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Current position

CERDI, Université Clermont-Auvergne

2022 –

PhD: Migration and household composition in developing countries

Simone Bertoli and Èric Roca Fernández

University of Gothenburg

August 2025 – November 2025

Research stay

Annika Lindskog

Research interests

Development Economics, Migration and Family Economics, Cultural Economics.

Education

CERDI, Université Clermont-Auvergne

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

Publications

Migration and the epidemiological approach: time and self-selection into foreign ancestries matter (2025), with Simone Bertoli, Jordan Loper, Èric Roca Fernández, *Journal of Development Economics* - [Paper](#), [Replication Files](#)

Understanding cultural persistence and change: A replication of Giuliano and Nunn (2024), with Simone Bertoli, Jordan Loper and Èric Roca Fernández, *Economic Inquiry* - [Paper](#), [Replication Files](#)

Working Papers

A Replication of Macchi: “Worth Your Weight: Experimental Evidence on the Benefits of Obesity in Low-Income Countries” (2023), with Adrien Gosselin-Pali and Eliot Wendling, *I4R Discussion Paper Series* - [Paper](#)

Work in progress

Female Genital Cutting and Girls’ Mobility in Sub-Saharan Africa [Job Market Paper]

Externalization of Migration policies and the 2015 European Refugee crisis, with Alice Mesnard

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, *FERDI Policy Brief* - [Paper](#)

Talks

2025

Internal Seminar, September 28, CERDI, Clermont-Ferrand, France

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

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

Internal Seminar, September 28, CERDI, Clermont-Ferrand, France

Scientific day of CIR 4 project, November 16-17, ISIMA, Clermont-Ferrand, France

Teaching experience and services

TA - Impact analysis, 2 nd year M.Sc.	2022 –
TA - Development Economics Seminar, 2 nd year M.Sc.	2024 –
Really enjoy creating a “comfortable” environment to maximize interactions with (and between) students and stimulate critical thinking.	
Member of the organizing team of “The Economics of Migration Junior Seminar”	2022 –
Member of the scientific committee of the Junior Workshop on the Economics of Migration	2024

Technical skills

Software: Comfortable working with Stata, Q-GIS, L^AT_EX. Have dabbled with R, HTML and CSS.

Languages: English (proficient), French (mother tongue), German (notions), Portuguese (notions).

Experience

World Bank	January – April 2024
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Consultant

Remotely

Conducted two distinct literature reviews on (i) Political & economic shocks and high-skilled migration, and (ii) Climate change & natural disasters and migration from East Asian Pacific.

French Central Bank, Africa and Development Division	March 2021 – April 2022
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Development economist

Paris

Collaborated with department research fellows on research projects and contributed to the 2020 annual department report, with a focus on the African economic environment and the fiscal and monetary policies implemented by the BEAC (Central Africa). Periodically produced notes on various topics as needed (e.g., migration, conflicts, remittances, ODA).

Kateka Association Educational Center	May – July 2019
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Volunteer

Koh-Thum province, Cambodia

Spent most of my time giving classes in English on various subjects to students of all ages, from primary school to the end of high school. In parallel, ran a field survey on the village population’s water usage.

References

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