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## INTERESTS

**Applied Microeconometrics, Development Economics, Law & Econ, Environmental Economics, Policy Evaluation**

## MAIN EXPERIENCE

**Postdoctoral Researcher** 2023 -  
Centre d'études et de recherches sur le développement international (CERDI)

**Invited Researcher** Sep 2024 - Mar 2025  
McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University

## EDUCATION

**Ph.D. in Economics** 2023  
Toulouse School of Economics, France  
*"Essays on Legal Institutions and Development"*  
Jury : E. Auriol, M. Chemin, D. Chen, C. Imbert, M. Montenegro, Z. Wahhaj

**Research Visit** Apr - Dec 2022  
University of Zurich, Switzerland

**M.Res** 2019  
**M.Sc. Economic Theory and Econometrics**, doctoral track 2018  
**M.Sc. Econometrics and Statistics** 2017  
Toulouse School of Economics, France

**B.Sc. Economics** (French-German double-degree) 2016  
University of Mainz, Germany & Paris Nanterre University, France

## OTHER EXPERIENCE

**DIME, World Bank** (Short Term Consultant) 2020 - 2022  
**National Institute of Agricultural Research**, Toulouse, France Apr - Jul 2017  
**Wieland S.A.S**, Croissy-Beaubourg, France Jun - Jul 2016  
**Arche France**, Pierrefonds, France 2010 - 2012

## SKILLS

**Software:** R, Python, Stata, SQL, Git, Latex, HTML, CSS, Microsoft Office  
**Languages:** German (native), French (fluent), English (fluent), Swedish (beginner)

## TEACHING

**Advanced Econometrics**, 4th year (Prof. P. Lavergne & F. Poinas): Fall 2021, Fall 2020  
**Microeconomics**, 1st year (Prof. P. Alby): Fall 2020  
**Introductory Econometrics**, 3rd year (Prof. T. Magnac & S. Gregoir): Spring 2020  
**Applied Econometrics**, 4th year (Prof. O. de Groote): Spring 2020  
**Mathematics**, 1st year (Prof. R. van Ewijk): Fall 2014

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

**Caste Aside? Names, Networks and Justice in the Courts of Bihar, India.** *European Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, 2024, 1(2), 151–178. <https://doi.org/10.62355/ejels.23821>  
(with S. Bhupatiraju, D. L. Chen & S. Joshi)

**Short-term association between COVID-19 related deaths, hospitalized patients and air pollution during the first lockdown in the four largest cities in Germany.** *International Journal of Environmental Studies*, 2022, S. 1-16. (with R. Walsemann)

## WORKING PAPERS

**Impact of free legal search on rule of law: Evidence from Indian Kanoon** (with S. Bhupatiraj, D. L. Chen & S. Joshi) *R&R Journal of the European Economic Association*

**Environmental Litigation as Scrutiny: A Four Decade Analysis of Justice, Firms, and Pollution in India** (with S. Bhupatiraj, D. L. Chen, S. Joshi & S. Singh) *R&R Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*

**Legal Disparities and Judicial Corrections: Muslim Petitioners in an Indian High Court** (with S. Bhupatiraju, D. L. Chen & S. Joshi) *Submitted*

**Decoding Green Justice: AI-Assisted Analysis of Environmental Court Rulings in India** (with A. P. Behrer, D. L. Chen, S. Joshi, O. Kyrychenko, V. Nagarathinam, & S. Singh) *Submitted*

**Courts, Firms and Informality**

## WORK IN PROGRESS

**Determinants of Court Productivity in Highly Congested Settings**

**Environmental Targets, Urbanization and Migration: Evidence from France**

**Judges, Points and Old Cases: Dynamic Incentives in Indian Lower Courts** (with D. L. Chen)

**Courts and Informality Across Countries** (with D. L. Chen & J. Lee)

## Other Publications

**Decoding green justice: AI-assisted analysis of environmental court rulings in India.** *IGC Policy Brief*, 2025 (with P. Behrer, D. Chen, S. Joshi, O. Kyrychenko, V. Nagarathinam,

S. Singh). Published online.

**What AI reveals about the state of environmental justice in India.** *IGC Blog*, 2025 (with P. Behrer, D. Chen, S. Joshi, O. Kyrychenko, V. Nagarathinam, S. Singh). Published online.

**Who is in Justice? Caste, religion and gender in the courts of Bihar over a decade.** *World Bank Blogs*, 2021 (with S. Bhupatiraju, D. Chen S. Joshi). Published online.

## PRESENTATIONS

**2025:** • 2nd Welfare & Policy Conference, Bordeaux, France • Cred, Paris, France • BSE Summer Forum, Barcelona, Spain • Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Washington, D.C., United States (planned)

**2024:** • CESifo Area Conference on Energy and Climate Economics, Munich, Germany • IAAE Annual Conference, Thessaloniki, Greece • EEA-ESEM Congress, Rotterdam, Netherlands • Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Atlanta, United States

**2023:** • EEA-ESEM Congress, Barcelona, Spain • AFSE Annual Congress, Paris, France • Environmental Workshop, TSE, France

**2022:** • Applied Micro Doctoral Seminar, UZH, Switzerland • JM workshop, TSE, France • Behavior, Institutions and Development Workshop, TSE, France • JM workshop, TSE, France • Enter Jamboree, Barcelona, Spain

**2021:** • Student Workshop, TSE, France • 38th EALE Conference, Online • Student Workshop, TSE, France • Behavior, Institutions and Development Workshop, TSE, France • Half Baked Seminar, World Bank

**2020:** • Student Workshop, TSE, France • The Economics of Informality Conference 2020, Colombia • Behavior, Institutions and Development Workshop, TSE, France • Applied Micro Workshop, TSE, France • Behavior, Institutions and Development Workshop, TSE, France

**2019:** • Applied Micro Workshop, TSE, France • Enter Jamboree 2019, Tilburg, Netherlands

## SCIENTIFIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

**Referee** for Cambridge Elements, Journal of South Asian Development

**ENTER Students Coordinator**, Toulouse, France

2020 - 2022

**RealWorldEconomics**, Mainz, Germany

2013 - 2015

## NATIONALITY

**German**

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