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DOCTORAL STUDIES

2020-Present – Paris School of Economics, PhD in Economics

Dissertation title: Political Change and Inequality.

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2022-2023 – University of California, Berkeley

Visiting Student Researcher

Sponsor: Emmanuel Saez.

2022 – Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Visiting Student Researcher

Sponsor: Abhijit Banerjee.

2021 – Harvard Business School

Visiting Student Researcher

Sponsor: Vincent Pons.

PRE-DOCTORAL STUDIES

2016-2018 – MSc in Economics, Paris School of Economics

Summa Cum Laude.

2013-2016 – Multidisciplinary Degree, Paris Sciences et Lettres

Summa Cum Laude. Specializations: Economics, Philosophy.

2013-2016 – BA in Economics, Paris Dauphine University

Summa Cum Laude.

PUBLICATIONS

Brahmin Left versus Merchant Right: Changing Political Cleavages in 21 Western Democracies, 1948-2020 (with C. Martínez-Toledano & T. Piketty)

Quarterly Journal of Economics 137, no. 1 (2022): 1–48. Lead article. [[pdf](#)] [[appendix](#)]

Why is Europe More Equal than the United States? (with T. Blanchet & L. Chancel)
American Economic Journal: Applied Economics 14, no. 4 (2022): 480-518. [[pdf](#)] [[appendix](#)]

Wealth Inequality in South Africa, 1993-2017 (with A. Chatterjee & L. Czajka)
World Bank Economic Review 36, no. 1 (2022): 19-36. [[pdf](#)] [[appendix](#)]

Income Inequality in Africa, 1990-2019: Measurement, Patterns, Determinants
(with L. Chancel, D. Cogneau, A. Myczkowski, and A.-S. Robilliard)
World Development 163, no. 1 (2023): 106-162. [[pdf](#)]

Growing Cleavages in India? Evidence from the Changing Structure of Electorates, 1962-2014 (with A. Banerjee & T. Piketty)
Economic and Political Weekly 54, no. 11 (2019): 34-44. [[pdf](#)]

BOOK

Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities. A Study of 50 Democracies, 1948-2020.
Co-edited with Clara Martínez-Toledano and Thomas Piketty.
Harvard University Press, November 2021. 656 pages.
Website: World Political Cleavages and Inequality Database – wpid.world.
Translations: [French](#) (EHESS/Gallimard/Seuil, April 2021), [Dutch](#) (De Geus, January 2022), Spanish (forthcoming), Portuguese (forthcoming), Greek (forthcoming).

WORKING PAPERS

Distributional Growth Accounting: Education and Global Poverty Reduction

Revisiting Global Poverty Reduction: Public Goods and the World Distribution of Income

Who Benefits from Public Goods? Evidence from South Africa

Can Redistribution Keep Up with Inequality? Evidence from South Africa, 1993-2019
(with A. Chatterjee and L. Czajka).
World Inequality Lab Working Paper 2021/20, September 2021. [[pdf](#)]

WORK IN PROGRESS

Social Movements and Public Opinion (with Vincent Pons)

Government Redistribution in 174 Countries, 1980-2019
(with Carmen Durrer & Matthew Fisher-Post)

Racial Inequality in South Africa, 1913-2019 (with Léo Czajka)

Inflation and Political Preferences (with Clara Martínez-Toledano & José-Luis Peydro)

Social Bases of Redistribution in India (with Poulomi Chakrabarti)

Changing Generational Divides in Western Democracies
(with Morten Nyborg Støstad and Petra Laura Orešković)

BOOK CHAPTERS

Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities in Fifty Democracies (with Clara Martínez-Toledano and Thomas Piketty), in A. Gethin, C. Martínez-Toledano, and T. Piketty (ed.), *Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities: A Study of Fifty Democracies, 1948-2020* (Harvard University Press, 2021).

