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Education

- 2018 PhD Economics, Berlin School of Economics (*summa cum laude*)
2012 MSc Econometrics and Economic Theory, Toulouse School of Economics
2010 BA Mathematics for the Social Sciences, Dartmouth College

Employment

- 2020 – Assistant Professor of Economics (with tenure)
University of Louvain
- 2019 – 2020 Consultant
World Bank Office of the Chief Economist, Africa Region
- 2018 – 2019 Postdoctoral Research Officer
Nuffield College, University of Oxford. Centre for Experimental Social Science

Publications

- 2025 When Money Can't Buy Political Love: Lab Experiments on Vote Buying in Ghana and Uganda"
with D. Burbidge and N. Cheeseman
Economic Development and Cultural Change
- 2024 "Time for Tea. Measuring Discounting for Money and Consumption Without the Utility Confound."
with M. Abdellaoui, E. Kemel, F. Vieider
Journal of Development Economics
- 2022 "The Globalizability of Temporal Discounting."
with K Ruggeri,...,and E Garcia-Garzon (second author)
Nature Human Behaviour
- "Field Experiments in the Global South: Assessing Risks, Localizing Benefits, and Addressing Positionality"
with E. Herman[©], E Wellman, G Blair, L Pruett, K Opalo, H Alarian, A Grossman, Y Tan, A Dyzenhaus, and N Owsley.
PS Political Science and Politics
- 2020 "God insures those who pay? Formal insurance and religious offerings in Ghana".
with Auriol, Emmanuelle, Julie Lassebie, Eva Raiber, and Paul Seabright.
Quarterly Journal of Economics
- 2019 "Measuring time and risk preferences in an integrated framework."
with M. Abdellaoui, E. Kemel, F. Vieider
Games and Economic Behavior

Working Papers

- 2025 "Religion and Economic Development: Past, Present and Future"
with S. Becker, S. Pfaff and J. Rubin
- 2018 "Take your time or take your chance: time discounting as a distorted probability."
with M. Abdellaoui, E. Kemel, F. Vieider

Other Writing

- 2021 "Four reasons why analysis of economic policy and religion go hand-in-hand in sub-Saharan Africa." *PEGNet Policy Brief*
- 2020 "Economics Experiments in Africa: How Many and by Whom?"
CODESRIA Bulletin No. 1, 2020

Teaching

- 2020-present Advanced Microeconomic Theory – Decision Theory and General Equilibrium;
Master's seminar on European Economic Policy in Africa; PhD seminars on social preferences and economics experiments.
- 2019 Running lab-in-the-field experiments.
Judgement and Decision-Making Meeting for Early Career Researchers. Trento, Italy.
- 2018 Lab experiments and introduction to oTree.
CESS/Essex Summer School in Experimental Social Sciences. Oxford, UK.

Big Data for Behavioural Economics.
FLAME University elective course. Pune, India.
- 2016–2018 Development Economics.
International Summer School in Economics and Management. Havana, Cuba.

Awards and Grants

- 2025 €200, 000 FNRS-MIS for "Religious Persuasion; Economic Decisions"
- 2022 €40, 000 FNRS-CDR for "Anxiety, Insurance and Economic Mistakes"
€10, 000 JPAL DigiFi for "Saving for Insurance"
£10, 000 IGC Early Career Grant for "Text Analysis of Parliamentary Preferences" (with Benjamin Chibuye)
- 2021 €30, 000 FNRS-CDR for "Identity Poverty: The effects of Majoritarian Politics on Cognitive functions and Social Identity choices" (with Joseph Gomes [PI], Ritwik Banerjee, Emmy Lindstam)
- 2019 €28, 800 ASK fellowship for project "Religious practices as a response to changing economic conditions in developing countries".

\$30, 000 CODESRIA Meaning-making Research Initiatives grant for research project on "Promoting research transparency and openness in African higher education". (with J. Byakika-Tusiime, K. Sipangule Khadjavi, R. Nikiema, and E. Wang Sonne)

Service

Referee: The Quarterly Journal of Economics, Theory and Decision, European Economic Review, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Frontiers in Decision Making, The Journal of Development Economics, The Economic Journal, The Review of Economics and Statistics

Associate Editor, Journal for Contemporary African Studies

Co-founder of the Development Economics Network of Berlin: www.deveconberlin.org

Languages: English (native), French (C1), German (B2), Hindi (A1)

Field experience: Germany, Ghana, India, Senegal, Uganda