

# EDDY ZANOUTENE

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## CURRENT POSITION

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2023– Postdoctoral Researcher, *CY Cergy Paris University*

## RESEARCH FIELDS

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Public Finance, Public Economics, Applied Microeconomics

## EDUCATION

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2019 - 2023 Ph.D in Economics, *Paris-Panthéon-Assas University*  
Advisor: Etienne Lehmann

2022 - 2023 4th Year Ph.D Fellowship, *Aix-Marseille School Of Economics*  
Advisor: Alain Trannoy

2017 - 2019 Master in Economics, *Institut Polytechnique de Paris*

2015 - 2019 Master in Management, *HEC Paris*

2015 - 2016 Bachelor in Economics, *Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne University*

## JOB MARKET PAPER

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### How to fund nonprofits? R&R at *Journal of Public Economics*

**Abstract:** Governments support nonprofits through direct grants and tax incentives for private donations, but the optimal mix of these tools remains unclear. I develop a model in which households donate to multiple causes and the government can use both instruments to support nonprofit funding. A key determinant of the optimal policy mix is tax discrimination, defined as the ability to vary tax incentives by cause. When tax discrimination is feasible, warm-glow giving makes private funding more efficient, reducing the need for grants. However, when tax discrimination is constrained, grants become essential to compensate for the rigidity of the tax system. In a calibrated example, the optimal government share of nonprofit funding rises from 0% to 60% as tax discrimination becomes more limited. When donations are leaky, delivering less than a dollar of value per dollar given, the importance of tax discrimination declines. In the extreme case of uniform leakage, Pareto efficiency can be achieved with grants and a linear tax credit, uniform across causes, similar to the systems currently implemented in Belgium, France, or New Zealand.

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Scale-dependent and risky returns to savings: Consequences for optimal capital taxation**, *Journal of Public Economic Theory*, 2023, vol. 25, no 3, p. 532-569

**Faut-il mettre au barème les dividendes?**, with Marie-Noëlle Lefebvre, Etienne Lehmann and Michaël Sicsic *Revue Française d'économie*, 2021, p. 57-98

## WORKING PAPER

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**Optimal Taxation of (Un)Distributed Profits**, with Etienne Lehmann

**Abstract:** We study the optimal combination of corporate and dividend income taxation when firms can use retained earnings to reduce their tax burden. We show that eliminating dividend taxes while raising the corporate income tax (CIT) can increase total revenue without affecting investment. Our simulations suggest net revenue gains of 0.1-0.4% of GDP. In an infinite-horizon model, the optimal policy sets dividend taxes to zero in every period. As the discount factor approaches one and when the planner values only workers' welfare, the optimal steady-state CIT converges to a standard inverse-elasticity rule.

## RESEARCH PROJECT

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2019 - 2021     **Evaluation of French Reforms on Capital Taxation**, with Etienne Lehmann (scientific supervisor), Marie-Noëlle Lefebvre and Michaël Sicsic  
Financed by *France Stratégie*  
Two-year research project to evaluate the impact on public funds of the 2013 hike and the 2018 cut on dividend taxation, using household-level fiscal data.

## RESEARCH STAYS

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October 2023     Harvard University, Boston  
  
March 2022     Ifo Institute for Economic Research, Munich

## CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

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2025     TEPP (Rennes, France), LAGV (Marseille, France), PET (Lisboa, Portugal), Workshop In Taxation Economics (Paris, France), Theoretical and Applied Economics Seminar (Cergy, France)  
  
2024     Taxloop Workshop (Bergen, Norway), LAGV (Marseille, France), IIPF (Prague, Czech Republic)  
  
2023     NTA Annual Conference (Denver, USA), European Winter Meeting Econometric Society (Manchester, England), LAGV (Marseille, France), AFSE (Paris, France), Workshop In Taxation Economics (Paris, France), Theoretical and Applied Economics Seminar (Cergy, France), AMSE Ph.D Seminar (Marseille, France)

2022	EEA-ESEM Congress (Milan, Italy), IIPF (Linz, Austria), LAGV (Marseille, France), AFSE (Dijon, France), CESIFO Area Conference on Public Economics (Online), ADRES Doctoral Conference (Online), Workshop in Taxation Economics (Online), PEWorkshop LMU (Online)
2021	ASSET Annual Meeting (Marseille, France), IIPF (Online), CESIFO Area Conference on Public Economics (Online)
2021	ASSET Annual Meeting (Marseille, France), IIPF (Online), CESIFO Area Conference on Public Economics (Online)
2020	IIPF (Online), Workshop In Taxation Economics (Online)

## TEACHING

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2024 - 2025	Lecturer, <i>Sciences Po Saint Germain</i> Public Economics, Undergraduate, 2nd Year
2022 - 2024	Lecturer, <i>Sciences Po Paris</i> Public Economics, Master Students
2020 - 2021	Tutor, <i>Paris-Panthéon-Assas University</i> Game Theory and Firm Strategy, Undergraduate, 3rd Year - Prof. Christine Hal-menschlager
2019 - 2021	Tutor, <i>Paris-Panthéon-Assas University</i> Game Theory, Undergraduate, 3rd Year - Prof. Damien Gaumont

## RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

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2018	Economist intern – Natixis Pfandbriefbank AG – Frankfurt Research project: “An analysis of the drivers of globalization using Wolrd Input-Output databse”, with Aimé Bierdel
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## SKILLS

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Languages	French (Native) and English (Fluent)
Software	STATA, SAS, Mathematica, $\text{\LaTeX}$ , MS Office.