Political Cleavages, Class Structures, and the Politics of Old and New Minorities in Australia, Canada, and New Zealand, 1963-2019, in Gethin, Martínez-Toledano, and Piketty, *Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities*. [[working paper](#)]

Historical Political Cleavages and Post-Crisis Transformations in Italy, Spain, Portugal and Ireland, 1953-2020 (with Luis Bauluz, Clara Martínez-Toledano, and Marc Morgan), in Gethin, Martínez-Toledano, and Piketty, *Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities*. [[working paper](#)] [[appendix](#)]

Party System Transformation and the Structure of Political Cleavages in Austria, Belgium, the Netherlands and Switzerland, 1967-2019 (with Carmen Durrer de la Sota and Clara Martínez-Toledano), in Gethin, Martínez-Toledano, and Piketty, *Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities*. [[working paper](#)] [[appendix](#)]

Caste, Class, and the Changing Political Representation of Social Inequalities in India, 1962-2019 (with Abhijit Banerjee and Thomas Piketty), in Gethin, Martínez-Toledano, and Piketty, *Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities*. [[working paper](#)]

Democracy and the Politicization of Inequality in Brazil, 1989-2018 (with Marc Morgan), in Gethin, Martínez-Toledano, and Piketty, *Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities*. [[working paper](#)] [[appendix](#)]

Extreme Inequality and the Structure of Political Cleavages in South Africa, 1994-2019, in Gethin, Martínez-Toledano, and Piketty, *Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities*. [[working paper](#)]

Political Cleavages and the Representation of Social Inequalities in Japan, 1953-2017, in Gethin, Martínez-Toledano, and Piketty, *Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities*. [[working paper](#)]

Social Inequality and the Dynamics of Political and Ethnolinguistic Divides in Pakistan, 1970-2018 (with Sultan Mehmood and Thomas Piketty), in Gethin, Martínez-Toledano, and Piketty, *Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities*. [[working paper](#)]

Democratization and the Construction of Class Cleavages in Thailand, the Philippines, Malaysia, and Indonesia, 1992-2019 (with Thanasak Jenmana), in Gethin, Martínez-Toledano, and Piketty, *Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities*. [[working paper](#)]

Inequality, Identity, and the Structure of Political Cleavages in South Korea, Taiwan, and Hong Kong, 1996-2016 (with Carmen Durrer de la Sota), in Gethin, Martínez-Toledano, and Piketty, *Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities*. [[working paper](#)]

Social Inequalities and the Politicization of Ethnic Cleavages in Botswana, Ghana, Nigeria, and Senegal, 1999-2019 (with Jules Baleyte, Yajna Govind, and Thomas Piketty), in Gethin, Martínez-Toledano, and Piketty, *Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities*. [[working paper](#)]

Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities in Algeria, Iraq, and Turkey, 1990-2019 (with Lydia Assouad, Thomas Piketty, Juliet-Nil Uraz), in Gethin, Martínez-Toledano, and Piketty, *Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities*. [[working paper](#)]

La fiscalité peut-elle contrecarrer la hausse des inégalités ? Le cas français, 1990-2018, *Regards Croisés sur l'Economie* 2020/1.

Apports et limites de la théorie des jeux, *Regards Croisés sur l'Economie* 2019/1. [[url](#)]

Qu'apportent les théories économiques à la compréhension du commerce international? (with Édouard Mien), *Regards Croisés sur l'Economie* 2017/2. [[url](#)]

POLICY AND RESEARCH NOTES

A Wealth Tax for South Africa: A Proposal to Help Finance COVID-19 Pandemic Measures (with Aroop Chatterjee and Léo Czajka), in *Wealth tax: Perspectives in a post-pandemic*

world, United Nations International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth, Policy in Focus 19(3), December 2021. [[pdf](#)]

A Wealth Tax for South Africa (with Aroop Chatterjee and Léo Czajka), World Inequality Lab Working Paper 2021/02, January 2021. [[pdf](#)]

Building the World Political Cleavages and Inequality Database: A New Dataset on Electoral Behaviors in 50 Democracies, 1948-2020 (with Clara Martínez-Toledano and Thomas Piketty), World Inequality Lab Technical Note 2021/01. [[pdf](#)]

