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SUMMARY

My name is Béka LOMIDZE and I am a second-year PhD Student in economics focusing on equity in health and the impact of natural disasters on Subjective Well-Being(SWB) and insurance take-up.

WORK EXPERIENCE

PhD Student at Bordeaux School of Economics(BSE)

October 2022 - present

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

Research Assistant at Paris School of Economics(PSE)

August 2022 - September 2022

Worked under the supervision of Fred Zhexun Mo, Marion Richard and Ismael Yacoubou Djima on military forced labour in French Sudan.

Research Internship at University of Pau(UPPA)

April 2021 - June 2021

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

Student tutor at University of Pau(UPPA)

January 2019 - May 2021

Provided a weekly support and courses on macroeconomics and microeconomics to first year undergraduates

CHAPTERS

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.

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

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

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).

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 genreal preferences of the population when it comes to social justice

TEACHINGS

Econometrics of Causality for Master 1 International Economics February 2025 - April 2026

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.

Introduction to Macroeconomics for AES Bachelor degree September 2025 - December 2025

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.

Methodology of University Work for AES Bachelor degree September 2025 - December 2025

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 fundemantal tools to transition smoothly from High-School to the University.

COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

PhD Students Board Representative at BxSE March 2024 - September 2025

Includes responsibility for the planning and organization of the PhD seminars, and the end and beginning of the year events. Manages the PhD Students collective life.

Representative of the PhD Students at the Doctoral School October 2024 - present

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 departement and management departement

Local organizer in Bordeaux May 2023 - September 2025

For the following 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)

EDUCATION

2022-Now	PhD in Economics at University of Bordeaux	
2021-2022	Master 2 in Applied Economics at University of Pau	<i>With highest honors</i>
2020-2021	Master 1 in Applied Economics at University of Pau	<i>With highest honors</i>
2017-2020	Bachelor in Economics and Management at University of Pau	<i>With honors</i>
2016	Baccalaureate in Literature	

CONFERENCES

European Health Economics Association(EUHEA) PhD Conference 2023 in Bologna, Journées des Economistes de la Santé 2023 in Bordeaux, 2024 Conference of the French Association of Economics(AFSE) in Bordeaux, 23rd Conference Louis André Gerard Varet in Marseille, 2024 conference of the European Health Economics Association(EUHEA) in Vienna. 2025 Canazei Winter School. 2025 Journées de Microéconométrie Appliquées (JMA) in Poitiers. 2025 2nd Welfare & Policy Conference in Bordeaux.

SKILLS

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