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Professional Experience

Assistant Professor

Université Paris-Saclay - Faculté Jean Monnet - RITM

September 2025 – Present

Sceaux, France

Postdoctoral Fellow

Université Paris-Saclay - INRAE - UMR PSAE

November 2024 – August 2025

Paris, France

Research Assistant

Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour (UPPA) - UMR TREE

September 2024 – October 2024

Bayonne, France

Temporary Teaching and Research Associate (ATER)

Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour (UPPA)

September 2023 – August 2024

Pau, France

Education

Ph.D., Economics

Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour (UPPA) - UMR TREE

2020 – 2024

Bayonne, France

* **Thesis Title:** Shocks and policies: Essays on deforestation, biodiversity, and agriculture

* **Advisor:** Ms. Isabelle Chort, Professor, Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour

* **Thesis Committee:**

- Mr. Philippe Delacote, *Reviewer*, Research Director, INRAE, BETA
- Ms. Jennifer Alix-Garcia, *Reviewer*, Professor, Oregon State University
- Ms. Karen Macours, *Examiner*, Professor, INRAE, PSE
- Mr. Tanguy Bernard, *Examiner*, Professor, BSE, University of Bordeaux
- Mr. François Libois, *Examiner*, Researcher, INRAE, PSE

Master's, Development Economics

Université de Bordeaux

2017 – 2019

Bordeaux, France

* **Thesis Title:** Investigating the consequences of missing women: A panel data approach

* **Advisor:** Mr. Eric Rougier, Professor, BSE, Université de Bordeaux

Bachelor's, Economics

Université Galatasaray

2012 – 2017

Istanbul, Turkey

* **Thesis Title:** Comparative analysis of a sea transportation cooperative: Dentur

* **Advisor:** Mr. Sezgin Polat, Professor, Université Galatasaray

Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications

[1] Chort I, Öktem B, 2024. Agricultural shocks, coping policies, and deforestation: Evidence from the coffee leaf rust epidemic in Mexico. *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, vol. 106 (3), pp. 1020-1057.

<https://doi.org/10.1111/ajae.12441>.

Working Papers

[2] Öktem B, 2025. Heroin and deforestation: Unexpected impact of the Oxycontin reformulation on Mexican forests. **Link to publication.**

[3] Chort I, Hasni A, Öktem B, 2025. Agricultural policies and biodiversity: Impact of the CAP greening on bird abundance and diversity in France. **Link to publication.**

[4] Chakir R, Öktem B, Veron Emilien, 2025. Droughts and agricultural land concentration in France.

[5] Bareille F, Chakir R, Öktem B, 2025. Crop prices and heat damage in agriculture.

Other Publications

[6] Chort I, Öktem B, 2024. Au Mexique, comment une épidémie du caféier a accéléré la déforestation. *The Conversation*. [Link to website](#).

Conferences and Seminars

2025

FAERE Conference

French Association of Environmental and Resource Economists

EAAE Congress

European Association of Agricultural Economists

Agriculture, Environment and Trade Workshop

Université Galatasaray

EAERE Conference

European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists

Forest and People Conference

Paris School of Economics

AFSE Conference

French Economic Association

AES Conference

Bordeaux School of Economics

Sorbonne Seminar

Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

September 2025

Nantes, France

August 2025

Bonn, Germany

July 2025

Istanbul, Turkey

June 2025

Bergen, Norway

June 2025

Aussois, France

June 2025

Paris, France

April 2025

Bordeaux, France

April 2025

Paris, France

2024

EAERE Conference

KU Leuven

PSAE Seminar

Université Paris-Saclay

Agriculture, Environment and Trade Workshop

Université Galatasaray

CEE-M Seminar

Université de Montpellier

PhD Workshop EUDN

Paris School of Economics

July 2024

Leuven, Belgium

June 2024

Paris, France

June 2024

Istanbul, Turkey

May 2024

Montpellier, France

May 2024

Paris, France

2023

EAAE Congress

Université de Rennes

International Conference on Development Economics

AFEDEV, Paris School of Economics

TREE Doctoral Seminars

Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour

39th Applied Microeconomics Conference

BETA, Université de Strasbourg

Conference in Applied Econometrics using Stata

Aix-Marseille School of Economics and Timberlake Consultants

GIAM Seminar

Galatasaray University

EAERE Winter School

European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists

September 2023

Rennes, France

June 2023

Paris, France

June 2023

Bayonne, France

June 2023

Strasbourg, France

May 2023

Marseille, France

May 2023

Online

February 2023

Ascona, Switzerland

BSE Seminar
Université Bordeaux

February 2023
Bordeaux, France

2022

International Sorbonne Symposium on Sustainable Development
Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

