

# Mehdi Christian Talbi

## Curriculum Vitae

Université Paris-Cité  
Laboratoire de Probabilités, Statistiques et Modélisation  
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### Research interests

Stochastic control, mean field games, contract theory, backward SDEs, mathematical finance, numerics...

### Experience

- 2023-present **Assistant professor (maître de conférences)**, Université Paris-Cité, Paris
- 2022-2023 **Postdoctoral researcher**, ETH Zürich, Zürich
- 2019-2022 **PhD student and teaching assistant**, École polytechnique, Palaiseau
- 2018 **Quantitative analyst intern**, BNP Paribas, London, six months off-cycle internship

### Academic visits

- July 2023 **University of California, Berkeley**, Berkeley, invited by Thibaut Mastrolia
- 2018-2019 **University of Southern California**, Los Angeles, one year pre-doctoral research internship, part of my degree at ENS Paris-Saclay, Invited and supervised by Jianfeng Zhang

### Education

- 2019-2022 **PhD, Applied Mathematics**, Institut Polytechnique de Paris, Palaiseau  
Subject: Mean field optimal stopping. Supervised by Nizar Touzi & Jianfeng Zhang.
- 2015-2019 **“Élève-normalien” (recruited on competitive exam) at École Normale Supérieure Paris-Saclay**, ENS Paris-Saclay (formerly ENS Cachan), Cachan
- 2018 **MSc Probability and Finance, Applied Mathematics**, École polytechnique/Sorbonne université, Paris
- 2016 **BSc, Mathematics**, ENS Paris-Saclay and Université Paris-Diderot, Paris

### Scientific activities

#### Preprints

5. Possamaï, D. & Talbi, M. Mean field games of optimal stopping: master equation and weak equilibria. *ArXiv:2307.09278* (2023).
4. Talbi, M. A finite-dimensional approximation for partial differential equations on Wasserstein space. *ArXiv:2211.00719* (2022).
3. Talbi, M., Touzi, N. & Zhang, J. From finite population optimal stopping to mean field optimal stopping. *ArXiv:2210.16004* (2022).

#### Accepted papers

2. Talbi, M., Touzi, N. & Zhang, J. Viscosity solutions for obstacle problems on Wasserstein space. *SIAM Journal on Control and Optimization* **61**, 1712–1736 (2023).
1. Talbi, M., Touzi, N. & Zhang, J. Dynamic programming equation for the mean field optimal stopping problem. *SIAM Journal on Control and Optimization* **61**, 2140–2164 (2023).

### Talks in international conferences and workshops

- Jan. 2024 23rd annual Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory conference, Santiago, Chile.
- Aug. 2023 10th International Congress on Industrial and Applied Mathematics, Tokyo, Japan.
- Jun. 2023 11th General AMaMeF Conference, Bielefeld, Germany.
- Jun. 2023 SIAM Conference on Financial Mathematics and Engineering, Philadelphia, United States.
- May. 2023 Workshop on Applications of Stochastic control to Economics and Finance, Banff, Canada.
- Apr. 2023 Workshop on Stochastic control and Risk, Hammamet, Tunisia.
- Mar. 2023 16th German Probability and Statistics Days, Essen, Germany.
- Jan. 2023 15th Bachelier colloquium in mathematical finance and stochastic calculus, Métabief, France.
- Jun. 2022 9th colloquium on BSDEs and mean field systems, Annecy, France.
- Aug. 2021 6th Berlin workshop for Young Researchers in mathematical finance, online.
- Jun. 2021 Summer school on Distributed Control: Decentralization and Incentives, Luminy, France.
- Sep. 2020 13th European Summer School in financial mathematics, Vienna, Austria.

### Talks in seminars

- Nov. 2023 Bachelier seminar, Institut Henri Poincaré, Paris, France.
- Oct. 2023 Seminar Mathrisk Inria-LPSM, Inria Paris, Paris, France.
- Jun. 2023 Mathematical finance seminar, Humboldt Universität, Berlin, Germany.
- Mar. 2023 LPSM financial and actuarial mathematics seminar, Sorbonne Université, Paris, France.
- Dec. 2022 Seminar in financial and insurance mathematics, ETH Zürich, Zürich, Switzerland.
- Jan. 2022 Seminar in financial & actuarial mathematics, University of Michigan, online.
- Oct. 2021 PhD seminar in mathematical finance, Sorbonne Université, Paris, France.
- Apr. 2021 GT Modèles stochastiques en finance, École polytechnique, Palaiseau, France.

### Referee activities

Invited reviewer for: *Journal of Optimization Theory and Applications*, *Transactions of the AMS*, *SIAM Journal on Control and Optimization*, *Stochastic Processes and their Applications*, *Mathematical Control and Related Fields*, *ESAIM: Control, Optimisation and Calculus of Variations*

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## Teaching activities

### Classes

- 2023-2024 Actuarial science (Université Paris-Cité, MSc): teaching assistant
- 2023-2024 Fundamental analysis and algebra (Université Paris-Cité, BSc): teaching assistant
- 2022-2023 Mathematical finance and stochastic calculus (ETH Zürich, MSc): surrogate lecturer.
- 2020-2022 Introduction to Python (École polytechnique, MSc): teaching assistant.
- 2019-2022 Stochastic calculus in finance (École polytechnique, MSc): teaching assistant for Python sessions.
- 2019-2022 Introduction to statistics (École polytechnique, BSc): teaching assistant.

### Supervised students

Supervision of the Bachelor theses (École polytechnique) of: Martin Ponchon (2020), Anaëlle Touré (2020), Diego Gomez (2021), Makram Loughman (2021), Reine Dayekh (2022), Ahmed Wakrim (2022).

### Support classes

- 2016-2017 Support classes in mathematics and physics at Institut Villebon-Chapark, Université Paris-Sud.

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## Languages

- French** Mother tongue
- English** Full professional working proficiency
- German** Elementary proficiency

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## Programming skills

Mainly Python (including Tensorflow for deep learning methods), some notions in C++.