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Citizenship: German

Employment & Education

Present Toulouse, France	PhD student in Economics at the Toulouse School of Economics
Sept. '18 – June '19 Toulouse, France	M.Sc. in Economic Theory & Econometrics (ETE, PhD track) at the Toulouse School of Economics (Rank 2/21, Mention: Très bien)
Sept. '17 – June '18 Toulouse, France	M.Sc. in Economics (M1 in French system) at the Toulouse School of Economics (Rank 4/84, Mention: Très bien)
Sept '13 – May '17 Friedrichshafen, DE	B.A. in Sociology, Politics and Economics at Zeppelin University (1st, GPA: 1.1/1.0)

Research Interests and Work in Progress

Research interests Political Economy of Development, Macro Development

Work in Progress

The Patronage Economy: Quantifying the long-run general equilibrium consequences of Political Connections in Indonesia

Government jobs for talents, cronies or sale? The evolution of government worker skills and the role of selection in Indonesia

A structural model of State Capacity

The long-run consequences of the Khmer Rouge regime and prior US bombings in Cambodia: Looking at local differences in regime harshness

Work & Research Experience

Hanoi, Vietnam

Oxford, UK

2018 – Sept. 2020 Research assistance, Prof. Daniel Chen (TSE) & Prof. Elliott Ash (ETH Zürich)

Toulouse & Zürich Worked mostly on Machine Learning applications including Causal Inference in the field

of Law and Economics

August 2018 Conducted own field research on various tourist markets in Vietnam

Prepared and administered semi-structured interviews in the oil-paintings, tailoring and

ceramics markets. Managed 2 Vietnamese Research Assistants.

June – August 2017 Research assistance, Centre for the Study of African Economies, Oxford University

Supervisors: Dr. Mareen Mahmud & Prof. Stefan Dercon; Worked on Program Evaluation, reviewed studies on interventions, analyzed field research data & prepared reports

June – August 2016 Research stay, Centre for Global Economic History, Utrecht University

Utrecht, Netherlands

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Socio-political Commitment & Memberships

Memberships & Positions		
June 2016 - present	Member of the American Economic Association	
June 2016 - Dec. 2017	Member of the Verein für Socialpolitik (German Economic Association)	
Jan November 2015	Organization of European-wide PPE conference in Friedrichshafen, Germany	
	Head of "Content and Design" team	
Scholarships & Awards		
Sept. 2017 - July 2019	Scholarship holder of the Deutsche Akademische Auslandsdienst (DAAD)	
Sept. 2013 - July 2019	Scholarship holder of the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation	
July 2012	Distinction with the "Ehrentaler" of Europaschule Bornheim	
	For extraordinary school engagement as elected head boy	

Other Qualifications

Statistics	
Strong	Structural Estimation & SMM, (Micro-)Econometrics for cross-section, time-series & panel data; Causal inference & Program Evaluation
Intermediate	Machine Learning, Text, Spatial, Network & Survival data
Beginner	Bayesian methods, web scraping, qualitative methods
Software	
Strong	R, RMarkdown, Python (Numba + Numpy), MS Office
Intermediate	Stata, Git(hub), LaTeX
Beginner	Julia, Matlab (+ Dynare)
Language Skills	
Fluent	German (mother tongue), English
Intermediate	French

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