

NICLAS KNECHT

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Primary: Behavioural Economics, Welfare Economics.

Secondary: Social Psychology, Experimental Economics, Happiness Economics, Neuroeconomics.

DOCTORAL STUDIES

2023 - ongoing — Bordeaux School of Economics (BSE), Université de Bordeaux

No Minor Threat: Emotions, Behaviour, and Economic Outcomes.

Thesis advisor: Prof. Olivier Bargain.

Research funding: Grand programme de recherche 'Understanding Human Well-being and Behaviour for better Policies & Societies (HOPE)' (full scholarship).

PRE-DOCTORAL STUDIES

2019 - 2022 — MSc in Economics, University of Mannheim. *Very good.*

2015 - 2018 — BA in Economics, University of Cambridge. *Upper Second-Class Honours.*

WORKING PAPERS

How Everyday Threats Undermine Trust and Hope: Experimental Evidence (*submitted*)

(with Prof. Olivier Bargain and Mael Astruc-Le Souder)

Terrorism Affects Tourism: A Synthetic-Control Analysis (*not submitted*)

WORK IN PROGRESS

The effect of terror on political outcomes and the preference for security

(with Prof. Alpaslan Akay and Prof. Olivier Bargain)

Understanding the neurological similarities between being threatened and being betrayed

(with Achille Gillig)

Eliciting Authentic Preferences through Collective Deliberation

(with Prof. Marc Fleurbaey and Prof. Olivier Bargain)

Aversion to health inequality

(with Prof. Jérôme Wittwer)

WORK EXPERIENCE

2023 — Economics Intern, E.CA Economics (Berlin, Germany)

2019 - 2020 — Research Assistant, Center for Evaluation and Development (Mannheim, Germany)

2019 — Research Intern, German Council of Economic Experts (Wiesbaden, Germany)

TEACHING

2024 - ongoing — Econometrics, Teaching Assistant to Prof. Valerio Sterzi, Graduate level, Université de Bordeaux

2024 - ongoing — Econometrics of causality, Teaching Assistant to Prof. Tanguy Bernard, Graduate level, Université de Bordeaux

2020 - 2022 — Microeconomics A, Teaching Assistant to Prof. Thomas Tröger, Undergraduate Program in Economics, University of Mannheim.

2020 - 2022 — Microeconomics B, Teaching Assistant to Dr. Alexander Donges, Undergraduate Program in Economics, University of Mannheim.

CONFERENCES

2025 — 2nd Welfare & Policy Conference (Bordeaux, France), IMEBESS (Valencia, Spain), esa (Brno, Czechia)

SUMMER SCHOOLS

2025 — Canazei Winter School - 18th Inequality and Social Welfare Theory (Canazei, Italy), TOChina (Turin, Italy)

2024 — Bordeaux Summer School - Introduction to Experimental Neuroscience (Bordeaux, France)