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Nationality: French Birth year: 1998

Research interests

Geoeconomics, International Trade, Industrial Organization

Education

2022 - now PhD Candidate in Economics, CREST - Institut Polytechnique de Paris

Supervisor: Prof. Alessandro Riboni

Spring 2025 Visiting PhD student, UC Berkeley (USA)

Sponsor: Prof. Cecile Gaubert

Feb. 2024 Visiting PhD student, Drexel University (USA)

Sponsor: Prof. Yoto Yotov

2021 MSc in Economics with Honors, Institut Polytechnique de Paris

2021 Economics & Statistics engineer degree, ENSAE Paris

Work in progress

- Sectoral vs. Firm-Level Sanctions in Trade Policy
- FSDB: A New Firm-Level Dataset of Sanctions

Abstract: This paper presents the Firm Sanctioned Data Base (FSDB), a novel dataset documenting firms sanctioned by the European Union from 2001 to 2025. The FSDB provides a detailed timeline of sanctions, including the dates of threat, date of sanction and lifting of sanctions when applicable. In addition, it tracks the addresses of targeted entities. Using this granular dataset, I revisit established trends identified in the literature and uncover four stylized facts: i) Assuming that a sanction program only impacts entities located in the program's named country leads to a misclassification of 30% of the sample; ii) Estimating the impacts of sanction programs separately overlooks up to 10% of entities situated in the same country but under different programs; iii) Relying on the date of sanction enforcement ignores firms' anticipatory behavior, as they often react to sanction threats that can occur up to a year prior; iv) A dynamic measure of success shows that the effectiveness of EU firm-level sanctions peaked at 40% in 2020 but has slightly declined since. Leveraging advancements in structural gravity equations, I estimate the impact of firm-level sanctions on bilateral trade flows, offering new perspectives on the economic consequences of targeted sanctions.

Conferences and seminars

- 2025 UC Berkeley Trade Lunch Seminar, Western Economic Association International WEAI (San Francisco), European Association for Research in Industrial Economics EARIE (Valencia)* European Trade Study Group ETSG (Milan)*, CREST PhD seminar (Paris)*
- 2024 Global Repercussions of International Economic Policies GRIEP workshop (Istanbul), European Trade Study Group ETSG (Athens), LSE QueerConf (London), HEC (Paris), Drexel Sanction Workshop (Philadelphia), CREST PhD seminar (Paris) (× 2)
- 2023 CREST 1st year PhD students Workshop (Paris)

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Grants and awards

2025 Mobility grant EUR

2022 – 2025 Full PhD scholarship, DGRIS

Teaching

Graduate TA of Macroeconomics at ENSAE Paris

Spring 2024 Macroeconomics of fluctuation, Prof. Franck Malherbet and Prof. Pablo Winant

Fall 2023, 2024, 2025 Macroeconomics of growth, Prof. Olivier Loisel

Graduate TA of Econometrics

Fall 2024 Econometrics, Prof. Elia Lapenta (ENSAE Paris)

Fall 2023 Introduction to Time series, Prof. Jean-Michel Zakoian (Ecole Polytechnique)

Spring 2023 Linear time series, Prof. Christian Francq (ENSAE Paris) 2021 - 2022 Math+Econ+Code, Prof. Alfred Galichon (SciencesPo Paris)

Undergraduate TA of Macroeconomics at ENSAE Paris

Spring 2023, 2024 Introduction to macroeconomics, Prof. Suzane Bellue, Prof. Olivier Loisel

and Prof. Franck Malherbet

Professional service

2023 - now Member of the CREST Listening Unit against sexism and harassment

2023 - 2024 Co-organizer of the CREST PhD Seminar

June 2022 Co-organizer of the CREST 1st year PhD students Workshop

Additional information

Languages

French – native English – fluent

Spanish – conversational

Computer skills

Python, Matlab, Stata, Julia, R, Git, LATEX