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Introduction

Statistician and Empirical economist passionate about using data to solve real-world problems

 \rightarrow Enjoy working with complex data to uncover insights for smarter strategies or policies

 \rightarrow Proficient with coding and data tools, and always eager to learn

Languages English (fluent), French (native), Spanish (basic)

Research \rightarrow Empirical Industrial organization

Interests \rightarrow Platform economics \rightarrow Applied econometrics

 \rightarrow Climate change

EDUCATION Université de Montréal, Canada

 \rightarrow PhD in Economics (2018-2025)

 \rightarrow Thesis (defended in january 2025): Three essays in empirical analysis of supply and demand

→ Job market paper: Dynamic multihoming by content providers in platform-based markets: focus on the US videogaming industry

 \rightarrow Supervisor: Prof Mathieu Marcoux

Subregional Institute of Statistics and Applied Economics, Yaounde, Cameroon

 \rightarrow MA in Statistics and Applied Economics (2015-2018)

 \rightarrow Dissertation: State of labor force among young cameroonians: the role played by fields of vocational training

 \rightarrow Group Study: Impact of climate information on agricultural output in Rwanda (with two co-authors)

University of Douala, Cameroon

 \rightarrow BA in Economics (2011-2014)

Conferences & Tutorials

- → IVADO Workshop on AI and Economics, Online Presenter (2025)
- → CIREQ PhD Students' Conference, Montreal Presenter (2025)
- \rightarrow CEA Conference, Winnipeg Presenter (2023)
- → NBER Economics of Artificial Intelligence, Toronto Attendee (2023)
- \rightarrow NBER Digital Economics and AI Tutorial, Toronto Attendee (2023)
- \rightarrow Congrès de la SCSE, Montréal Presenter (2022)

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- \rightarrow J.W. McConnell Foundation Chair in American Studies (2021 2022)
- → Graduate Fellowship, CIREQ & Université de Montréal (2018 2022)

Teaching Université de Montréal

- \rightarrow Introduction to economics BA (2022 2024)
- \rightarrow Principles of economics BA (2021)

TEACHING ASSISTANCE

Université de Montréal

- \rightarrow Microeconomic Theory BA (2024);
- \rightarrow Introduction to econometrics BA (2024)
- \rightarrow Principles of economics BA (2021, 2023)
- \rightarrow Workshop in applied economics BA (2019 2022)
- \rightarrow Econometrics MA (2022)
- \rightarrow Introduction to microeconomics BA (2021)
- → Workshop in applied microeconomics and macroeconomics MA (2019)

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

CIREQ, Université de Montréal, Canada (2021 - 2023)

- → Assisted Prof Emanuela Cardia, Prof Joshua Lewis and Prof Andriana Bellou
- → Assisted in finding and processing historical data
- → Used optical character recognition (OCR) and text analysis tools

MITACS INTERNSHIP

Planhub.ca, Montreal, Canada (2020)

- → Analyzed the pattern of mobile phone plans in Canada and their pricing
- \rightarrow Built an automatic anomaly detector, using knowledge in statistics and data science

EVENT

CIREQ, University of Concordia, Montreal, Canada

ORGANIZATION

- \rightarrow CIREQ PhD Students' conference; years 2022 and 2023
- \rightarrow Fellow PhD students from Canada and abroad invited

SKILLS

- \rightarrow Software and Coding
 - → Python and advanced libraries: scikit-learn, NLTK, TensorFlow & Keras, OpenCV, etc.
 - → Other programming languages: R (advanced); Stata (advanced); SQL (basic)
 - \rightarrow Tools / Platforms: VS Code, PyCharm, Jupyter Notebook, Git/GitHub, RStudio
- → Econometrics: estimation, causal inference, policy evaluation
- → Data Science: Machine learning, Computer vision, Natural language processing
- → Google Cloud Products: BigQuery, Vision API
- \rightarrow Writing & Productivity: Overleaf, LaTeX, MS Office Suite
- \rightarrow AI: LLMs & Generative AI (proficient user)

References

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