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## Current Positions and Affiliations

Assistant Professor, Toulouse School of Economics, University of Toulouse Capitole, 2015-Current.

Research Affiliate, Institute of Labor Economics (IZA).

Associate Member, European Development Research Network (EUDN).

## Past Positions

Visiting Assistant Professor and Research Scholar, Department of Economics, Princeton University, 2019-2020.

Research Economist, Research Department and Vice-Presidency for Sectors and Knowledge, Inter-American Development Bank, 2011-2015.

Research Fellow, Research Department, Inter-American Development Bank, 2005-2007.

## Education

PhD Economics, Paris School of Economics, 2011

- Advisor: F. Bourguignon (PSE).
- Committee: O. Attanasio (UCL), P. Dubois (TSE), and M. Gurgand (PSE).

MSc Economics, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, 2005.

BA-BSc Economics and Statistics, Università Bocconi, 2004.

## Research Fields

Development Economics, Labor Economics, Economics of Education.

## Publications

5. Self-Perceptions about Academic Achievement: Evidence from Mexico City (with V. Frisancho).  
*Journal of Econometrics*, forthcoming.

4. Labor Market Search, Informality, and On-The-Job Human Capital Accumulation (with L. Flabbi, S. Levy, and M. Tejada).  
*Journal of Econometrics, forthcoming.*
3. Neighborhood Effects in Integrated Social Policies (with J. Gignoux).  
*World Bank Economic Review, 2019, 33(1): 116-139.*
2. Liquidity, Risk and Occupational Choices (with M. Bianchi).  
*Review of Economic Studies, 2013, 80(2): 491-511.*
1. Weak Instruments and Weak Identification in Estimating the Effects of Education on Democracy (with D. Coviello).  
*Economics Letters, 2007, 96: 301-306.*

## **Working Papers**

6. Labor Market Search, Informality and Schooling Investments (with L. Flabbi and S. Levy).  
*Revise and Resubmit, International Economic Review.*
7. Perceived Ability and School Choices (with V. Frisancho).
8. High School Track Choice and Liquidity Constraints: Evidence From Urban Mexico (with C. Avitabile and M. Pariguana).

## **Work in Progress**

9. Teacher Wages and Student Achievement (with G. Leon, C. Neilson and M. Nieddu).
10. The Effects of the Pedagogical Tutors on Children: Evidence from a Randomized Control Trial in Rural Mexico (with F. Agostinelli, C. Avitabile and A. Sanchez).

## **Grants and Awards**

2015: IGC Pilot Grant (50,000 £), “Motivating Bureaucrats: Team incentives and organizational performance of local governments”.

2015: IDEX grant (14,000 €), University of Toulouse Capitole.

2014: AFSE-Malinvaut award (best published paper among economists under age 40) for “Liquidity, Risk and Occupational Choices”.

2008-2011: Ile-de-France, PhD scholarship.

2004: Angelo Costa award for the best undergraduate dissertation in economics.

## **Presentations at Seminars and Conferences**

2020: Yale, BREAD Pre-Conference, Econometric Society World Congress.

2019: Princeton, UPenn, UC San Diego, Boston University, TSE, Yale Cowles Summer Conference, Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Yale Research Initiative on Innovation and Scale (Y-RISE), LACEA Meeting (invited speaker).

2018: AFD Paris, Washington University St. Louis, Georgetown, Nova SBE, World Bank Research Group, CESifo Workshop on Subjective Expectations in Economics, UCL Workshop on Health and the Labor Market, NBER Development Economics.

2017: Tinbergen Institute Amsterdam, Wisconsin Madison, CEPR-IGC Conference on Labour Market in Developing Countries, ASSA Meetings, SOLE Annual Meeting, UCL-CeMMAP Conference on Implementation of Dynamic Models, IZA Workshop on Labor and Development, EUDN Conference.

2016: Goethe University Frankfurt, Uppsala, PSE, IIES Stockholm, Bergen, TSE, IZA-SOLE Transatlantic Meeting, TSE Development Conference, Bordeaux-GREThA Development Conference, EUDN Conference.

2015: EIEF, Toulouse, Pompeu Fabra, IDB, HEC Montreal, Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, IFS-EDePo Conference, CEPR-PODER Symposium on Development Economics, LACEA Meeting.

2012-2014: Georgetown, World Bank DECRG, World Bank DIME, BREAD Conference, LACEA, NEUDC, IZA-World Bank Conference on Employment and Development, LASA Meeting.

≤ 2011: Autònoma Barcelona, Bank of Italy, Oxford, PSE, DIW, IDB, EDePo-IFS, NEUDC, Petralia Applied Economics Workshop, EUDN Conference, EUDN PhD Workshop.

## **Teaching Experience**

### Graduate Courses:

Development Economics, Princeton PhD.

Empirical Methods for Policy Evaluation, TSE PhD.

RCTs and Policy Evaluation, TSE Master PPD.

### Undergraduate Courses:

Economics of Development, Princeton.

Program Evaluation, TSE.

Applied Econometrics, TSE.

## **Professional Service**

### Referee for academic journals:

*Review of Economic Studies*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Eco-*

*Journal of Economic Journal, Journal of Econometrics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of Human Capital, Journal of Economic Growth, Economics Letters, World Bank Economic Review, Labour Economics, Journal of Comparative Economics, Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance, Small Business Economics, LABOUR.*

Departmental Service at TSE:

Organizer of the seminar series [Development, Labor and Public Policy](#) (2016-2019).

Co-organizer of the [TSE Development Conference](#) (Toulouse, June 2016).

Member of the Junior Recruitment Committee (2017-2018).

PhD students advised (role; placement):

[Vitalijis Jascisens](#) (committee member; Higher Economic School, Moscow).

[Dimple Kukreja](#) (advisor; Reserve Bank of India).

[Harsh Malotra](#)<sup>1</sup> (advisor).

[Jakob Hennig](#) (committee member; Universidad Carlos 3, Madrid).

## **Languages**

Italian (native), English, Spanish, and French.

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<sup>1</sup>Harsh unexpectedly and tragically passed away a few months before his thesis defense. He was awarded the posthumous title of PhD in Economics.