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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Theories of Justice Equity Social preferences Causal inference Migration Ethnic conflicts

EDUCATION

2022-Now	PhD in Health Economics at University of Bordeaux <i>Responsibility, equity and insurance: essays in health and environmental economics</i> <i>Supervisors: Olivier Bargain, Jérôme Wittwer</i>	<i>Bordeaux, France</i>
2021-2022	Master 2 in Applied Economics at University of Pau <i>Master Thesis link</i> <i>With highest honors</i>	<i>Pau, France</i>
2020-2021	Master 1 in Applied Economics at University of Pau <i>With highest honors</i>	<i>Pau, France</i>
2017-2020	Bachelor in Economics and Management at University of Pau <i>With honors</i>	<i>Pau, France</i>

WORK EXPERIENCE

2022 - present	PhD Student at Bordeaux School of Economics(BSE) My dissertation addresses questions of social preferences in healthcare financing and touches on issues of distributive justice and equity in health and also questions of well-being in the context of natural disasters. I am under the supervision of Olivier Bargain and Jérôme Wittwer	<i>Bordeaux, France</i>
Summer 2022	Research Assistant at Paris School of Economics(PSE) Worked under the supervision of Fred Zhexun Mo, Marion Richard and Ismael Yacoubou Djima on military forced labour in French Sudan.	<i>Pau, France</i>
Summer 2021	Research Internship at University of Pau(UPPA) Worked under the supervision of Pr. Florence Lachet-Touya and Pr. Patrice Cassagnard on the following subject "Organic solar panels. Technological development and establishment of a sector in the Bearnese region". We realized a Life-Cycle Analysis(LCA) on a new organic solar panel technology in comparison with multi-silicon solar panels	<i>Pau, France</i>
2019 - 2021	Student tutor at University of Pau(UPPA) Provided a weekly support and courses on macroeconomics and microeconomics to first year undergraduates	<i>Pau, France</i>

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Forthcoming **Gone with the wind? Climate shocks, insurance demand and wellbeing**
With Alpaslan Akay, Olivier Bargain and Peter Martinsson
Using a once in a decade storm that affected Sweden we estimate the impact on insurance take-up and subjective well-being using tailor-made survey data (N=769) combined with remote-sensed data on damages brought by the storm. We also explore how it affected perception about the future and related behavioral mechanisms influencing these changes.
- Forthcoming **Social preferences in healthcare financing: Evidence from the SOPHEA survey**
With Florence Jusot, Jérôme Wittwer and Clémence Thébaut
Using the randomized nature of the second wave of our tailor-made survey experiment (N=4508) we estimate preferences for compensating unequal costs in different contexts. From which we can gauge the French general population's preferences in terms of equity and distributive justice in the health sector.
- Forthcoming **Who is to blame ? Framing and socio-economic health inequality aversion**
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Using a survey experiment we measure the impact of a framing emphasizing personal responsibility on socioeconomic health inequality aversion. We explore the heterogeneous effects of this framing on gender characteristics, and beliefs in the causal origins of inequality. We contribute to the literature by exploring the behavioral determinants of such beliefs.

CONTRIBUTIONS & RESEARCH REPORTS

- 2023 **Evaluation of the regional health project of Île-De-France (2018 - 2022)**
SciencesPo Paris - Chaire santé
Under the scientific supervision of Daniel Benamouzig
This summary brings together in an abbreviated manner the main elements and conclusions of the report consolidated assessment of the PRS2, which report itself brings together in a single document the main conclusions from a large body of work and studies, as well as research reports and working documents, produced by the evaluation consortium (around thirty reports, or approximately 2500 pages).
- 2023 **Transversal axis: Social and territorial health inequalities (ISTS)**
SciencesPo Paris - Chaire santé
Co-authored with Florence Jusot, Jérôme Wittwer, Clémence Thébaut, Gabriela Huamani
The main objective of this report was to evaluate the action of the regional health service of Île-de-France (Paris region) in reducing territorial and social inequalities in health, with an axis on the general preferences of the population when it comes to social justice.

TEACHINGS

- 2025-2026 **Econometrics of Causality for Master 1 International Economics** Bordeaux, France
Gave 60 hours of practical teachings with Excel and XLSTAT on the fundamentals of Randomized Controlled Trials, Difference-in-differences and Regression Discontinuity Design to the students of the first year of the International Economics Master.
- 2025 **Introduction to Macroeconomics for AES Bachelor degree** Bordeaux, France
27 hours of an introductory course in macroeconomics for freshmen students in AES (Social and Economic Administration) focusing on the basics, calculations of the growth rate, contribution of different factors of the GDP to its growth, introduction to modelization.
- 2025 **Methodology of University Work for AES Bachelor degree** Bordeaux, France
40 hours of teachings focusing on the methodology students have to follow to succeed in their first year. How they have to work, and how to organize themselves. The aim of this course is to give them the fundamental tools to transition smoothly from High-School to the University.

COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2024 - 2025 **PhD Students Board Representative** *Bordeaux, France*
Includes responsibility for the planning and organization of the weekly PhD seminars, and the end and beginning of the year events. Manages the PhD Students collective life.
- 2024 - 2026 **PhD Representative at the Doctoral School** *Bordeaux, France*
Responsibilities include attending the meetings of the doctoral school, and decision-making process regarding new recruitments and the creation of new programs at the doctoral school level, which includes the economics department and management department.
- 2023 - 2025 **Local organizer in Bordeaux** *Bordeaux, France*
National and International conferences: 1st Welfare and Policy Conference (2023); Journées des Économistes de la Santé (2023); Conference of the French Association of Economics (2024); 2nd Welfare and Policy Conference (2025); Congress of the European Economics Association (2025).

PARTICIPATION TO CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

2025	Canazei Winter School	<i>Canazei, Italy</i>
	Journées de Microéconométrie Appliquées (JMA)	<i>Poitiers, France</i>
	2nd Welfare & Policy Conference	<i>Bordeaux, France</i>
	BxSE Internal PhD Seminar	<i>Bordeaux, France</i>
	UMR TREE Economics seminar	<i>Pau, France</i>
2024	Conference of the French Association of Economics(AFSE)	<i>Bordeaux, France</i>
	23rd Conference Louis André Gerard Varet	<i>Marseille, France</i>
	2024 conference of the European Health Economics Association(EUHEA)	<i>Vienna, Austria</i>
	BxSE Internal PhD Seminar	<i>Bordeaux, France</i>
2023	European Health Economics Association(EUHEA) PhD Conference	<i>Bologna, Italy</i>
	Journées des Economistes de la Santé	<i>Bordeaux, France</i>
	BxSE Internal PhD Seminar	<i>Bordeaux, France</i>

COMPUTER SKILLS

STATA(advanced), R(intermediate), QGIS(intermediate), Excel(Intermediate), Python(Intermediate).

LANGUAGES

French(Native speaker), English(C2 - Cambridge Grade A: Native or Bilingual Proficiency), Georgian(fluent), Spanish(Notions), Russian(Notions).