

# Deivy Houeix

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## Education

Ph.D. in Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	2019 - current
M.Sc. in Economics, Ecole Polytechnique and ENSAE ParisTech	2015 - 2017
Valedictorian	
Best Master's Thesis Award: "Youth Employment Program and Behavioral Change: The Power of Peer Influence" Advisor: Prof. Bruno Crépon	
B.A. in Economics, Ecole Normale Supérieure (ENS) Paris-Saclay	2012-2015
Valedictorian	

## Research Interests

Development Economics, Labor Economics, Organizational Economics

## Relevant Positions

Research Assistant, MIT	2020 - 2023
Prof. Rema Hanna and Prof. Ben Olken	
Research Manager, Stanford University	2017 - 2019
Prof. Pascaline Dupas and Prof. Marcel Fafchamps	
Frequent and extended fieldwork in Côte d'Ivoire and Ethiopia.	
Research Assistant, World Bank, Development Research Group	2016 - 2017
Dr. Quy-Toan Do	
Research project on refugees in Italy and Greece.	
Economic Analyst, Department of Economics of the French Embassy, Israel	2015

## Selected Research in Progress

1. Technology Adoption and Contracting Within Small Firms: Evidence from Digital Payments in Senegal
2. Firm Technology Diffusion Within Networks: Evidence from Senegal
3. The Hidden Barriers to Rural Electrification: Evidence from Togo (with Paul Brimble, Axel Larriaga, and Toni Oki)
4. Search and Contracting Costs in the Supply Chain: Randomized Evidence from Senegal (with Edward Davenport)
5. Measuring Relative Poverty through Peer Rankings: Evidence from Côte d'Ivoire (with Pascaline Dupas, Marcel Fafchamps)
6. Digitalization of Local Tax Collection in Côte d'Ivoire (with Pascaline Dupas)

## Other Publications

“Asylum seekers in the European Union: building evidence to inform policy making” (with Mohamed Abdel Jelil, Paul Andres Corral, Anais Dahmani, Maria Davalos, Giorgia Demarchi, Neslihan Demirel, Quy-Toan Do, Rema Hanna, Sara Lenehan, and Harriet Muger), *World Bank Flagship Report*, June 2018.

“Urban Development in Africa: Preliminary Report on the Addis Ababa SEDRI Study” (with Girum Abebe, Daniel Agness, Pascaline Dupas, Marcel Fafchamps, Tigabu Getahun), *Working Paper*, April 2018.

## Awards, Honors, and Fellowships

MIT Presidential Graduate Fellowship	2019
Best Master’s Thesis Award	2017
Full-Ride Academic Scholarship - Elève Normalien	2014 - 2018
Highest grade in Mathematics at the ENS nationwide competitive exam	2014
Valedictorian - Preparatory Classes, BA, and MSc	2014, 2015, and 2017

## Research Grants

Private Enterprise Development in Low-Income Countries (PEDL)	2022
“Adoption and Impacts of Digital Payment Technologies: Evidence from Informal Transit”	
The Weiss Fund	2022
“Adoption and Impacts of Digital Payment Technologies: Evidence from Informal Transit”	
Digital Identification and Finance Initiative in Africa (JPAL DigiFI Africa)	2022
“Adoption and Impacts of Digital Payment Technologies: Evidence from Informal Transit”	
PEDL Young Scholars Matchmaking Workshop	2021
“Political Connections and Tax Evasion: Building Evidence from Pakistan” (with Naseem Faraz and Florian Grosset)	
Digital Identification and Finance Initiative in Africa (JPAL DigiFI Africa)	2020
The Weiss Fund	2020
“Can Digital Payments Spur Formalization? Evidence from Small Businesses in Côte d’Ivoire”	
Private Enterprise Development in Low-Income Countries (PEDL)	2019
“Why Do African Firms Underinvest in Management Training? Experimental Evidence from Middle and Large Ethiopian Firms” (with Girum Abebe, Stefano Caria, Pascaline Dupas, Marcel Fafchamps)	
Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) - Research Methods Initiative	2019
“The Value of Peer Rankings for Poverty Measurement” (with Pascaline Dupas, Marcel Fafchamps)	
USAID - Development Innovation Ventures (DIV)	2019
JPAL Governance Initiative	2017
“Digitalization of Local Tax Collection in Côte d’Ivoire” (with Pascaline Dupas)	

## Skills

Software	LaTeX, Python, QGIS, R, STATA, Julia, SurveyCTO
Languages	French (native), English (fluent)

## Conferences

CEPR WEFIDEV Finance and Development - Northwestern University	April 2023
Development Methodologies Summer School (JPAL/FID/ENSAE) - Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire	July 2022
Methods and Measurement Conference - IPA-Northwestern	October 2021