sorbonne*