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Current position

CERDI, Clermont-Auvergne University   **2022 –**
PhD: Migration and household composition in developing countries   *Supervision: Pr. Simone Bertoli*

Education

CERDI, Clermont-Auvergne University   **2018 – 2021**
Magistère in Development Economics   *Clermont-Ferrand*

Fundação Getulio Vargas   **January 2020 – June 2020**
Second semester of the first year of Master's degree   *Rio de Janeiro*

Turgot High School   **2016 – 2018**
Classe préparatoire aux Grandes Ecoles ENS Cachan D2   *Paris*

Université Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne   **2016 – 2018**
B.Sc. in Economics   *Paris*

Experience

World Bank   **January – April 2024**
Consultant   *Remotely*
  Literature review on:
  - Political & economic shocks and high-skilled migration
  - Climate change & natural disasters and migration from EAP

French Central bank, Africa and Development Division   **March 2021 – April 2022**
Development economist   *Paris*
  Production of research works with department research fellows
  Contribution to the 2020 annual department report: analysis of the African economic environment and the fiscal and
  monetary policies carried out in BEAC (Central Africa)
  Redaction of policy notes on diverse topics (e.g. migration, conflicts, remittances, ODA)

Kateka Association   **May – July 2019**
Project support   *Koh-Thum province, Cambodia*
  Survey on a village population to prepare a study on their use of water
  Teaching in english

Publications

Understanding cultural persistence and change: A replication of Giuliano and Nunn (2024), *Economic Inquiry*,
with Simone Bertoli, Jordan Loper and Èric Roca Fernández

https://doi.org/10.1111/ecin.13242

Working papers

Migration and the epidemiological approach: time and self-selection into foreign ancestries matter (2024), Revise
& Resubmit in Journal of Development Economics, with Simone Bertoli, Jordan Loper, Èric Roca Fernández

Data on individuals of immigrant origin are used in the epidemiological approach in comparative development for
understanding cultural persistence, the determinants of cultural norms, and the effects of genetic traits. A widespread
presumption is that this approach is exposed to attenuation bias. We describe how the increasing reliance on a foreign
ancestry to identify respondents' origin can invalidate this presumption. Self-selection into reporting a foreign ancestry
and unobserved heterogeneity in the time elapsed since ancestral migration can induce an overestimation of the effect
of interest. A simple theoretical framework describes the joint influence of these two factors on the estimates obtained
from a canonical specification. We provide illustrative examples of the empirical relevance of our concerns drawing
on two influential papers in the literature, namely Fernández and Fogli (2006) and Giuliano and Nunn (2021).

Work in progress

Harmful sexual practices and girls' mobility in Sub-Saharan Africa [Job Market Paper] **2023**

Externalization of Migration policies and the 2015 Europe Refugee crisis, with Alice Mesnard **2024**

Non-academic publications

Renforcer le soutien en faveur de l'Afrique pour répondre à la crise **2021**
(with Luc Jacolin, Thibault Lemaire and Nathan Viltard)

Situation sanitaire et conséquences socio-économiques de la crise en Afrique **2021**
(with Luc Jacolin, Thibault Lemaire and Nathan Viltard)

Talks

2024

4th International Conference on Development Economics, July 2-3, ICDE, Aix-en-Provence, France
3rd international workshop on migration and family economics, June 17-18, IESEG, Paris, France
Scientific day of the PhD school, June 13, IADT, Clermont-Ferrand, France
8th International Conference "Understanding Voluntary and Forced Migration", May 23-24, LEM, Lille, France
"Migration and Mobility" workshop, February 16, CERDI, Clermont-Ferrand, France

2023

PhD Seminar, Septembre 28, CERDI, Clermont-Ferrand, France
Scientific day of CIR 4 project, 16-17 November, ISIMA, Clermont-Ferrand, France

Technical skills

Software: Stata, Python (Anaconda 3), R-Studio, E-Views, LaTeX
Econometrics: Panel data, Time series, Cross-sectional analysis, Impact evaluation, Non-linear models
Languages: English (fluent), French (mother tongue), German (notions), Portuguese (notions)

Teaching experience and services

TA - Impact analysis, 2nd year M.Sc. **2022 –**
Member of the organizing team - "The Economics of Migration Junior Seminar" **2022 –**