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Research topics : International Economics (trade, value chains, competitiveness) ; Industrial Organization ; Economics of Innovation.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2025–present	Assistant Professor (MCF contractuel LRU) Academic Coordinator of the Master 2 program in Public Administration Nantes University	Nantes, France
2024–2025	Contract Lecturer-Researcher University of Rennes, CREM - UMR6211	Rennes, France
2023–2024	Research Engineer INRAE, SMART - UMR1302	Nantes, France
2023–2024	Temporary lecturer University of Rennes, University Bretagne Sud	Rennes and Lorient, France
2020–2023	PhD contract INRAE, SMART - UMR1302	Nantes, France
2022 (3 months)	Research mobility Rossi-Doria Centre, Roma Tre University	Roma, Italy
2020 (6 months)	Internship INRAE, SMART - UMR1302	Nantes, France
2017–2018	Assistant Teacher African Institute of Administration and Business Studies (IAEC)	Lome, Togo
2017 (7 months)	Professional internship Audit of healthcare providers’ invoices National Institute of Health Insurance (INAM–Togo)	Lome, Togo

RESEARCH PROJECTS & SUPERVISION

- 2025–2026 **Proposed and obtained funding for a Master’s internship project**
“*Innovation, Market Power and Technological Diffusion in Global Production Networks*”
Funded by INRAE, UMR SMART (6-month internship)
Co-supervision with [Karine Latouche](#) (INRAE–SMART)
- 2020–2024 **Better Agri-food Trade Modelling for Policy Analysis (BATModel)**
European Union’s Horizon 2020 project.
Participant in WP4, Task 4.3. : “*Organization of global value chains (GVCs), participation and performance of agri-food firms*”
INRAE, UMR SMART
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PUBLICATIONS

peer-review journal

- Agbekponou, K.M., Cheptea, A. and Latouche, K. (2025). Retailer Suppliers and Global Value Chains in the Agri-Food Sector. *Review of International Economics* 33 (3), 657–678. <https://doi.org/10.1111/roie.12802>
- Agbekponou, K. M., and Kebalo, L. (2019). Relation Dette–Croissance économique dans la CEDEAO : Analyse à travers une approche non–linéaire. *Revue Economique et Monétaire*, (26), 9-33. <https://hal.science/hal-02181738/>

Working paper

- Agbekponou, K.M. (2025). From Input-Output Networks to Sectoral Innovation. Working Paper CREM. DOI: [10.13140/RG.2.2.22621.32486](https://doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.22621.32486) (**Job Market Paper, under peer review at the *European Economic Review***)
 - Agbekponou, K.M. and Fusacchia, I. (2025). Shifting the Boundaries, Pricing Down the Chain : Firm-Level Evidence. Working Paper. DOI: [10.13140/RG.2.2.30637.55520](https://doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.30637.55520) (**Under peer review at the *Journal of Economics & Management Strategy***)
 - Agbekponou, K. M., Cheptea, A., Latouche, K. and Le Roy, C. (2025) Participation and Positioning of Agri-food Firms in Global Value Chains : Measures and Data. *Working Paper SMART* 25-01, 24 p. <https://ageconsearch.umn.edu/record/349136/?v=pdf> (**Submitted to the *Applied Economics***)
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WORK IN PROGRESS

“**Innovation in the Network Economy : Market Power and Global Spillovers**”

“**Impact of Corporate Governance on Offshoring Strategies**”

“**Quality Upgrading and Position in Global Value Chains**” with Angela Cheptea and Karine Latouche

“How Much Is Counted Twice ? Diagnosing Value Added Bias with a Stage-Sensitive Decomposition” with Onur Biyik

“What’s in a GVC Trade Flow ? Global Databases and Micro evidence” in *Reshaping Global Value Chains : Approaches and Insights from Economics* with Ilaria Fusacchia, Silvia Nenci and Luca Salvatici – book chapter under review at *Cambridge University Press*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Speaker at a summer school

2024 (1 day) **Lecturer on “GVC modelling”** Sevilla, Spain
BATModel Summer School
European Commission’s Joint Research Centre (JRC)

Classical courses

Lessons taught	CM/TD	Public	Nb. of hours	Year
Economic policy	CM/TD	L3 (French)	45/15	2025–2026
Principles of Economics	CM/TD	L3 (French)	45/15	2025–2026
Microeconomics (Public Economics)	TD	L2 (French)	20×4	2024–2025
Microeconomics (Public Economics)	TD	L2 (English)	20×2	2024–2025
Basic microeconomics	TD	L1 (French)	20×3	2024–2025
Environmental economics	CM/TD	L1 (French)	15/12×2	2023–2024
Microeconomics (Game theory)	TD	L3 (French)	18×3	2023–2024
International and transport economics	CM/TD	M1 (French)	15/10	2017–2018
Geopolitical and socio-cultural approaches of international markets	CM/TD	L3 (French)	15/10	2017–2018
Total hours (TD equivalent)			443	

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2020–2024 **PhD in economics**
Thesis : [Global value chains analysis in the agri-food industries](#)
INRAE, SMART - UMR1302 Nantes and Institut Agro Rennes–Angers, France

Members of jury :

