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Research interests

I study comparative politics, historical political economy, and state formation. My research investigates the implications of state formation for citizens and their relations with the state and elites, combining quantitative analyses of historical data, archival research, and formal modeling.

Academic positions

Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse, Sept 2022 -
Postdoctoral Research Fellow.

Education

New York University

Ph.D., Politics. 2015-2022.
Committee: David Stasavage (chair), Pablo Querubín, Tiberiu Dragu.

Yale University

M.A. in International and Development Economics. 2013-2014.

Sciences Po Paris (Paris, France)

Masters in Public Administration. 2011-2013.

ENSAE ParisTech (Paris, France)

BSc. Economics and Statistics. 2009-2012.

Publications

“Local Rule, Elites, and Popular Grievances: Evidence from Ancien Régime France” (forthcoming at the *Journal of Historical Political Economy*).

Working Projects

“Building Fiscal Legibility: Evidence from the Napoleonic Cadaster”.

“Bureaucrats and State Capacity: Venal Bureaucracy and Peasant Rebellions in 17th century France. (with Ronan Tallec).”

“Social Solidarity during the Great Depression: Did immigration hinder the development of municipal unemployment funds?” (with Charlotte Cavailé and Victor Gay).

“Forests, Conservation and Conflict: Evidence from 19th century France”.

Early Franchise and Political Mobilization: Evidence from 19th Century France. (with Alejandro López Peceño and Arturas Rozenas).

Old projects:

“State, Roads, and Coerced Labor: Evidence from the French Corvee System”.

“Inequality and the State-society Conflict: A Simple Model of Divide and Rule”.

Fellowship and Awards

Henry H. McCracken Fellowship, New York University, 2015. PhD funding and support (5 years).

Professional Experience

Research assistant for prof. Cyrus Samii at New York University. Summer 2016 and 2018.

Field work for prof. Nathan Nunn and James Robinson in Kananga (DRC). June-Aug. 2015.

Research assistant for prof. Nathan Nunn at Harvard University. Sept. 2014-May 2015.

Research assistant for prof. Katharine Baldwin at Yale University. Feb.-Aug. 2014.

Assistant on Development Issues at the French Permanent Mission to the UN (NYC). June-Dec. 2012.

Teaching Experience

Political Theory, Teaching assistant for prof. Dimitri Landa, undergraduate, NYU. Fall 2018, 2019.

Comparative Politics, Teaching assistant for prof. Gwyneth McLendon, undergraduate, NYU. Spring 2019.

Presentations

“State, Roads, and Coerced Labor: Evidence from the French Corvee System”

European Political Science Association Meeting. June 2022.

“State Capacity, Fiscal legibility and State-Society Relations: Evidence from the French Napoleonic Cadaster”.

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (virtual). April 2022.

Center for the Study of Public Choice seminar series (invited), George Mason University, Sept. 2021.

NEWEPS-17, University of Pennsylvania (invited). Sept. 2021.

American Political Science Association Meeting (virtual). Sept. 2021.

8th Annual Graduate Workshop on Comparative Historical Research on Europe (virtual), June 2021.

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (virtual). April 2021.

Frontier Research in Economic History meeting, University of Zurich (virtual). Feb. 2021.
Historical Political Economy Workshop (virtual). Oct. 2020.
American Political Science Association Meeting (virtual). Sept. 2020.
Graduate Political Economy Seminar, NYU. March 2020.
Comparative Politics Seminar, NYU. Dec. 2019.

“Local Rule, Elites, and Popular Grievances: Evidence from Ancien Régime France”.

Politics and History conference, Yale University. June 2019.
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. April 2019.
Graduate Political Economy Seminar, New York University. Oct. 2018.

“Impact Evaluation of a Birth Registration Campaign in the Democratic Republic of Congo” (impact evaluation proposal with Eric Mvukiyehe and Cyrus Samii). 2017.

Workshop with officials from the Justice, Education and Identification ministries, Kinshasa (DRC).
Aug. 2017.
Identification for Development, DIME & ID4D Impact Evaluation Workshop, World Bank,
Washington D.C., May 2017.

Discussant, Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science, University of Pennsylvania. April 2018.

Language

French (native); English; Spanish (basic).

Skills

Methods: Econometrics, Quantitative Methods I, II & III, Game theory I & II. Archival research (French National and Departmental archives).
Software: R, Stata, ArcMap, QGIS, LaTeX, Python.