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Current Position and Affiliations

Professor of Economics, Toulouse School of Economics, University of Toulouse Capitole.

Research Fellow, Center for Economics and Policy Research (CEPR) – Development Economics and Labour Economics.

Invited Researcher, Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) – Learning for All Initiative.

Research Fellow, Institute of Labor Economics (IZA).

Full Member, European Development Research Network.

Past Positions

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

Assistant Professor, Toulouse School of Economics, University of Toulouse Capitole, 2015-2023.

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.

Research Fields

Development Economics, Labor Economics, Public Economics, and Policy Evaluation.

Education

PhD Economics, Paris School of Economics, 2011

- Advisor: F. Bourguignon (PSE)
- External Examiners: O. Attanasio (UCL) and P. Dubois (TSE).

MSc Economics, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, 2005.

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

Main Publications

6. Self-Perceptions about Academic Achievement: Evidence from Mexico City (with V. Frisancho).
Journal of Econometrics, 2022, 231(1): 58-73.
5. Labor Market Search, Informality, and Schooling Investments (with L. Flabbi and S. Levy).
International Economic Review, 2022, 63: 211-259.
4. Labor Market Search, Informality, and On-The-Job Human Capital Accumulation (with L. Flabbi, S. Levy, and M. Tejada).
Journal of Econometrics, 2021, 223(2): 433-453.
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

7. Enhancing Human Capital in Children. A Case Study on Scaling (with F. Agostinelli and C. Avitabile).
Revise and Resubmit (third round), *Journal of Political Economy*.
8. Teacher Compensation and Structural Inequality: Evidence from Centralized Teacher School Choice in Peru (with T. Ederer, G. Leon, C. Neilson, and M. Nieddu).
Reject and Resubmit, *Journal of Political Economy*.
9. Perceived Ability and School Choices: Experimental Evidence and Scale-up Effects (with V. Frisancho and M. Pariguana).

Other Publications

1. Informality (with Gabriel Ulyssea and Lucie Gadenne).
VoxDevLit, 6(1), January 2023.

Grants and Awards

2015: IGC Pilot Grant (50,000 £).

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

2014: AFSE-Malinvaud 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

2023: NBER Development Summer Institute, Yale-Cowles Labor and Public, Yale Research Initiative on Innovation and Scale, LMU Munich, EEA (invited speaker).

2022: NBER Development Summer Institute, Stanford-SITE Micro and Macro of Labor Markets, MIT Dynamic Structural Econometrics, Yale Research Initiative on Innovation and Scale, Barcelona Summer Forum, TSE Departmental Seminar, WashU St Louis.

2021: CEPR Development, CEPR Labour, BREAD, Arizona State, Cambridge, Oxford, TSE Scientific Council, RIDGE IO, WEAI.

2020: Yale, BREAD, Econometric Society World Congress, Heriot-Watt, SEA (invited speaker).

2019: Princeton, Yale-Cowles Structural Micro, Penn, UC San Diego, Boston University, Yale Research Initiative on Innovation and Scale, Barcelona Summer Forum, TSE Departmental Seminar, LACEA (invited speaker).

2018: NBER Development Fall Meeting, UCL Health and the Labor Market, WashU St Louis, Georgetown, Nova SBE, World Bank Research Group, CESifo Subjective Expectations in Economics, Agence Francaise du Developpement.

2017: CEPR-IGC Labor and Development, UCL Dynamic Structural Econometrics, Wisconsin, Tinbergen, ASSA, SOLE, IZA Labor and Development, EUDN.

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

2015: CEPR Development, Barcelona Summer Forum, EIEF, Toulouse, Pompeu Fabra, HEC Montreal, IFS-EDePo, IDB, LACEA.

< 2015: BREAD, Georgetown, World Bank DECRG, World Bank DIME, LACEA, NEUDC, IZA-World Bank Employment and Development, LASA, Oxford, Autonomia Barcelona, Bank of Italy, PSE, DIW, IDB, EDePo-IFS, NEUDC, Petralia Applied Economics Workshop, EUDN.

Teaching Experience

Graduate Courses:

Empirical Methods for Policy Evaluation, TSE PhD.

Development Economics, Princeton Economics PhD.

RCTs and Policy Evaluation, TSE Master 2nd year.

Causal Inference with Observational Data, TSE Master 2nd year.

Undergraduate Courses:

Introduction to Development Economics, TSE.

Economics of Development, Princeton Economics.

Program Evaluation, TSE.

Applied Econometrics, TSE.

Professional Service

Referee for academic journals: *American Economic Journal: Applied, Economic Journal, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economics Letters, International Economic Review, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Econometrics, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Human Capital, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Political Economy: Microeconomics, Labour Economics, Review of Economic Dynamics, Review of Economic Studies, World Bank Economic Review.*

Grant reviewer: National Science Foundation.

Departmental service at TSE:

Promotion and Hiring Committee (Permanent Member).

Junior Recruitment Committee (Member, 2017-2018; Co-Chair, 2020-2021).

Organizer of the [Empirical Micro](#) internal workshop (2022-).

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

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

PhD students advised, with initial placement (* denotes my role as main advisor):

9. Jonas Gathen – On the job market 2023-24.
8. Anais Fabre – On the job market 2023-24.
7. [Tim Ederer](#)* – UChicago, Becker-Friedman Institute Post-Doc; Carnegie Mellon Tepper School, Assistant Professor of Economics.
6. [Marco Pariguana](#) (UWO) – Tulane University, Post-Doc.
5. [Paloma Carrillo](#) – International Labor Organization, Economist.
4. [Jakob Hennig](#) – Universidad Carlos 3, Madrid, Post-Doc.
3. [Dimple Kukreja](#)* – Reserve Bank of India, Research Economist.
2. Harsh Malotra*¹

¹Harsh unexpectedly and tragically passed away a few months before his thesis defense. He has been awarded the posthumous title of PhD in Economics.

1. [Vitalijs Jascisens](#) – Higher Economic School, Assistant Professor of Economics

Languages

English, Spanish, French, and Italian.