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CURRENT POSITION	Monash University Postdoctoral Fellow in Network Economics	
EDUCATION	Paris School of Economics & Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne Ph.D. in Economics Supervisors: Francis Bloch, Margherita Comola Jury: Milo Bianchi, Yann Bramoullé, Jonathan Guryan, Agnieszka Rusinowska Defence: 2 September 2019	2019
	University of California, Berkeley Visiting Student Researcher, hosted by Joshua Blumenstock	2018
	Paris School of Economics & Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne M.Phil. in Empirical and Theoretical Economics	2016
	Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne M.Sc. in Economics Degree awarded with 'Tres bien', the highest distinction	2015
	University of Cape Town B.Comm. (Honours) in Economics Degree awarded in the First Class, research paper with Distinction	2012
	University of Cape Town B.Comm. in Economics and Finance	2010
FIELDS	Social Networks; Development Economics; Household Finance	
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	Short Term Consultant, World Bank – Bruno Crépon (CREST, JPAL) and Patrick Premand (World F	2016 Bank)
	Research Assistant, Sciences Po – Michaël Zemmour (Sciences Po) and Elvire Guillaud (Paris 1)	2015 - 2016
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Teaching Assistant Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne – Mathematics for economists, Master 1 level – Microeconomics, Master 1 level	2016 - 2018
	Head Tutor and Tutor School of Economics, University of Cape Town — International Trade and Finance, third year level — Macroeconomics, first and second year level	2010 - 2012

- Microeconomics, first year level
- Game Theory, second year level

AWARDS Aldi Hagenaars Memorial Award

2018

2016

PSE Grant for International Mobility

Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne Travel Grant

Île-de-France Aide à la mobilité internationale des doctorants

Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne Doctoral Scholarship

Embassy of France in South Africa - Masters Bursary 2014

University of Cape Town Merit Scholarship 2012

Sheila von der Hurst Bursary Louis Weiner Scholarship

SEMINARS Berkeley

2018

NEUDC (Cornell) Northwestern Aix-Marseille

CIGNE Summer School on Networks (visitor with funding)

2017

PUBLICATIONS

Four levers of redistribution: The impact of tax and transfer systems on inequality reduction, with Elvire Guillaud and Michaël Zemmour. Review of Income and Wealth, Forthcoming.

WORKING PAPERS Friend-based ranking

2018, with Francis Bloch. arXiv:1807.05093

We analyze the design of a mechanism to extract ordinal information disseminated in a social network. We show that friend-based ranking—the report by agents on the characteristics of their neighbors—is a necessary condition for ex post incentive-compatible and efficient mechanism design. We characterize the windmill network as the sparsest social network for which the planner can construct a complete ranking. When complete rankings cannot be achieved, ex post incentive-compatible and efficient mechanisms arise when social networks are bipartite or composed of triangles. We illustrate these findings using real social networks in India and Indonesia.