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## Summary

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Early-career economist-technologist with a triple background from UC Berkeley, Sciences Po, and Assas, focused on blockchain, AI and their economic & institutional impacts. Formerly Wavestone's youngest analyst in France, working on financial services tech, now building AI education tools & DeFi applications. Blend rigorous econometrics and IT economics with hands-on product work and policy-adjacent experimentation in my research work.

**Open to Pre-Doc RA positions on tech & innovation economics topics. Open to entrepreneurship programs.**

## Key Skills

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**Coding Languages:** Python, R, Introductory SQL & STATA Notions, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Introductory notions for AI Agents (MCP, ...)

**Strategic Skills:** Economic Analysis (Econometrics) & Business Intelligence (Power BI), Negotiation

**Languages:** English; French; Spanish (limited working proficiency); Basic Notions in Arabic & Mandarin

## Relevant Work Experience

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**IMT Business School**, Pre-Doc Economics Researcher

Paris

Oct. 2025 to Mar. 2026

6 months

- I assist Professor Maximilian Schäfer on a project measuring the impact of Google's AI Overviews on web traffic using staggered DiD designs, and another building a general equilibrium model assessing the impact of data centers on local economies
- In charge of econometric work (cleaning, structuring, staggered DiD, robustness checks), including building Wayback Machine scrapers for robots.txt governance analysis

**Compas'Sup**, Co-Founder & Chief Operating Officer

Berkeley & Paris

Nov. 2023 to Present

2 years

- Co-founded an AI-native EdTech startup, from a free Parcoursup matching app to a pivot toward automating university administrative workflows
- Oversee product, sales and operations: AI stack (agentic AI, RL, LLMs with RAG), HR, legals, and institutional partnerships; supported by the Sciences Po incubator

**Wavestone**, Analyst in Digital Transformation, Financial Services

Paris

Jan. 2025 to Jun. 2025

6 months

- Advised major banking and insurance clients (including two global top insurers) on tech and regulatory disruption, contributing to large-scale programs in event-driven architecture (EDA) and IT process automation
- Led AI and blockchain workstreams for internal projects (benchmarks, strategy notes), and was selected as Wavestone's first analyst in France without a master's degree, joining full-time at 19 and quickly ranked among top performers

## Additional Work Experience

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**KRYPTOSPHERE Sciences Po**, Founder & Co-President

Paris

Jan. 2022 to Dec. 2024

2 years

- Founded and co-led the Sciences Po chapter of KRYPTOSPHERE, Europe's largest student network on blockchain and AI.
- Ran a four-campus association at the intersection of emerging tech, public policy, and economics, coordinating events and partnerships with ecosystem actors

## **Education**

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<b>BA University Paris Panthéon Assas</b> , Online Law Degree	Sept. 2025 to May 2026
• <b>Coursework:</b> European Law, Corporate Law, Special Contracts, Tax Law, Labor Law, US Constitutional Law, International Law	
<b>BA University of California, Berkeley</b> , Political Economy (Technology Concentration)	Sept. 2021 to Dec. 2024
• GPA: 3.8/4.0 • <b>Coursework:</b> Micro & Macro Economics, Econometrics, IT Economics & Strategy, Sociology of Technologies, Energy Systems & Economics, Statistics, Security Policy	
<b>BA Sciences Po</b> , Economics & Sociology, Minor in International Relations	Sept. 2021 to Dec. 2024
• GPA: 14/20 • <b>Coursework:</b> Economics, AI in Public Policy, International Relations, Quantitative & Qualitative Research Methodology. Research Certificate in Gender Studies	

## **Projects**

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<b>Yield App</b>	Oct. 2024 to Present
• EthGlobal San Francisco & Cannes Hackathons Prize Winning Team ( <a href="#">SF Showcase 2024</a> ) ( <a href="#">Cannes Showcase 2024</a> )	
• Built a fully functional consumer-oriented DeFi mobile app that optimizes cross-chain lending yields using AI Agents	
• Product Owner role, responsible for the ideation, business strategy, partner relationship, pitch, and some technical implementation	
<b>Playlab AI – Go-To-Market (Pro-bono, UC Berkeley Changemakers “AI in Education”)</b>	Oct. 2024 to Dec. 202
• Supported the adoption and implementation of Playlab AI’s educational solutions across California Community Colleges and town halls	
• Helped design a renewed pedagogical program and participated in training sessions for professors	
• Led the development and deployment of multiple chatbots for Californian town halls.	
<b>Economics Working Paper: Modelling Cryptocurrencies Adoption Choice</b>	May 2024
• This is a personal paper giving a first try to model the adoption of cryptocurrencies in economies as a producer behavior	
• I realized this paper for a graduate-level class on IT economics and business strategy and am currently extending it with Thomas NOEL (MSc, Paris School of Economics )	
<b>Socrates’ Protocol</b>	Jul. 2023
• EthGlobal Paris hackathon ( <a href="#">Showcase</a> )	
• Built a decentralized information-scoring protocol to fight against fake news	
• Product Owner role, responsible for the ideation, qualitative analysis, and pitch	

## **Additional Experience And Awards**

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**Undergraduate Research Assistant:** I researched archived French diplomatic exchanges about the United States in relation to weapon trade and movement for Professor Brian DeLay at the UC Berkeley History Department.

**Reserve Gendarme:** Non-commissioned officer in the French Gendarmerie nationale (Gendarme/Sergeant rank). Participated in different missions from civilian law enforcement to judiciary cases in the Champagne region, as well as military deployment missions in the North of France.

**Simone Sciobereti Scholarship Recipient:** Partial Room & Board Merit-based Scholarship Award for the International House at UC Berkeley.

**Volunteer at Various Tech Events:** ADAN Web3 Leaders Forum; Polygon Labs Events; Viva Tech; Metaverse Summit.