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Research interests: Behavioral & Experimental Economics; Social identity and socioeconomic inequality; Redistribution & Public finance; Macroeconomics

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics (defence 18th December 2025)   2021–2025
Centre d'Économie de la Sorbonne (CES), Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne — Paris, France
Advisors: Jean-Christophe Vergnaud (Université Paris 1, CNRS) · Béatrice Boulu-Reshef (CY Cergy Paris Université)
Jury: Agnès Festré (Université Côte d'Azur) · Camille Chaserant (Université Paris 1) · Fabio Galeotti (Université de Lyon, CNRS) · Lusine Grigoryan (University of York)

Thesis: *Visibility and Social Closeness: How Information Shapes Beliefs, Coordination, and Third-Party Responses*
Integrating behavioural economics, social psychology, and experimental game theory, the project articulates a cohesive framework on how social information reshapes beliefs and behaviour in strategic settings and how it shapes selectivity in third-party norm enforcement.

MSc in International Political Economy   2013–2014
London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) — London, UK
Merit (Upper Second-Class Honours)

B.A. in International Relations   2007–2011
Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM) — Mexico City, Mexico
Graduated with Honours; GPA 95/100

WORKING PAPERS

Job Market Paper: *Selective Third-Party Enforcement: How Socioeconomic Similarity Shapes Punishment and Reward* (consult here)
How Close Is Close Enough? : The Limits of Social Closeness in Fostering Dishonesty (with Jean-Christophe Vergnaud and Béatrice Boulu-Reshef)
Disclosing Information: How Personality Data Shapes Strategic Coordination and Cooperation (with Jean-Christophe Vergnaud and Béatrice Boulu-Reshef)

RESEARCH & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Research Associate   2022–2025
Centre d'Économie de la Sorbonne (CES), Paris

- Designed and implemented online and laboratory experiments; ran pre-analysis plans and causal identification strategies.
- Built, cleaned, and documented large experimental datasets; conducted inferential and econometric analyses; produced publication-quality figures and tables.

Teaching Assistant (Undergraduate)   2022–2025
Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne
Courses: International Macroeconomics (L3); International Monetary Economics (L3); Open Macroeconomics (L2); Comparative Economic Theories (L2); Descriptive Statistics (L1).

Teaching Assistant (Postgraduate)   2023-2024
Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne
Course: Corporate Finance (M2).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Consultant, Research Evaluation   Jan–Oct 2023
Ministry of National Education and Youth, Paris

- Evaluated 50+ applications for access to sensitive administrative microdata; assessed identification strategy, statistical power, data minimisation, and risk.
- Drafted 30+ recommendation reports on project feasibility, detailing regulatory constraints (incl. GDPR), data-protection measures, and methodological conditions for approval.

National Officer, Corporate Partnerships   Feb 2018–Jan 2021
UNICEF, Mexico City

- Managed a portfolio of private-sector partnerships; achieved 100% renewal across active agreements.
- Produced donor reports linking funds to programme KPIs and theory-of-change milestones (direct/indirect beneficiaries, outputs, outcomes, and risks), integrating monitoring data.

Project Director — Economic Research & Editorial   Sep 2015–Dec 2017
The Business Year (Dubai · Beirut · Mexico City)

- Led country projects end-to-end; conducted 300+ executive and regulator interviews; validated datasets with official statistics and industry sources.
- Drafted country-level statistical reports for each project, compiling sector indicators, policy timelines and firm-level insights; produced publication-ready graphs and summary tables.

Consultant, Local Governance   Jan–Sep 2015
Transparency International Mexico, Mexico City

- Implemented a report on local beneficial-ownership legislation and enforcement across 32 Mexican states using a structured compliance framework.
- Drafted the country-level report identifying implementation gaps, data-transparency weaknesses and enforcement risks; delivered policy recommendations submitted to TI's global office (Berlin).

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2025 — AAP CES & EUR PgSE funding for *Selective Third-Party Enforcement*
2024 — ANR funding for *The Limits of Social Closeness in Fostering Dishonesty*
2022 — AAP CES & EUR PgSE for *How Personality Data Shapes Strategic Coordination and Cooperation*
2021 — Doctoral scholarship, CONACYT (Mexico).
2013 — Master's scholarship, CONACYT (Mexico).
2013 — Master's grant, Central Bank of Mexico (Banco de México).

SEMINAR AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2025 — ANR workshop (Montpellier), ASFEE (Grenoble)
2024 — Doctorissimes PhD Conference (Paris)
2023 — Journées du CES (Paris)

LANGUAGES & SKILLS

Spanish (native) • English (bilingual) • French (bilingual) • Italian (intermediate) • Russian (intermediate)

Programming Tools: Stata • R • Python • Power BI • Excel
Research: Policy analysis • Impact & process evaluation • Experimental & survey design • Causal inference
Writing & Communication: Policy briefs • Slide decks • Reports • Stakeholder facilitation