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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

Courts, Firms and Informality

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*

Enforcement, Courts, and Informal Labor: Capacity and Choice Across Countries (with D. L. Chen & J. Lee) *Submitted*

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)

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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