

# Lou Chiani

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## CURRENT POSITION

**PhD Candidate in Economics at Paris-Dauphine University (PSL)** 2023 – present  
Advisors: Flore Gubert, Marion Mercier

## RESEARCH FIELDS

Applied microeconomics; Development economics; Political economy; Environmental economics;  
Climate economics; Agricultural economics

## EDUCATION

<b>PhD in Economics</b>	2023 – present
Paris-Dauphine University (PSL)	
<b>MSc in International Economics and Development (Research track)</b>	2023
Paris-Dauphine University (PSL)	
<b>BSc in Public Affairs</b>	2020
Paris-Dauphine University (PSL)	
<b>BSc in Applied Economics</b>	2019
Paris-Dauphine University (PSL)	

## WORK IN PROGRESS

### **From Fields to Ballots: Droughts and Electoral Shifts in Brazil**

 Best Poster Award, ICDE Conference, 2025

Climate change is expected to intensify droughts in developing countries, where rural livelihoods remain highly dependent on rainfed agriculture. This paper studies how growing-season droughts affect voting behavior in Brazil. Using high-resolution weather data matched with presidential election results between 2002 and 2022, I exploit within-municipality variation in hydrological stress aligned with crop-specific growing seasons. I find that drier growing seasons systematically reduce support for green and left-leaning coalitions. Evidence suggests that these effects operate through declines in agricultural income, with stronger electoral penalties in smallholder-dominated areas.

### **Does the Environment Matter? Leaders' Characteristics and Green Policies in Brazil**

*Ongoing*

### **Local Exposure to Floods and Electoral Behavior**

*Early-stage project*

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Co-organizer of the DIAL internal seminar 2024 – present  
*With Yannick Dupraz, Marion Mercier and Gianluca Orefice*

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

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Best Poster Award, ICDE Conference	2025
Doctoral fellowship, Paris-Dauphine University (PSL)	2023 – present

## TEACHING

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<b>Econometrics I</b> Graduate level, Paris-Dauphine University (PSL)	since 2025
<b>International Macroeconomics</b> Undergraduate level, Paris-Dauphine University (PSL)	2023 – 2025

## PRESENTATIONS

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### 2025

Poster presentation, International Conference on Development Economics (ICDE)  
*Université Paris Nanterre / EconomiX (UMR 7235)*

Oral presentation, Göttingen Workshop on Ibero-American Development  
*Ibero-America Institute for Economic Research, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen*

## SKILLS

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**Computing:** R, Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, QGIS

**Languages:** French (native), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), Italian (basic)

## REFERENCES

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### *Advisors*

#### **Flore Gubert**

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Research Fellow (CNRS)

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