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Current appointment

International Finance Corporation (World Bank Group) - Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the Economic Research Unit (July 2025-)

Education

Ph.D. Sciences Po, 2025
Economics

M.Com. University of Cape Town, 2019
Economics, Specialising in Applied Economics, with distinction in the dissertation.

M.A. CERDI, University of Clermont Auvergne, 2017
Development Economics, with distinction (mention: Très Bien)

B.Com. Honours, Stellenbosch University, 2016
Economics

B.Soc.Sci., University of Cape Town, 2015
Mathematics, Economics, Philosophy (triple major)

Publications

1. Visser, M., Le Roux, L., Mulwa, C., Tibesigwa, B., and Ayele, M. (2024), "[Adaptive Investment With Land Tenure and Weather Risk: Behavioral Evidence From Tanzania](#)", Journal of Economic Behaviour and Organization, Vol. 217, pp. 398-433.
2. Le Roux, L., and Choumert-Nkolo, J. (2024), "[Leaving the Hearth You Know: Internal Migration and Energy Poverty](#)", World Development.
3. Das, I., Le Roux, L., Jeuland, M., and Ruhinduka, R. (2024), "[Willingness to Pay for Cooking Fuels in Two African Cities: A Comparative Analysis of Nairobi and Dar es Salaam](#)", PLOS Sustainability and Transformation.
4. Bruhl, J.M., Le Roux, L., Visser, M., and Kohlin, G. (2020), "[Decision-Making in a Water Crisis: Lessons From the Cape Town Drought for Urban Water Policy](#)", Oxford Encyclopedia of Water Resources Management and Policy. (book chapter)
5. Choumert-Nkolo, J., Combes Motel, P., and Le Roux, L. (2019), "[Stacking up the Ladder: A Panel Data Analysis of Tanzanian Household Energy Choices](#)", World Development, Vol. 115, pp. 222-235.

Working Papers

1. Spatial Wage Disparities and Sorting in a Middle-Income Country: Evidence from South Africa (*R&R at Regional Science and Urban Economics*)
2. Informality and Violence: Evidence from South Africa

3. The Political Economy of Migration Restrictions under Apartheid (with Tomás Domínguez-lino)
4. Cooperative Governance: Traditional Leaders and Local Government (with Dieter von Fintel)

Experience

Royal Economic Society

Replicator (part time), 2023

Environmental Economics Policy Research Unit (EPRU)

Junior Research Fellow, Environment for Development Initiative (EfD), 2018–2020

Centre d'Études et de Recherches sur le Développement International (CERDI)

Research Intern, 2017

University of Cape Town, School of Economics

Research Assistant and Tutor, 2016–2017

Numeric

Mathematics Coach, 2015

Grants & Awards

Aix-Marseille School of Economics PhD fellowship, 2024-25

UNU-Wider research grant, 2023

Center for History and Economics in Paris PhD student grant, 2022-2023

Oppenheimer Memorial Trust Doctoral Scholarship, 2020-2023

UNU-Wider research grant, 2020

Sciences Po Department of Economics Doctoral Contract, 2020-2023

National Research Foundation Masters scholarship, 2018

Embassy of France in South Africa Masters Scholarship, 2016-2017

University of Cape Town travel fund grant, 2013

Academic Presentations

2025. LEAP Bocconi (virtual); Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona; CERDI Université Clermont Auvergne; ENS de Lyon; World Bank-IGC 9th Urbanization and Development Conference

2024. CSAE conference, Oxford; European Meeting of the Urban Economics Association; HEC PhD conference; International Conference on Development Economics; AMSE PhD Seminar; Sciences Po Department of Economics Departmental Seminar

2023. Warwick PhD student conference; UNU-Wider work-in-progress workshop; IAST-OxPo conference; CSAE, Oxford; Transport, Energy and Climate Economics Working Group, Dauphine PSL; Sciences Po Department of Economics Departmental Seminar

2022. Sciences Po Department of Economics Departmental Seminar; Stellenbosch University Spatial Economics Workshop; NOVAFRICA Conference on Economic Development

2021. Sciences Po Department of Economics Seminar; Economic History of Developing Regions Virtual Seminar; Environment for Development Annual Meeting

2019. Stellenbosch University Spatial Econometrics Workshop, Stellenbosch; Sustainable Energy Transitions Initiative (SETI) annual meeting, Santiago; Future of Farmworkers conference, Cape Town

2018. Sustainable Energy Transitions Initiative (SETI) annual meeting, Duke University; Asian Development Bank Market-Based Approaches to Environmental Management, Manila, Philippines (participant)

Teaching

Quantitative Methods - Fall 2021 (Sciences Po). Developer of course material and course instructor.

Labour Economics - Spring 2021 (Sciences Po). Teaching assistant to Pierre Cahuc.

Development Economics - Fall 2021 (Sciences Po). Teaching assistant to Golvine de Rochambeau.

Economic History - Fall 2022 (Sciences Po). Teaching assistant to Moritz Schularick.

Developing and Emerging Economies - Fall 2021 (Sciences Po). Teaching assistant to Jerome Sgard.

Contributions to policy reports

[Greening Markets: Market Based Approaches for Environmental Management In Asia](#), 2021. Asian Development Bank. (Contributing member of research team, not an author.)

Refereeing

American Journal of Agricultural Economics; Journal of Law, Economics and Organization; World Development

Statistical programming skills

R, Stata, Qgis, familiarity with version control using Git.

Language Skills

English (fluent), Afrikaans (fluent), French (fluent), Spanish (intermediate)

Citizenship

South African

References

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