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EDUCATION

2019–	PhD in Economics, Paris School of Economics (PSE) and Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne Advisor: Stéphane Gauthier. Thesis committee: Marc Fleurbaey, Claudia Senik.
2018–2019	Master in Analysis and Policy in Economics (APE), Paris School of Economics (PSE)
2016–2018	Two-year MSc in Economics, London School of Economics
2015–2016	Non-degree courses in Economics and Statistics, University of Oslo
2011–2015	Honours BSc in Astronomy & Physics, University of Toronto Minor Degree in Mathematics

RESEARCH VISITS

2022–2023	One-year fellowship at the Aix-Marseille School of Economics
2021–2022	Visiting scholar at UC Berkeley (sponsored by Emmanuel Saez)

RESEARCH FIELDS

Primary	Public Economics
Secondary	Experimental Economics, Political Economy, Machine Learning

JOB MARKET PAPER

"The Consequences of Inequality: Beliefs and Redistributive Preferences", with Max Lobeck.

Abstract: What are the societal consequences of economic inequality, and how do concerns for these consequences affect individuals' redistributive preferences? This paper examines beliefs about how economic inequality changes society and establishes a causal link between such *inequality externality beliefs* and redistributive preferences. Using two representative surveys of a combined 6,731 U.S. citizens, we show that a majority of respondents believe that inequality leads to negative societal outcomes through channels such as increased crime, deteriorating democratic institutions, and diminished economic growth. Such beliefs are similar among Democrats and Republicans, unlike broad economic fairness views which

are more polarized. We establish a causal link from individuals' inequality externality beliefs to their redistributive preferences by using exogenously provided video information treatments. With this and other methods we estimate that inequality externality beliefs are about two-thirds as impactful for individuals' redistributive preferences as broad fairness views. Inequality externality-based arguments cause less anger among respondents than fairness-based arguments, however. Our results thus indicate a potential trade-off in debates on redistributive ideas; whereas fairness-based arguments are somewhat more persuasive, externality-based arguments seem to be less polarizing and present an opportunity for consensus-building.

WORKING PAPERS (ECONOMICS)

"Inequality as an Externality: Consequences for Tax Design", with Frank Cowell.
Revision requested from *the Journal of Public Economics.*

Abstract: This paper introduces an income inequality externality into the classical optimal non-linear income taxation model, noting that such an externality arises if income inequality affects pertinent societal outcomes. There are two new mathematical terms in the optimal taxation formula, corresponding to a Pigouvian tax and an increased social taste for (in)equality. The two new terms vary more across the distribution than standard externality terms and always influence optimal rates in the same direction at the top of the distribution. As a result, optimal top tax rates are largely driven by the size of the inequality externality. The overall tax schedule is strongly reliant on the type of inequality externality (pre-tax income, post-tax income, utility) and on the externality structure. The findings indicate a new equality-relevant dimension to the optimal policy problem, provide a theoretical basis for previously unsupported tax policies, and show that the size of the inequality externality could be considered a crucial economic variable.

WORKS IN PROGRESS (ECONOMICS)

"How Strange: Progressivity, Regressivity, and Misleading Intuition"

"Leaving Linearity: Modern Generalized Additive Models in Economics", with Amr Kayid and Nick Frosst

"Individualist Utility Functions and Their Flaws"

"The Correlations of Inequality", with Amory Gethin

OTHER PUBLICATIONS (ASTRONOMY)

"Mapping the Outer Edge of the Young Stellar Cluster in the Galactic Center" with Tuan Do, Norm Murray, Jessica R. Lu, Sylvana Yelda, and Andrea M. Ghez.
Published in *the Astrophysical Journal*, Vol. 808, Article 106, 2015.

"Discovery of Low-metallicity Stars in the Central Parsec of the Milky Way" with Tuan Do, Wolfgang Kerzendorf, Nathan Winsor, Mark R. Morris, Jessica R. Lu, and Andrea Ghez.
Published in *the Astrophysical Journal*, Vol. 809, Article 143.

Conference and Seminar Presentations (Economics)

2022   EEA Annual Congress, IIPF Annual Congress, LAGV, UC Berkeley (Public Finance seminar), Paris School of Economics (Labour and Public Economics seminar), Public, Economic Theory Conference, Doctorissimes, French Experimental TalkS, QED Jamboree.

2021   EEA Annual Congress, National Tax Association Annual Conference, IIPF Annual Congress, LAGV, ACDD Conference, GT Économie de la fiscalité (Paris II), WID World Conference, UC Berkeley (Public Finance seminar), University of Oslo, Paris School of Economics (Labour and Public Economics seminar).

2020   Paris School of Economics (Environment & Regulation seminar).

2019   ECINEQ 2019.

Teaching

2021   Teaching Assistant, European Economy and Politics, Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

2020–2021   Teaching Assistant, Calcul matriciel et optimisation (2), Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

2015   Teaching Assistant, Life on Other Worlds, the University of Toronto

Research Experience

2019   Research Assistant for Claudia Senik

2017   Research Assistant at the Office of the Chief Economist, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

2016   Research Assistant, Statistics Norway

2013–2015   Research Assistant, Dunlap Institute for Astronomy and Astrophysics, University of Toronto

Honors and Awards

2022   One-year fourth-year PhD scholarship (Aix-Marseille School of Economics)

2022   One-year scholarship awarded by Ingegerd og Arne Skaugs Forskningsfond

2022   Awarded project funding by the U.C. Berkeley Stone Center (via Emmanuel Saez)

2021   2nd place, Best Paper Award, Augustin Cournot Doctoral Days (*Inequality as an Externality: Consequences for Tax Design*)

2021–2022   Awarded project funding from PSE EUR Grants #32, #33, #36

2021   Awarded project funding from CEPREMAP

2016–2018	LSE First- and Second-year Distinctions, Economics MSc
2015	Admission to University of Toronto's Astronomy PhD Program
2011–2015	University of Toronto Dean's List, x4
2014	The Dorothy Walters Scholarship, Woodsworth College, University of Toronto
2013	The John Pounder Scholarship in Astronomy and Astrophysics, University of Toronto

SKILLS

Computer	Python, Stata, SQL, IDL, HTML, R, LaTeX, Microsoft Office
Languages	Norwegian (native), English (bilingual proficiency), French (intermediate)

REFERENCES

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