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EDUCATION

Geneva Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID) 2019 – 2023

- Ph.D. candidate in Development Economics
- Supervisor: Prof. Martina Viarengo

University of Zurich (UZH) 2015 – 2019

- Master of Arts in Economics, minoring in Economic Policy
- Distinction: summa cum laude

Pennsylvania State University (PSU) 2012

- Exchange student, majoring in Economics and Mathematics

The University of Hong Kong (HKU) 2010 – 2014

- Bachelor of Economics, double majoring in Economics and Mathematics

FIELD OF INTERESTS

Development Economics, Political Economy, Migration, Public Policy, Applied Microeconometrics

WORKING PAPERS

The Determinants of Human Capital Formation: Education Laws, Households, and Shocks in Côte d'Ivoire | *joint with Martina Viarengo and Jean-Louis Arcand*

Job Market Paper

Abstract: This paper examines the determinants of the expansion of education and related inequalities in a developing country context by taking a long-run perspective. Specifically, it examines the role played by intra-household dynamics, education laws, and a large set of shocks (economic shocks, weather shocks as well as wars) over a thirty-year period in Côte d'Ivoire. It develops a conceptual framework based on a Neoclassical model of household behavior and decision making. It relies on a unique pseudo-panel dataset constructed from multiple sources over the 1984–2015 period. Our empirical findings highlight the fundamental role played by economic conditions and shocks in mediating the effect of education laws and in shaping the evolution of socio-economic inequalities in the medium and long-run. Taken together, our results emphasize the importance of economic factors, and the heterogeneity of shocks, in affecting the effectiveness of education policy as well as the evolution of educational attainment and inequalities in a developing country context.

Immigration Quotas and Anti-Immigration Attitudes: An Evaluation of Swiss Migration Policy

Abstract: Switzerland implemented an immigration quota system to manage the inflow of immigration between 1970 and 2002. This paper adopts a difference-in-difference strategy taking advantage of subnational variations in the implementation of the quota system to evaluate this migration policy. An instrument variable of anti-immigration attitudes is used to address the potential endogeneity issue. The author finds that the immigration quota system slowed down the growth of foreign population in Switzerland, but had no impact on unemployment. Moreover, such immigration restriction lowered the average skill level of the Swiss population which in turn hurt the productivity of the Swiss economy.

WORK-IN-PROGRESS

Intergenerational long-term effects of restricting women's access to abortion

Migration and Shocks in Côte d'Ivoire | *joint with Martina Viarengo and Jean-Louis Arcand*

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Research Assistant 2020 – present

Prof. Martina Viarengo

Geneva Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies

Research Assistant 2017 – 2018

Prof. Guilherme Lichand & Dr. Simon Hänni

Center for Child Well-being and Development, University of Zurich

Research Assistant 2012 – 2013

Prof. Chenggang Xu & Prof. Kun Jiang

School of Economics and Finance, the University of Hong Kong

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

2022 Neuchâtel Graduate Conference of Migration and Mobility Studies

2022 Jean Monnet PROCAM International Conference, Monash University

AWARDS


Excellence Scholarship in honour of Prof. Wyplosz, Swiss National Bank & IHEID 2019, 2020

Dean's Honours List, the University of Hong Kong 2013

Dean's List, Pennsylvania State University 2012

Worldwide Undergraduate Student Exchange Scholarship, the University of Hong Kong 2012


SKILLS

Computer Skills  Python (esp. NLP), SAS, Stata, Matlab, QGIS, L^AT_EX

Languages Chinese (native), English (fluent), German (intermediate), French (basic)

REFERENCES


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