Has the European Model Withstood the Rise in Inequalities? Inequalities and Redistribution in Europe, 1980-2017 (with Thomas Blanchet & Lucas Chancel), World Inequality Lab Issue Brief 2019/3, April 2019. [[english](#)] [[français](#)] [[deutsch](#)]

Rising Inequalities and Political Cleavages in Spain (with Clara Martínez-Toledano and Marc Morgan), World Inequality Lab Issue Brief 2019/4, April 2019. [[pdf](#)]

Extreme Inequality, Democratisation and Class Struggles in Thailand (with Thanasak Jenmana), World Inequality Lab Issue Brief 2019/1, March 2019. [[pdf](#)]

Brazil Divided: Hintsights on the Growing Politicization of Inequality (with Marc Morgan), World Inequality Lab Issue Brief 2018/3, October 2018. [[english](#)] [[french](#)]

Foreign Income and Assets in Comparative Perspective: Highlights from the World Inequality Database, World Inequality Lab Issue Brief 2018/1, June 2018. [[pdf](#)]

Building a Global Income Distribution Brick by Brick (with L. Chancel). World Inequality Lab Technical Note 2017/5, December 2017. [[pdf](#)]

Confiance et Anticipations au Lendemain de l'Élection Présidentielle de 2017, CEPREMAP Observatoire du bien-être, October 2017. [[pdf](#)]

Du Mal-Être au Vote Extrême (with Thanasak Jenmana), CEPREMAP Observatoire du bien-être, September 2017. [[pdf](#)]

Google: Espace Politique, Espace de Préoccupations (with T. Jenmana, Y. Algan, E. Beasley and C. Senik), CEPREMAP Observatoire du bien-être, June 2017. [[pdf](#)]

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS TO COLLECTIVE WORKS

Translator of *Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities: A Study of 50 Democracies (1948-2020)* from English to French (≈ 600 pages).

Member of the *World Inequality Report 2018* research team. [[url](#)]

Contributor to Y. Algan, E. Beasley, and C. Senik, *Les Français, le bonheur et l'argent*, Collection du CEPREMAP n. 46, 2018. [[url](#)]

Best research project award at École des Mines de Paris (2015) for “A socio-technical analysis of the French *écotaxe*” (with M. Fresnel, D. Futscher-Pereira, E. Raineau-Rispal, and C. Wren), presented on a dedicated website. [[url](#)]

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2023-today – Redistribution Coordinator, World Inequality Lab, Paris School of Economics.

2018-2020 – Research Economist, World Inequality Lab, Paris School of Economics.

2020 – Visiting Fellow, Southern Centre for Inequality Studies, Johannesburg.

2017-2018 – Research Assistant to Prof. Facundo Alvaredo, Lucas Chancel, and Thomas Piketty, World Inequality Lab, Paris School of Economics.

2017 – Research Assistant to Prof. Yann Algan, Elizabeth Beasley, and Claudia Senik, CEPREMAP, Paris School of Economics – Sciences Po Paris.

2017-2020 – Member of the editorial board of *Regards croisés sur l'économie*. [[url](#)]

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

2023 – International Conference on Development Economics, Paris; Applied Young Economist Webinar; UNICEF Expert Consultation on Age-Related Public Expenditure and Policies, Florence; Pacific Conference for Development Economics, Seattle; Lofoten International Symposium on Inequality and Taxation; UC Berkeley Institute for Research on Labor and Employment Seminar; UC Berkeley Public Finance Seminar; UC Berkeley Development Lunch.

2022 – American Economic Association Annual Meeting; Harvard Labor and Public Finance Workshop; Harvard Comparative Politics Workshop; International Institute of Public Finance Annual Congress; Johannesburg Rethinking Economics for Africa Festival; UC Berkeley Public Economics Seminar; UC Berkeley Institute for Research on Labor and Employment Seminar; UC Berkeley Public Finance Seminar.

