

POSITIONS

Senior Economist, World Bank	2018 –
Economist, World Bank	2013-2018
International Research Fellow, Institute for Fiscal Studies	2016 –

EDUCATION

PhD in Economics , London School of Economics	2008-2013
BA and MA in Development Economics , Sciences Po Paris	2003-2008
Middle East Studies and Arabic , Al Akhawayn University Morocco	2005-2006

PUBLICATIONS

“Casting a Wider Tax Net: Experimental Evidence from Costa Rica.” 2018. With Marco Hernandez, Stewart Kettle and Spencer Smith. Forthcoming, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*.

“Production Efficiency versus Revenue Efficiency with Limited Tax Capacity: Theory and Evidence from Pakistan.” 2015. With Michael Best, Henrik Kleven, Johannes Spinnewijn and Mazhar Waseem. *Journal of Political Economy*. 123(6): 1311-1355.

- Coverage from Microeconomic Insights, Vox, World Bank Blog.
- Featured by the Independent Commission for the Reform of International Corporate Taxation.

“The Normality of Informality: Trade Between Algeria and Mali.” 2017. With Sami Bensassi, Matthieu Pellerin and Gael Raballand, *Middle East Development Journal*. 9: 1-23

- Winner of the Prize for Best Paper in International Economics, Economic and Social Research Forum.

“The Investment Effect of Taxation: Evidence from a Corporate Tax Kink.” 2014. *Fiscal Studies*. 35(4): 477-509.

“Exporting for Development? The Pineapple Sector in Ghana.” 2009. *L’Economie Politique*. 41: 69-78.

WORKING PAPERS

“Taxation, Information and Withholding: Evidence from Costa Rica.” 2018. World Bank WP 7600. With Marco Hernandez.

- Winner of the World Bank Innovation Prize.
- Coverage from La Nación.

“Unemployment and Violent Extremism: Evidence from Daesh Foreign Recruits”, 2018. World Bank WP 8381. With Quy-Toan Do, Clément Joubert, Kartika Bhatia and Mohamed Abdel-Jelil.

- Coverage from Le Monde, Times of Israel, Times of India, Alarabiya and others.

“Public Sector Size and Performance Management: A Case Study of Post-Revolution Tunisia.” 2015. World Bank WP 7159. With Maha Khatrouch and Gael Raballand.

- Coverage from The Economist.
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POLICY REPORTS

Taxing the Digital Economy: Policy Options. 2018. [contributor]

Brazil’s Tax System: Overview and Reform Options. 2018. [lead author]

Tax Chapter of Costa Rica Public Finance Review. 2018. [lead author]

Tax Chapter of Ecuador Public Expenditure Review. 2018. [lead author]

Ecuador’s Tax System: Overview and Reform Options. 2017. [co-author]

Economic and Social Inclusion to Prevent Violent Extremism, MENA Economic Monitor Report. 2016. [co-author]

Unlocking the Potential for Economic Growth in Yemen. 2015. [lead author, chapter on oil and gas sector]
Distributional Effects of the 2014 Tax Reform in Chile. 2015. [contributor]
Governance of State-Owned Enterprises: Lessons from Egypt, Iraq, Morocco and Tunisia. 2015. [contributor]
Performance Contracts in Customs Agencies: Lessons from Cameroon and Togo. 2014. [co-author]

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

PRESENTATIONS

- 2019: AEA, Tübingen/Stuttgart, Berlin
- 2018: Nottingham, Cambridge, IFS TAXDEV conference, Columbia University Tax Policy Workshop, Michigan OTPR anniversary conference, UC Berkeley, NEUDC, scheduled: Zurich PF & Dev conference
- 2017: AEA, University of Michigan, World Bank, Oxford CSAE, Impact Evaluation Network, Institute for Fiscal Studies, Oxford Economics Department, NTA, Copenhagen inequality conference
- 2016: PacDev, LSE STICERD, Oxford CSAE, World Bank ABCDE, Oxford CBT Symposium, IIPF, IMF, the George Washington University, IDB, NTA, Zurich PF & Dev conference
- 2015: World Bank, IMF, IIPF, PEUK, NTA, Renmin University of China, CUFU University Beijing
- 2013/14: LSE, Warwick, HMRC, Oxford CBT Symposium, EBRD, IEA World Congress

TEACHING

- Guest lectures on public finance, Johns Hopkins and George Washington University, 2016-2018
- Guest lectures on econometrics, George Washington University, 2016-2017
- Tax Policy and Administration Course, World Bank, 05/2016
- Impact Evaluation Methods, J-PAL Latin America, 10/2015
- Development Economics for MPA Students, LSE (teaching fellowship), 2011/12
- Microeconomics for MSc Students, LSE (teaching fellowship), 2010/11
- Introductory Microeconomics and Macroeconomics, LSE, 2009/10

GRANTS (excl. World Bank country program funding)

- Knowledge for Change Trust Fund (USD 110,000), 2018-2020, with Pierre Bachas and Oyebola Okunogbe
- Umbrella Facility for Trade (USD 80,000), 2018-2020
- Economic Development and Institutions (GBP 177,000), 2018-2021, with Pierre Bachas and Bassirou Sarr
- Economic Development and Institutions (GBP 5,880), 2017, with Pierre Bachas and Bassirou Sarr
- Korea Development Institute Trust Fund (USD 36,000), 2016-2017, with Marco Hernandez

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Co-organizer, Conference on “The Value Added of Value-Added Taxes” in Developing Countries, World Bank, 2019; joint with the University of Michigan, Columbia University, Norwegian University of Life Sciences
- Program Committee Member for the National Tax Association’s 2017 conference
- Referee: Quarterly Journal of Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Journal of Public Economics, European Economic Review, International Tax and Public Finance, International Organization, Journal of Housing Economics

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

- Research Assistant for Rohini Pande, World Development Report, Dec 2010 – March 2011
- Research Assistant for Tim Besley and Robin Burgess, LSE, Oct 2009 – Jan 2011
- Research Assistant, International Growth Centre, Bihar, India, July and Dec 2010
- Consultant on Libya, African Development Bank, Tunisia, July – Sept 2009
- Intern, United Nations Industrial Development Organization, Ghana, Sept 2007 – Feb 2008
- Intern, German-Arab Chamber of Commerce, Cairo, July to Sept 2005

Languages: German (native); English, French, Spanish (fluent); Arabic (advanced)

REFERENCES

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