

# Lou Chiani

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## CURRENT POSITION

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

## RESEARCH FIELDS

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

## EDUCATION

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**PhD in Economics** 2023 – present  
Paris-Dauphine University (PSL)

**MSc in International Economics and Development (Research track)** 2023  
Paris-Dauphine University (PSL)

**BSc in Public Affairs** 2020  
Paris-Dauphine University (PSL)

**BSc in Applied Economics** 2019  
Paris-Dauphine University (PSL)

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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### **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

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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><br>Graduate level, Paris-Dauphine University (PSL)                    | since 2025  |
| <b>International Macroeconomics</b><br>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,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , QGIS  
**Languages:** French (native), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), Italian (basic)

## REFERENCES

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### *Advisors*

**Flore Gubert**  
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