December 2022
Paris, France

AMIE Applied Microeconomics Workshop
Association for Mentoring & Inclusion in Economics

October 2022
Online

EAAE PhD Workshop
European Association of Agricultural Economists

June 2022
Parma, Italy

AERE Summer Conference
Association of Environmental and Resource Economists

June 2022
Miami, United States

TREE Doctoral Seminars
Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour

May 2022
Online

BIOSENA Doctoral Seminars
Regional Research Network on Biodiversity Conservation and Ecosystem Services Provision in Nouvelle-Aquitaine (BIOSENA)

February 2022
Teich, France

Teaching

Assistant Professor
Université Paris-Saclay - Faculté Jean-Monnet

September 2025 – Present
Sceaux, France

Economics of Growth - Lecture (CM) - Bachelor's (L3)
– 2025/2026 (33h)

Temporary Teaching and Research Associate (ATER)
Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour

September 2023 – August 2024
Pau, France

Spatial Econometrics - Lecture (CM) - Master's (M2)
– 2023/2024 (20h)

Econometrics - Tutorials (TD) - Bachelor's (L3)
– 2023/2024 (24h)

Development Economics - Lecture (CM) - Master's (M1)
– 2023/2024 (21h)

Contract PhD Student
Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour

September 2020 – August 2023
Bayonne, France

Spatial Econometrics - Tutorials (TD) - Bachelor's (L3)
– 2021/2022 (12h)

Econometrics - Tutorials (TD) - Bachelor's (L3)
– 2020/2021 (12h), 2021/2022 (18h), 2022/2023 (18h)

Development Economics - Lecture (CM) - Master's (M1)
– 2020/2021 (15h), 2021/2022 (21h), 2022/2023 (21h)

Other Experiences

Member of the Organizing Committee, International Conference on Development Economics (ICDE)
Contributing to the organization of the ICDE 2026, which will take place in Rouen, France, organized by AFEDEV.

July 2026
Rouen, France

Co-organizer of “Agriculture, Environment and Trade Workshop”
Inviting scientists from France and contributing to the organization and content of the event.

01-02 July 2025
Istanbul, Turkey

Co-organizer of “Environment and Agriculture Workshop”

Created the program, invited participants, and organized the workshop, which was part of the EPIBio project and lasted one day.

24 October 2024

Bayonne, France

Advised students on creating an outreach video

Based on the article “Agricultural shocks, coping policies, and deforestation: Evidence from the coffee leaf rust epidemic in Mexico.”

2024

Bayonne, France

Internships

UNDP - Biodiversity Finance Initiative (BIOFIN)

September 2019 – February 2020

Research Intern

Istanbul, Turkey

- Built a database on green finance and biodiversity, including mechanisms in place in Biofin member countries
- Identified current biodiversity financing mechanisms in countries applying to join the Biofin program

Yeşil Düşünce Derneği

June 2018 – September 2018

Intern

Istanbul, Turkey

- Translated international press articles (from English) on various ecology-related topics into Turkish
- Translated a booklet on the green economy from English to Turkish
- Assisted in organizing the Green Camp

Honors and Awards

ICDE 2023 Best Poster Award

→ [Link to the poster](#)

Technical Skills

Econometrics/Statistics: STATA, R/RStudio

GIS: QGIS/PyQGIS, R/RStudio, Python, GEE

Other: LaTeX, Microsoft Office

Language Skills

English: Fluent

French: Fluent

Spanish: Beginner

Turkish: Native

References

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