2021 – Workshop on Political Inequality and Representation, Bergen; World Inequality Conference, Paris; Paris School of Economics Informal Seminar; Harvard Growth Lab General Seminar; National Tax Association's Annual Conference on Taxation, Detroit; Applied Young Economist Webinar, Monash/Warwick; International Conference on the Shadow Economy, Tax Behaviour and Institutions; Annual Conference of the Research

Federation on the Theory and Evaluation of Public Policies, Évry Paris-Saclay University; SA-TIED Policy Dialogue on Economic Inequality in South Africa; CEVIPOF General Political Science Seminar, Paris; Virtual Lunch Seminar, Stellenbosch University; Applied Economics Lunch Seminar, Paris School of Economics; Virtual Inequality Brownbag, Center for Inequality Dynamics; International Macro History Seminar, Graduate Institute Geneva; Debates on Equality, World Inequality Lab; CUNY Comparative Politics Workshop, New York.

2020 – University of Cape Town – Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit; Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research, Johannesburg; Faculty of Economics, Wits University, Johannesburg; Southern Centre for Inequality Studies, Johannesburg.

2019 – École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales Workshop on Inequality and Preferences for Redistribution; University of Bergen Workshop on the Roots of Political Inequality and the Working of Democratic Representation; European Union Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Brussels; United Nations Workshop on the 2019 Human Development Report, New York; Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality, Paris School of Economics.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2020-2023 – Paris School of Economics and Paris 1 University full doctoral fellowship.

2023 – Cepremap Public Economics and Redistribution Program Research Grant.

2021 – Paris School of Economics International Mobility Grant.

2020 – Southern Centre for Inequality Studies Research Fellowship.

2020 – National Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences Innovative Research Papers Award for “A Wealth Tax for South Africa” (with A. Chatterjee and L. Czajka).

REFEREEING

American Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Electoral Studies, International Tax and Public Finance, Journal of the European Economic Association, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Socioeconomic Review, Structural Change and Economic Dynamics, World Bank Economic Review, World Development.

SELECTED COLUMNS AND MEDIA APPEARANCES

“Why Africa is One of the Most Unequal Continents in the World,” *The Economist*, 04/2023. [\[url\]](#)

“Radical Right Voting and the New Dividing Lines of French Politics,” *Agenda Pública*, 04/2022. [\[url\]](#)

“How Culture War Kills Class Politics,” *Breaking Points*, 12/2021. [\[video\]](#)

“Political Cleavages, Inequality, and Party Systems in 50 Democracies,” *Democracy Paradox*, 09/2021. [\[podcast interview\]](#)

“Not So Black and White: Unpicking Inequality in South Africa,” *The Economist*, 09/2021. [\[url\]](#)

“How Politics Became a Contest Dominated by Two Kinds of Elite” (with C. Martínez-Toledano & T. Piketty), *The Guardian*, 08/2021. [\[url\]](#)

“Educated Voters’ Leftward Shift is Surprisingly Old”, *The Economist*, 05/2021. [\[url\]](#)

“La librairie de l’éco”, *BFM Business*, 05/2021. [\[video\]](#)

“Taxing Wealth in a Context of Extreme Inequality Legacy: The Case of South Africa” (with A. Chatterjee & L. Czajka), *VoxEU*, 04/2021. [\[url\]](#)

“Can Indian Democracy Tackle Social Inequalities?” (with A. Banerjee & T. Piketty), *Paris School of Economics 5 papers in 5 minutes*, 03/2020. [\[url\]](#)

“Why US Inequality is Higher than Europe’s” (with T. Blanchet & L. Chancel), *Project Syndicate*, 11/2019. [\[url\]](#)

“How Did Europe Do on SDG 10.1?” (with T. Blanchet & L. Chancel), *United Nations Development Program*, 05/2019. [\[url\]](#)

“Forty Years of Inequality in Europe: Evidence from Distributional National Accounts” (with T. Blanchet & L. Chancel), *VoxEU*, 04/2019. [\[url\]](#)

“Thailand’s Democratic Foundations Remain Weak” (with T. Jenmana), *Bangkok Post*.

“Classe média espremida pesou na eleição” (with M. Morgan), *Valor Econômico*. [\[url\]](#)