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# Mathilde Col

## Research Interests

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Development Economics, Education Policy, Bilingual Education, Economic History.

## Education

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PhD in Economics	University of Bordeaux	2022-2025 (expected)
Advisors: Tanguy Bernard (BSE), Denis Cogneau (PSE) Thesis: “Local vs European languages in post-colonial African education systems” Visiting PhD at Novafrica (Nova SBE), Lisbon		
Master in Economics	Paris School of Economics	2017-2019
M.Sc. Public Policy and Development (17/20) Thesis: “Assessing donors’ responsibility: The impact of corruption in humanitarian aid sector allocation”		
Bachelor in Economics	Paris-Dauphine University and PSL	2016-2017
Preparatory class (B/L)	Sainte Marie de Neuilly (FR)	2014-2016

## Research Experience

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Short Term Consultant	World Bank	2019-2021 2024-2025
Report writing for the Mahay Mikolo nimble evaluation (PI: Emanuela Galasso) Data cleaning and analysis for the Nigeria Social Safety Net Program IE (PI: Ayodele Fashogbon)		
Pre-doc Research Assistant	Paris School of Economics	2022
Prof. Denis Cogneau (PSE) and Prof. Yannick Dupraz (AMSE) Building a dataset on firms and on trade in the French colonies during the colonization		
Field Research Assistant (based in Cameroon)	LEAP - Cattolica University	2021
Prof. Lucia Corno (Cattolica) Development of survey instruments and randomization tools Baseline data collection for an RCT on breast ironing including 3450 households Training and supervision of 30 enumerators		
Field Coordinator (based in Madagascar)	World Bank	2019-2021
Emanuela Galasso (WB) Data management of an RCT integrating an early childhood component into the nutrition government program Development and piloting of the instruments, monitoring of the intervention Coordination between stakeholders (government, research team, consultants, etc.)		

Research Assistant	Paris School of Economics	2019
Prof. Antoine Bozio (PSE, IPP): Qualitative data collection with homeless people		
Prof. Jérôme Bourdieu (PSE) and Prof. Lionel Ketzenbaum (PSE): Data cleaning and analysis		
Intern (based in Madagascar)	French Research Institute (IRD)	2018
Process evaluation (qualitative study) of a WFP project		

## Publications

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Hemlock, C., Galasso, E., Weber, A., Randriamiarisoa, T., **Col, M.**, Dieci, M., Ratsifandrihamanana, L., Fernald, L. Integrating early child development into an existing health and nutrition program: evidence from a cluster-randomized controlled trial. BMC Public Health 24, 2583 (2024). [Link](#)

## Working Papers

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“N m'a faamu”, Boosting Learning Through Bilingual Education. Evidence from Mali [\[pdf\]](#)

Unveiling the global determinants and effects of bilingual education policies in Africa [\[pdf\]](#)

## Grants

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IGC Small Project Facility (with Juliette Crespín-Boucaud and Vasco Magona Sande)	19.959 £	2025
J-PAL Learning for All Initiative (with Luc Behaghel, Simon Briole and Quentin Daviot)	220.000 €	2024
UBGRS Mobility grant	7.000 €	2024
MESRI grant (PhD scholarship)	96.000 €	2022-2025

## Seminars/conferences

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CFDS (PSE), Lisbon Micro Group, WAP Society (Bordeaux), EUDN PhD workshop (CERDI), RES Annual Conference (Birmingham), ICDE (Paris-Nanterre)	2025
AEHN (Sapienza - Roma), AFSE (Bordeaux), BSE PhD seminar, Nova SBE PhD seminar (Lisbon)	2024
BSE PhD seminar	2023

## Skills & Training

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- Programming Software: R, Stata, QGIS
- CAPI Software: Survey Solutions, SurveyCTO, KoboToolBox
- Protecting Human Research Participants Certificate, 2021
- MOOC Evaluating Social Programs (J-PAL & MIT), 2020