[Ariell Reshef](#) (Research Director CNRS, Paris1, PSE and CEPPII, France), Reviewer
[Liza Jabbour](#) (Senior Lecturer, University of Birmingham, UK), Reviewer
[Catherine Laroche Dupraz](#) (Professor, Institut Agro Rennes-Angers, France), Examiner
[José De Sousa](#) (Professor, University Paris-Assas and Sciences-Po, France), President of jury
[Karine Latouche](#) (Research Director INRAE, France), Thesis supervisor
[Angela Cheptea](#) (Researcher INRAE, France), Co-supervisor

Members of thesis committee :

Luca Salvatici, Professor, Roma Tre University, Italie

Charlotte Emlinger, Researcher, CEPII, France

Alban Thomas, Research Director INRAE, GAEL, France

2018–2020 **Master in Environmental, Energy and Transport Economics (EEET)**

University of Nantes (IAE–Nantes), France

2015–2017 **Research Master in Economic Analysis and Policy (APE)**

University of Lome (FASEG–Lome), Togo

2008–2012 **Bachelor’s degree in development economics**

University of Lome (FASEG–Lome), Togo

DOCTORAL TRAINING

2023 (1 week) **Summer school of Paris School of Economics (PSE)**

INTERNATIONAL TRADE : Firms, policies and distributional outcomes

Speakers : Pol Antràs (Harvard University), Ariell Reshef (PSE),

Mathieu Parenti (PSE), Sandra Poncet (PSE)

2022 (2 days) **Microeconometrics**

Speaker : Alain Carpentier (INRAE)

2022 (1 week) **Ecole Internationale de Recherche d’Agreenium (EIR-A) seminars**

2021 (1 week) **on bio-economy and digital transition in agriculture and food**

2021 (3 months) **PAPIRUS training - publishing and communicating in science**

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

“From input-output networks to sectoral innovation” (Job Market Paper)

2025 1^{ere} *Journée d’étude Data Science in Economics and Finance – Économétrie spatiale : Avancées théoriques et applications empiriques*, Le Havre, France.

2025 *Internal Seminar of the UMR Structures et Marchés Agricoles, Ressources et Territoires (SMART), INRAE, Rennes, France.*

“Shifting the Boundaries, Pricing Down the Chain : Firm-Level Evidence” (with I. Fusacchia)

2025 *XVIIIth European Association of Agricultural Economists (EAAE) Congress*, Bonn, Germany (**upcoming**).

2025 *41^{eme} Journées de Microéconomie Appliquée (JMA)*, Poitiers, France.

2025 *Internal Seminar of the Centre de Recherche en Economie & Management (CREM), Université de Rennes, Rennes, France.*

2024 *98th Annual Conference of The Agricultural Economics Society (AES)*, Edinburgh, United Kingdom.

2023 *International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium (IATRC) Annual Meeting*,

Clearwater Beach, Floriae, USA.

“Quality upgrading and firms’ position in global value chains” (with A. Cheptea and K. Latouche)

2024 *Export Product Quality in the Context of Global Value Chains Workshop*, Groningen, Netherlands.

2023 *XVIIth European Association of Agricultural Economists (EAAE) Congress*, Rennes, France.

2023 *39^{eme} Journées de Microéconomie Appliquée (JMA)*, Strasbourg, France.

2022 *Seminar at Roma Tre University*, Roma, Italy.

“The positioning of French agri-food firms in GVCs” (with A. Cheptea, K. Latouche and C. Le Roy)

2022 *9th EAAE PhD Workshop*, Parma, Italy.

2022 *Annual workshop of the PhD school EDGE*, Nantes, France.

“Retailer-driven value chain in the agri-food sector : an analysis of the participation of French firms” (with A. Cheptea and K. Latouche)

2021 *XVIth EAAE Congress Online*, Prague, Czech Republic.

2021 *14^{eme} Journées de Recherche en Sciences Sociales (JRSS) Online*, Clermont–Ferrand, France.

2021 *Joint seminar Roma Tre University and Sapienza University (GDS17 working group on the impact of economic policies) Online*, Roma, Italy.

“Energy costs, technical performance and innovation : an analysis of the sustainability of firms in Togo”

2019 *4th AfricaLics Research Conference*, Dar es Salaam, Tanzanie.

“Intellectual property rights revenues and scientific production in Sub-Saharan Africa : an analysis in systemic terms”

2018 *16th Globelics Conference*, Accra, Ghana.

“Effets direct et indirect de long-terme et effet non linéaire des transferts de fonds des migrants sur la productivité du travail dans l’UEMOA”

2018 *Colloque Scientifique International et Mélanges en l’honneur de Feu Professeur FULBERT MACAIRE PALLADE AMOUSSOUGA GERO*, Cotonou, Bénin.

ACADEMIC REFERENCES

■ **Carl Gagné** : Research Director, INRAE, UMR SMART. 4, Allée Adolphe Bobierre CS61103 35011 Rennes Cedex, France. carl.gaigne@inrae.fr

■ **Karine Latouche** : Research Director, INRAE, UMR SMART. 3 impasse Yvette Cauchois, La Géraudière, CS 71627, 44316 Nantes, France. karine.latouche@inrae.fr

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Languages : French (mother tongue)
English (full professional competence)

Software : Stata, R, Latex

Marital status : Married with one child

Volunteering : university association “Petits Pieds” (IAE-Nantes)

Focus of interest : Sport (football - license Football club Rézé (Nantes))
Afro-urban music