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Research areas: Development, Public Policy, Gender, Health, Family, Climate, Applied Microeconomics

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REFERENCES

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ACADEMIC POSITION

University of Bologna, Department of Economics (Bologna, Italy)

Nov 2025 - *

Postdoctoral researcher

- Working on the ERC Consolidator Grant – HARSH “Uncovering the Roots of Harsh Parenting”
Principal Investigator: Prof. Elisabetta De Cao

Paris Dauphine University - PSL (Paris, France)

Oct 2023 - Aug 2025

Temporary Teaching and Research Associate in Economics (“ATER”)

Paris Dauphine University - PSL (Paris, France)

Oct 2020 - Oct 2023

PhD Student in Economics with teaching duty

EDUCATION

Paris Dauphine University – PSL LEDa DIAL-IRD (Paris, France)

Oct 2020 - Sept 2025

Ph.D. in Economics

- Defended September 29, 2025.
Dissertation: “Economic and Social Barriers to Women’s Empowerment: Microeconomic Evidence from Africa.”
Advisors: Prof. Elise Huillery and Olivia Bertelli.
Committee: Prof. Sylvie Lambert (President and *Rapporteuse*), William Pariente (*Rapporteur*), Lucia Corno (*Examinatrice*), Selim Gulesci (*Examineur*).
- Visiting researcher, LEAP Bocconi (Milan, Italy) invited by Prof. Lucia Corno (from January to March 2024)

Paris Dauphine University – PSL (Paris, France)

Sept 2017 - Jul 2020

Master in International Economics and Development

Highest Honours, Valedictorian

- International Exchange Program at City University of New York – Baruch College (New York, USA)

PUBLICATIONS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

Work in progress

- How Economic Development Affects Maternal and Child Health in Africa
- The Impact of Weather Shocks on the Effectiveness of Child Marriage Bans
- Female Genital Mutilation Bans: Natural Experiments from 19 Countries (joint with Olivia Bertelli and Sandrine Mesplé-Somps)
- Gender Inequality in Human Development: Patterns, Persistence, and Pathways Forward
- Community-Led Social Change and Women’s Well-Being: Evaluating Tostan’s Programs Across Africa (joint with Melchior Clerc and Daniel Perez-Parra)

Publications and writings

- Female genital mutilations, an analysis of potential reporting biases
Olivia Bertelli, Mathilde Lesueur and Sandrine Mesplé-Somps
Revue d’économie du développement, 2025
- Macro-Fiscal Policy toward Economic Diversification and Employment Generation in Iraq
Niranjan Sarangi, Alaaldin Mohammed Alameri, Mathilde Lesueur, Rayan Akill
Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), 2019

SCIENTIFIC COMMUNICATIONS

2026

- NOVAFRICA Conference on Economic Development (June, Lisbon Portugal)

2025

- Workshop on Gender-Based Violence and Social Norms in Developing Countries (December, Paris France)
- Dauphine PhD Seminar - Diff-in-Diff Workshop (February, Paris France)
- 2025 ADRES Job Market Conference (January, Strasbourg France)

2024

- Job Market Training AFEDEV-CERDI (October, Clermont-Ferrand France)
- International Conference on Development Economics (ICDE) (July, Aix en Provence France)
- 23èmes Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet (LAGV) (June, Marseille France)
- CSAE Conference 2024: Economic Development in Africa (March, Oxford UK)
- EUI Microeconometrics Working Group (March, Florence Italy)
- LEAP-Bocconi Internal Seminar (February, Milan Italy)
- Bocconi PhD Seminar (February, Milan Italy)

2023

- 12th edition of the Summer School in Development Economics (June, Prato Italy)
- DIAL PhD seminar (October, Paris France)
- Junior Workshop of ENS Lyon (November, Lyon France)
- Ninth Research Workshop of Paris 1-FEPS (November, Paris France)
- Gender Issues and Development Workshop of Paris-Nanterre University (November, Nanterre France)
- European Winter Meeting of The Econometric Society (December, Manchester UK)

2022

- PhD Workshop Dauphine-Mines
- 38èmes Journées de Microéconomie Appliquée (JMA) (June, Rennes France)
- 21èmes Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet (LAGV) (June, Marseille France)
- 70ème Congrès de l'Association Française de Science Économique (AFSE) (June, Dijon France)
- Shifting Landscapes LSE (June, London UK)
- Paris Dauphine - Royal Holloway PhD Workshop (June, Egham UK)
- Cornell Conference on 100 Years of Economic Development (September, Ithaca NY US)

TEACHING

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| Paris Dauphine University - PSL (Paris, France)
<i>Lecturer</i> | Sept 2023 - Jun 2025 |
| · Advanced Statistics for Bachelor's Degree in Economics (3h/week, 1st semester) | |
| Paris Dauphine University - PSL (Paris, France)
<i>Lecturer and head of the course</i> | Sept 2021 - Jun 2025 |
| · Introduction to Econometrics for Master's Degree in Economics (3h/week, 1st semester) | |
| Paris Dauphine University - PSL (Paris, France)
<i>Lecturer</i> | Sept 2020 - Jun 2021 |
| · Microeconomics for Bachelor's Degree in Economics (3h/week, 1st and 2nd semesters) | |

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- Refereeing**
- Revue d'Economie Politique ; Population and Environment
- Organization of Conferences and Workshops**
- Mines-Dauphine Ph.D. Workshop (January 2022)
 - Workshop on Female Genital Cutting (January, 2026)

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

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| Deloitte Economic Advisory (Paris, France)
<i>Economist Intern</i> | Feb 2020 - Aug 2020 |
| Deloitte Economic Advisory (Paris, France)
<i>Economist Intern</i> | Jan 2019 - Jul 2019 |
| United Nations ESCWA (Beirut, Lebanon)
<i>Economist intern in Economic Development and Poverty Division</i> | Jun 2018 - Nov 2018 |
| Fondesurco – Institute of Microfinance (Arequipa, Peru)
<i>Economist Intern in Risk Area</i> | Jul 2017 - Aug 2017 |
| Association AIDES (fight against HIV/AIDS) (Pantin, France)
<i>Intern in general public fundraising service</i> | Jun 2016 - Jul 2016 |

GRANTS AND FUNDINGS

- Co-authorship of the work-package "Impact of laws against female genital mutilation in Africa" within the BaSAf research program "Bans of gender-based violence, social norms and well-being in Africa," coordinator S. Mesplé-Soms, 2026–2030, funded by AAPG ANR, €395k
- Dauphine-PSL research mobility grant (€4,500) (2024)
- Conference travel grant, Cornell University (2022)
- ADRES international conference travel grant (2022)
- Dauphine-PSL international conference travel grants (2020–2024)
- Dauphine-PSL doctoral contract funding (2020–2023)

TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

Software & Tools	Stata, R, GIS, L ^A T _E X, Python, SurveyCTO
Languages	English (fluent, TOEFL: 103/120); French (native); Spanish (fluent); Italian (beginner)