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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development Economics, Applied Microeconomics, Migration and Family Economics, Health and Nutrition

EDUCATION

University Clermont Auvergne, CERDI, France

2020 - 2025

Ph.D. in Economics

Thesis title: Nutrition, Migration and Family Economics in Developing Countries: Three Essays

Thesis supervision: Simone Bertoli (University Clermont Auvergne (UCA), CERDI), Bity Diene (UCA, CERDI), Théophile T. Azomahou (UCA, CERDI)

Thesis committee: Jean-Louis Combes (University Clermont Auvergne), Sylvie Démurger (CNRS, ENS Lyon), Catherine Guirkingner (University of Namur), Élodie Maître d'Hôtel (CIRAD)

University Clermont Auvergne, CERDI, France

2018-2020

M.Sc. in Development Economics

One semester at Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary

University Clermont Auvergne, CERDI, France

2017-2018

B.Sc. in Development Economics

University Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne, Lycée Turgot, France

2015-2017

B.Sc. in Economics and Classes Préparatoires aux Grandes Ecoles

VISITING POSITIONS

University of Fribourg, Department of Economics, Switzerland

January-February 2024

Visiting researcher.

University of Göttingen, CeMIS, Germany

April-June 2023

Visiting researcher. Host: Sebastian Vollmer.

PUBLICATIONS

Migration and Nutrition of the Left Behind: Evidence from Ghana (2025), World Development

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2024.106853>

Transition and Persistence in the Double Burden of Malnutrition and Overweight or Obesity: Evidence from South Africa (2022), Food Policy (with Théophile T. Azomahou and Bity Diene)

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foodpol.2022.102303>

WORKING PAPERS

Mapping Patterns of Internal Mobility in the Sahel (2024), *Background Paper for the Sahel Adaptive Social Protection Program. Mimeo: World Bank* (with Elsa Gautrain, Flore Gubert, and Anne-Sophie Robilliard)

A Replication of Macchi: “Worth Your Weight: Experimental Evidence on the Benefits of Obesity in Low-Income Countries” (2024), *I4R Discussion Paper Series* (with Melchior Clerc and Eliot Wendling)

<https://ideas.repec.org/p/zbw/i4rdps/145.html>

WORK IN PROGRESS

Child Fostering and Nutrition in South Africa (with Christelle Dumas and Elsa Gautrain)

In sub-Saharan Africa, child fostering—a widespread practice in which a child is sent to live temporarily or permanently in a household other than that of their biological parents—can have significant implications for child health. Using longitudinal data from South Africa that includes individual tracking, we employ machine learning techniques to address biases related to selection into fostering and endogenous attrition, two common challenges in the literature. Our findings reveal that fostering reduces the probability of being stunted by 7 percentage points, corresponding to a 45 percent reduction compared to the mean prevalence. This improvement appears to be driven by foster children relocating to smaller, rural households, often including retired individuals, typically grandparents who receive a pension. Furthermore, we find that fostering not only enhances the nutritional status of foster children but also benefits the nutrition of siblings who remain in the sending household, suggesting that fostering can produce mutually beneficial outcomes for both groups.

DISSEMINATION

CNRS, Actualités Rhône Auvergne - Migration et nutrition des individus laissés-derrière: le cas du Ghana (December 2024). [Link](#)

UCA, Actualité scientifique - Migration et nutrition des individus laissés-derrière: le cas du Ghana (December 2024). [Link](#)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University Clermont Auvergne

2021-2023

Teaching assistant

Advanced Econometrics, M.Sc. (28 hours per year for two years)

Tutoring, Master's theses, Econometrics, M.Sc. (4 hours per year for two years)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

World Bank, Washington D.C, USA

2023-2024

Consultant (part time, remotely)

Preparation of a background paper for the Sahel Adaptive Social Protection Programme (SASPP) that maps the patterns of internal mobility in the Sahel.

High-Commission for Planning, Rabat, Morocco

May-July 2019

Research assistant

Research assistant in the statistics division of the High-Commission for Planning under the supervision of a senior economist.

Kateka, Kaoh Thum, Cambodia

June-July 2018

Volunteer

Internship at an educational center in rural Cambodia, involving language instruction and extracurricular activities with children. Conducted a field study on the district's economy and interviews with local workers.

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

2024

Sustainable Food Systems Symposium 2024, University of Göttingen

International Conference on Development Economics 2024 (ICDE), Aix-Marseille School of Economics

Invited seminar, MoISA, University of Montpellier

Internal seminar, CERDI, University Clermont Auvergne

Migration and Mobility Workshop, CERDI, University Clermont Auvergne

ADRES Job Market Conference 2024, ENS Paris-Saclay

2023

Replication Games, Institute for Replication, ENS Lyon

Journées Doctorales du Développement, Job Market Training, AFEDEV, University Paris Dauphine

Internal seminar, University of Göttingen

39èmes Journées de Microéconomie Appliquée (JMA), BETA, University of Strasbourg

2022

Internal seminar, CERDI, University Clermont Auvergne

16èmes Journées de Recherche en Sciences Sociales (JRSS), INRAE, SFER, CIRAD

REFEREEING

Journal of Development Studies; Food Policy (*3); International Journal of Manpower

SCHOLARSHIPS

Doctoral research stay scholarship, University Clermont Auvergne *2023*

Full doctoral scholarship (French Ministry of Research) *2020-2023*

SOFTWARE/PROGRAMMING

Advanced Stata, R, \LaTeX

Basic Eviews, QGIS

LANGUAGES

French (native), English (proficient), German (basic)

OTHER INTERESTS

Trail and road running, climbing, and hiking.