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Current Position

2025 – 2026 **Visiting Exchange Student at Princeton University**

Spring 2025 **Master’s Student (ENS, AgroParisTech), Intern (OECD),
Research Assistant (PSE), Teaching Assistant (Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne)**

Education

2020 – 2025 **École Normale Supérieure de la rue d’Ulm**
École Normale Supérieure (ENS-PSL)

2023 – 2025 **M.Sc. in Environmental Economics, Spe. Prospective Modeling**
AgroParisTech - Paris-Saclay University (Paris XI)
M1: Summa cum laude (17.15/20 | GPA: ~ 4.0) [[Thesis](#) ; [Slides](#)].

2021 – 2023 **M.Sc. in Cognitive sciences**
Cognitive Sciences department - ENS-PSL
M2: Magna cum laude (15.23/20 | GPA: ~ 3.6) [[Thesis](#) (in French)].

2020 – 2021 **Introductory year**
Physics department - ENS-PSL

2017 – 2020 **B.Sc. in Physics**
Sorbonne University (Paris VI)
Summa cum laude (16.31/20 | GPA: ~ 3.8).

2017 – 2020 **B.Sc. in Mechanics**
Sorbonne University (Paris VI)
Summa cum laude (16.40/20 | GPA: ~ 3.8).

2017 **Baccalauréat - Engineering Sciences, Spe. Physics**
Lycée Martin Luther King
Highest honors (18.63/20 | GPA: ~ 3.9), latin and music options.

Research Work

Publications

2025 **Effects of experiencing the COVID-19 pandemic on optimistically biased belief updating**, *eLife* **13**:RP101157
with Iraj Khalid, Orphée Morlaàs, Hugo Bottemanne, Lisa Thonon, Philippe Fossati, Liane Schmidt
DOI: [10.7554/eLife.101157.3](https://doi.org/10.7554/eLife.101157.3)

2024 **TRAVERSÉES: Diverse territorial actions and transition pathways for pesticide use**, *Innovations Agronomiques*, 2024, 96, pp. 27-39.
with Corinne Robert and many others
DOI: [10.17180/ciag-2024-vol96-art03](https://doi.org/10.17180/ciag-2024-vol96-art03)

Reports and Notes

- 2023 **How to Design an Effective Composting Program at École Normale Supérieure: An Intervention Proposal**
with Tristin Blatt, Sofya Goldina, Lena Pasalskaya
[Report](#).

Unpublished Manuscripts

- 2022 **MDMA-assisted psychotherapy in the treatment of PTSD: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis**
with Jérémie Beucler, Evangelia Petropoulou, Lakshwin Shreesha
[Manuscript](#).
- 2020 **Elastocaloric effect applied to cooling systems: theoretical and experimental considerations**
with Jessy Flaharty, Nicolas De Pinho Dias, Gaspard Douin, Marin Bacry
[Manuscript](#) (in French).

Teaching Experience

- 02/2025 – **Open Macroeconomics**
05/2025 *Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne*
2nd year undergraduate economics course (12h, Teaching Assistant)

Research Experience

- 03/2025 – **Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)**
08/2025 *with Fabrice Murtin*
- 06/2024 – **Paris School of Economics**
09/2024, *with Marc Fleurbaey, CNRS*
&
11/2024 –
06/2025
- 04/2023 – **Georgetown Environmental Justice Program & INRAe**
09/2023 *with Pauline Smith & Corinne Robert*
- 09/2021 – **Paris Brain Institute**
05/2022 *with Liane Schmidt*
- 06/2019 – **Plasma Physics Lab (UMR 7648)**
07/2019 *with Matthieu Berthomier, CNRS*

Awards and Grants

- 2025 – 2026 **Jane Eliza Procter Visiting Fellowship**
Princeton University
\$116 330 for one year.

2024 – 2025 **Scholarship based on social criteria**
French Ministry of Higher Education and Research

Other Activities

11/2023 – **Member of the AgroParisTech Board of Directors — Student Representative**
11/2025 *AgroParisTech*

01/2022 – **Presidency and management of marching bands**

12/2022 *Ernestophone / Zizany Brass Band*

Administrative and human management: organisation of two international summer tours, participation in film shoots, festivals and other events, online communication, etc. Turnovers of 20,873.89€ (Ernestophone) and 12,000.48€ (Zizany Brass Band), for respectively ~100 and 12 members.

Miscellaneous

Languages: French (native), English (C1), Spanish (B1), Portuguese (notions).

Computer Literacy: R, Julia, Python, Fortran, L^AT_EX, QGIS, Adobe Suite (InDesign, Photoshop, Premiere Pro), Microsoft Suite.

Various Interests: Music (Clarinet, Piano, Ukulele, Singing), Sports (Climbing, Hiking, Biking), Hitchhiking.

References available upon request.