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Researcher in Law & Economics

About Me I am a post-doc in Law and Economics at University of Paris II (Panthéon-Assas) in France. My research interests focus on French labor courts, legal certainty, applied econometrics and experimental economics.

I am currently the **General Secretary of the French Association of Law and Economics (AFED)**.

Education

2012 - 2015, University of Paris II

PhD in Law & Economics under the supervision of Bruno Deffains. “*Economic Analysis of Legal Norms: from the Constitutional Origins to the Enforcement by the Judge*”. Highest Honors.

Jury: Marc Ferracci, Samuel Ferey, Roberto Galbiati, Stefan Voigt, Yvon Rocaboy.

2011 - 2012, Sciences Po Paris

Master 2 in Economics, PhD track in Economics, Cum Laude.

2010 - 2012, Polytechnique - Sciences Po - ENSAE

Joint Master in Economics and Public Policies.

Positions

Nov 2015 - present, *Postdoc in Law & Economics*, University of Paris 2

Work as Executive Director of the Index of Legal Certainty, an international project aiming at assessing legal certainty in 20 countries.

Nov 2012 - Oct 2015, *PhD Candidate*, University of Paris 2

Research in law & economics; teaching in econometrics.

Research Experiences

Mar 2015 - present, *Index of Legal Certainty*, Research member

International project aiming at assessing legal certainty in 20 countries.

Aug 2014 - Dec 2014, *Visiting Scholar*, Columbia University (US)

Law faculty, sponsor: Richard Brooks.

June 2012 - Aug 2012, *Research stay*, Kobe University (Japan)

JSPS scholarship. Studies on the centralization processes in Japan and in Germany during the 19th century.

Awards

2016, *PhD Award*, Chancellerie de Paris

Aguirre-Basualdo PhD Award for PhD in economics.

2016, *PhD Award*, AFSE

PhD Award of the French Association of Economics.

2016, *PhD Award*, University of Paris 2

PhD Award in Economics of the University of Paris 2.



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Scholarships and Fundings

2016, *GIP Funding*, French Ministry of Justice

Research project on Sentencing Guidelines

2012, *Research Scholarship*, Japanese Society for Promotion of Science

Research scholarship for summer research program.

Publications

[Political Self-Serving Bias and Redistribution \[Link\]](#)

Journal of Public Economics, Feb. 2016, Vol. 134, pp. 67-74, with B. Deffains and C. Thöni.

[State Provision of Constitutional Goods \[Link\]](#)

Constitutional Political Economy, March 2016, Vol. 27, Issue 1, pp. 1-40.

[Fewer Courts, Less Justice \[Link\]](#)

European Journal of Law and Economics, April 2017, Vol. 43, Issue 2, with C. Desrieux and H. Wan.

[Constitutional Judicial Behavior: Exploring the Determinants of the Decisions of the French Constitutional Council \[Link\]](#)

Review of Law and Economics, Juin 2017, Vol. 13, Issue 2

[Law-Making as an Endogenous Process \[Link\]](#)

CESifo Economic Studies, 2014, Vol. 60, Num. 3, pp. 463-489.

Working Papers

[Access to Labor Courts & Unemployment: Evidence from French Labor Courts](#)

Revise & Resubmit (Sept. 2017), International Review of Law and Economics, with C. Desrieux and M. Ferracci

[Litigants' Strategies in Elected Courts: Evidence from French Labor Courts](#)

Working Paper, with C. Desrieux

[Laws and Norms: Experimental Evidence with Liability Rules](#)

Working Paper (March 2017), with B. Deffains and C. Fluet

[Private Sector \(De\)Motivation? Students' Career choices for the Public or the Private sector](#)

Working Paper (July 2017), with A. Boring and C. Desrieux

Publications in French Journals

[Analyse économique des conseils de prud'hommes : Enjeux et Perspectives](#)

Revue Française d'Économie, July 2017, Vol. 23, with C. Desrieux

[L'indépendance du Conseil constitutionnel français en question](#)

Cahiers de la Justice, Numéro 4, 2015

[Conseils de Prud'hommes, Syndicats et résolution des litiges : une analyse économique](#)

Cahiers de la Justice, Numéro 4, 2015, with C. Desrieux



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Organization of conferences

- 2nd Annual of the French Association of Law and Economics (AFED), co-organizer
- Public Economic Theory Annual Congress - PET (2017), organized by Etienne Lehmann.
- 2nd Villa Finaly Law & Economics Workshop, Florence (2016), co-organisateur.
- 1st Annual Congress of the French Association of Law and Economics (AFED), co-organizer
- 1st Villa Finaly Law & Economics Workshop, Florence (2016), co-organisateur.
- 14th International Workshop on Spatial Econometrics and Statistics, organized by Alain Pirotte, assistant organizer.
- 2nd International Meeting in Law & Economics, organized by Claudine Desrieux and Eric Langlais, assistant organizer.
- 12th annual conference of the TEPP federation, organized by Etienne Lehmann et Fathi Fakhkah, assistant organizer.

Presentation at Conferences

- Public Economic Theory Annual Congress - PET (2017)
- Annual Congress of the French Association of Experimental Economics - ASFEE (2017)
- European Economic Association Annual Congress - EEA (2016)
- Conference on Empirical Legal Studies in Europe - CELSE (2016)
- AFSE Annual Congress (2015, 2016, 2017)
- TEPP Winter School (2014, 2016)
- TEPP Annual Congress (2015)
- LAGV, Aix-en-Provence (2015, 2016)
- 2nd International Meeting in Law and Economics (2015)
- Columbia Law School Visiting Scholar Forum (2014)
- International Society for New Institutional Economics (2013, 2014)
- Augustin Cournot Doctoral Days (2014, 2015)
- Journées de Microéconomie Appliquée - JMA (2013, 2014, 2015)
- European Association of Law and Economics - EALE (2012, 2013, 2017)
- Joint Seminar on the Future of Law and Economics (2013)
- Doctoral Spring School of Economics of Aix-Marseille University (2012)
- Law and Economics Seminar of Paris Nanterre (2011)
- Law and Economics Congress of CESifo (2011)
- Congress of Complex Systems (2011)

Invited Seminars

- Behavioral Economics Seminar, Paris School of Economics (Sept. 2017)
- Keynote lecture at the French Association for Development and Research in Economics and Statistics (ADRES, Feb. 2017)
- Liege Competition and Innovation Institute - Université de Liège (Dec. 2016)
- Bureau d'Économie Appliquée et Théorique - Université de Lorraine (Dec. 2016)
- Centre de Recherche en Économie et Management (Sept. 2016)
- Centre d'Étude des Politiques Économiques (Jan. 2016)



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Referee

Editorial Position :

- Associate Editor of the *Supreme Court Economic Review* (Sept. 2017 - now)

Referee :

- European Journal of Law and Economics
- Revue d'Économie Politique
- Revue Française d'Économie
- Revue Française d'Économie

Teaching

Econometrics, Université Paris 2

Third year bachelor program, tutorials (2014, 89 students; 2015, 80 students; 2016, 60 students)

Fundamentals of Data Analysis for Policy Makers, Sciences Po

Second year bachelor program, 2016, 22 students

Languages

- French: Native
- English: Excellent
- German: Fluent
- Japanese: Intermediate

Computer Skills

- Statistics: RStudio, Stata
- Web: HTML5, CSS, PHP, Javascript, Bootstrap
- OOP: Java, Objective-C