

**THOMAS KOKOSSOU**  
McGill University  
Department of Economics  
Leacock Building, 4th Floor  
855 Sherbrooke Street West  
Montreal, Quebec H3A 2T7  
Email: [thomas.kokossou@mail.mcgill.ca](mailto:thomas.kokossou@mail.mcgill.ca)

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, McGill University, Canada, expected Summer 2025  
M.A. Economics, McGill University, Canada, 2018  
B.Sc. (joint degree) Applied Economics, Université Paris-Dauphine, France, *and* Economics, option International Economics, Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), Canada, 2016

## FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

Primary: Development Economics  
Secondary: Applied Microeconomics

## DISSERTATION

*Three Essays on Economic Development*  
Committee: Prof. Matthieu Chemin (Chair), Prof. Sonia Laszlo

## JOB MARKET PAPER

“High-Speed Mobile Internet, Firms, and Labour Market Outcomes”

*Abstract:* Do businesses benefit from high-speed mobile internet? To deal with the endogeneity of internet infrastructure placement, I simulate how 4G would have been deployed among Ecuador's counties if the deployment of this mobile network infrastructure had been based solely on cost considerations linked to geography. Using this hypothetical rollout as an instrument and data on the universe of formal firms in Ecuador, I estimate how high-speed mobile internet affects employment and wages in firms. Results show an increase in employment and wage per worker, driven respectively by micro firms in low and high internet intensity sectors. Further decomposition by workers' characteristics shows employment increasing for younger workers and wage for men. Firms' initial access to internet might explain these findings.

## WORKING PAPERS

“Norm shifting interventions and beliefs about gender norms in Paraguay” (with S. Laszlo, C. de Miranda, F. Grimard, T. Insfrán, L. Morínigo and J. Warnick)  
*Accepted at Economic Development and Cultural Change.*

## WORK IN PROGRESS

“The Socio-Economic Effects of Access to Electricity: Evidence from a Community-Based Micro Hydro Project in Kenya” (with M. Chemin)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Urban Economics (Fall 2024), Economic Statistics (Winter 2024), Macroeconomic Analysis and Application (Fall 2023), Macroeconomic Analysis and Application (Winter 2023, Fall 2022), Microeconomics for Public Policy (Fall 2022), Public Sector Economics (Winter 2022), Industrial Organization (Fall 2021), Government Policy towards Businesses (Winter 2021), Economic Development (Fall 2020, 2019, 2018; Winter 2020, 2019, 2017) (all undergraduate), McGill University

## FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

Project Manager, ELIMU Evaluation Impact Unit, Kianyaga, Kenya, Sept. 2017- June 2018

## RESEARCH AND RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Prof. Sonia Laszlo, McGill University, Summer 2020

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

Canadian Economics Association (CEA) Student Travel Grant, 2024

Graduate Excellence Awards, 2018-2022

Allan A. Hodgson Arts Internship Award, 2017

Institute for the Study of International Development (ISID) Graduate Field Research Award, 2017

## CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2024: 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Meetings of the Canadian Economics Association (Toronto Metropolitan University, Toronto), CIREQ Lunch Seminar (McGill University, Montréal), McGill Applied Micro Breakfast (McGill University, Montréal)

2023: ISID conference “Trends and Prospects in Development” (McGill University, Montréal), CIREQ Lunch Seminar (McGill University, Montréal), McGill Applied Micro Breakfast (McGill University, Montréal)

2022: McGill Applied Micro Breakfast (McGill University, Montréal)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Refereed for *Journal of Development Studies*

## LANGUAGES

French (native), English (fluent), Spanish (beginner/intermediate)

## COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS

Stata, Python, VBA, ODK (Open Data Kit)

## REFERENCES

Prof. Matthieu Chemin	McGill University	<a href="mailto:matthieu.chemin@mcgill.ca">matthieu.chemin@mcgill.ca</a>	514-398-5077
Prof. Sonia Laszlo	McGill University	<a href="mailto:sonia.laszlo@mcgill.ca">sonia.laszlo@mcgill.ca</a>	514-398-2102
Prof. Franque Grimard	McGill University	<a href="mailto:franque.grimard@mcgill.ca">franque.grimard@mcgill.ca</a>	514-398-4717