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CURRENT POSITIONS

Research Economist, World Bank Development Research Group Since 2024

Political Cleavages and Redistribution Coordinator, World Inequality Lab Since 2023

DOCTORAL STUDIES

Paris School of Economics PhD Program 2020-2024

Advisor: Thomas Piketty. Jury: Daron Acemoglu, Emmanuel Saez, Julia Cagé, Ekaterina Zhuravskaya, Gabriel Zucman.

University of California, Berkeley – Visiting Scholar 2022-2023

Massachusetts Institute of Technology – Visiting Scholar 2022

Harvard Business School – Visiting Scholar 2021

PRE-DOCTORAL STUDIES

MSc in Economics, Paris School of Economics. *Summa Cum Laude.* 2016-2018

BA in Economics, Paris Dauphine University. *Summa Cum Laude.* 2013-2016

Multidisciplinary Degree, Paris Sciences et Lettres. *Summa Cum Laude.* 2013-2016

PUBLICATIONS

Human Capital, Unequal Opportunities and Productivity Convergence: A Global Perspective, 1800-2100 (with Nitin Bharti, Thanasak Jenmana, Zhexun Mo, Thomas Piketty, and Li Yang) [[pdf](#)]
Journal of Public Economics, forthcoming.

Distributional Growth Accounting: Education and the Reduction of Global Poverty, 1980-2019

Quarterly Journal of Economics, 140, no. 4 (2025): 2571–2618. [[pdf](#)]

Who Benefits from Public Services? Novel Evidence and Implications for Inequality Measurement

Journal of Development Economics, 179, no. 1 (2026): 1-20. [[pdf](#)]

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 & 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](#)]

WORKING PAPERS

Global Working Hours (with Emmanuel Saez) [[pdf](#)]

Reject & Resubmit, Quarterly Journal of Economics

Social Movements and Public Opinion in the United States (with Vincent Pons). [[pdf](#)]

Revisiting Global Poverty Reduction: Public Services and the World Distribution of Income, 1980-2022 [[pdf](#)]

Government Redistribution and Development: Tax-and-Transfer Progressivity in 151 Countries, 1980-2022 (with Matthew Fisher-Post) [[pdf](#)]

Equality and Development: A Comparative and Historical Perspective, 1800-2025 (with Thomas Piketty et al.) [[pdf](#)]

Global Income Inequality by 2050: Convergence, Redistribution, and Climate Change (with Philipp Bothe, Lucas Chancel, and Cornelia Mohren) [[pdf](#)]

Racial Inequality and Redistribution in Post-Apartheid South Africa
(with L. Czajka) [[pdf](#)]

WORK IN PROGRESS

Trade Globalization and Global Poverty Reduction
(with Kirill Borusyak, Xavier Jaravel, and Gastón Nievas)

Gender Inequality and Development
(with Camille Landais and Gabriel Leite Mariante)

Child Penalties in Time Use: A Global Perspective
(with Gabriela Deschamps, Camille Landais, and Gabriel Leite Mariante)

Misperceptions and Preferences for Tax and Transfer Progressivity
(with Emmanuel Saez and Morten Støstad)

Minimum Wages and Inequality Over the Course of Development
(with Louise Paul-Delvaux)

Education and Inequality in the United States, 1900-2024
(with Zachary Bleemer and Blueberry Planterose)

Education Equity Around the World
(with Samuel Kofi Tetteh Baah and Christoph Lakner)

Education and Long-Run Growth: Evidence from France
(with Tom Raster)

The Rise of Multidimensional Politics
(with Andrew Lonsdale and Clara Martínez-Toledano)

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](https://wpid.world).

Translations: [French](#), [Dutch](#), Spanish, Portuguese, Greek (forthcoming).

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* (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 *Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities*. [[pdf](#)]

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 *Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities*. [[pdf](#)] [[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 *Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities*. [[pdf](#)] [[appendix](#)]

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

Democracy and the Politicization of Inequality in Brazil, 1989-2018 (with Marc Morgan), in *Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities*. [[pdf](#)] [[appendix](#)]

Extreme Inequality and the Structure of Political Cleavages in South Africa, 1994-2019, in *Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities*. [[pdf](#)]

Political Cleavages and the Representation of Social Inequalities in Japan, 1953-2017, in *Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities*. [[pdf](#)]

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

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

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

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 *Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities*. [[pdf](#)]

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

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

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: Hindsight 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* from English to French (\approx 600 pages).

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

Contributor to Y. Algan, E. Beasley, C. Senik, *Les Français, le bonheur et l'argent*, 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](#)]

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2024 – Short-Term Consultant, World Bank Global Partnership for Education.

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*. [\[url\]](#)

TEACHING

2025 – *Global Poverty and Inequality*, UC Berkeley Summer School.

2023 – *Public Economics*, Teaching Assistant to Prof. Gabriel Zucman and Antoine Bozio, Graduate Program in Economics, Paris School of Economics.

2023 – *Development Economics*, Teaching Assistant to Prof. Jérôme Sgard, Graduate Program in Development Studies, Sciences Po Paris School of International Affairs.

2023 – *Political Economy*, Course Taught in Prof. Lucas Chancel's Global Inequality and Sustainability Course, Graduate Program in Public Policy, Sciences Po.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2024 – Prize for best economics PhD thesis in Paris. [Prix de thèse en sciences économiques et de gestion de la Chancellerie des universités de Paris]

2024 – Excellence in Refereeing Award, World Bank Economic Review.

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

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

2025 – Harvard/MIT Development Seminar; Berkeley Public Finance Seminar; World Bank Applied Economics Seminar; World Bank Prosperity Group Seminar; ECINEQ Conference; World Congress of the Econometric Society; Paris School of Economics Applied Economics Seminar; World Inequality Lab Internal Seminar; Georgetown Development Economics Seminar; Transatlantic Political Economy Conference, London; Northeastern Universities Development Consortium, Boston; University of Michigan Public Economics Seminar; NBER Labor Studies, Stanford; IMF Fiscal Affairs Department Seminar; DC Political Economy Center Research Workshop, John Hopkins University; CEPR Public Economics, Paris.

2024 – World Bank DECRG Half-Baked Seminar; World Bank GSG Brown Bag Lunch; Tax and Inequality Workshop, Yale University; University of Namur Internal Seminar; European Commission Workshop on Fiscal Policy Modelling, Sevilla.

2023 – World Inequality Lab Internal Seminar; Labour and Public Economics Seminar, Paris School of Economics; Macroeconomics Seminar, Paris School of Economics; Applied Economics Seminar, Paris School of Economics; Development Lunch, Bordeaux School of Economics; 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; 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.