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## *Current professional positions*

Oct. 2015 – present Professor of Economics, Université libre de Bruxelles

Oct. 2015 – present Research Fellow, European Center for Advanced Research in  
Economics and Statistics (ECARES), Université libre de Bruxelles

## *Fields of interest*

Main fields: Development Economics, Economic History, Political Economics

Secondary fields: Public Economics, Behavioral Economics

## *Main publications*

1. “When NGOs Go Global: Competition on International Markets for Development Donations” (with T. Verdier), **Journal of International Economics**, 2009, 79(2): 198-210.
2. “Legal Institutions, Political Economy, and Development”, **Oxford Review of Economic Policy**, 2009, 25(2): 257-270.
3. “Benefits of Diversity, Communication Costs, and Public Opinion Dynamics” (with T. Carletti), **Complexity**, 2009, 15(2): 54-63.
4. “Goodwill Bazaar: NGO Competition and Giving to Development” (with T. Verdier), **Journal of Development Economics**, 2010, 91(1): 48-63.
5. “Political Information Acquisition for Social Exchange”, **Quarterly Journal of Political Science**, 2010, 5(1): 1-25 (lead article).
6. “Legal Reform in the Presence of a Living Custom: An Economic Approach” (with J-Ph Platteau and Z. Wahhaj), **Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States**, 2011, 108(S4): 21320-21325.
7. “Follies Subdued: Informational Efficiency under Adaptive Expectations and Confirmatory Bias” (with T. Carletti and S. Righi), **Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization**, 2011, 80(1): 110-121.
8. “Using the Law to Change the Custom” (with J-Ph Platteau, I. Chaara, and Z. Wahhaj), **Journal of Development Economics**, 2012, 97(2): 182–200.
9. “Modern Law as a Magnet to Reform Unfair Customs” (with J-Ph Platteau, I. Chaara, and Z. Wahhaj), **Economic Development and Cultural Change**, 2012, 60(4): 795-828.
10. “Deadly anchor: Gender bias under Russian colonization of Kazakhstan” (with C. Guirkingner), **Explorations in Economic History**, 2012, 49(4): 399-422.
11. “Religion, Culture, and Development” (with J.-Ph. Platteau), in **Handbook of the Economics of Art and Culture**, vol.2, eds. V. Ginsburgh and D. Throsby, Elsevier, 2014, pp. 587-631.

12. "Brothers in Alms? Coordination between Nonprofits on Markets for Charitable Giving" (with M. Marini and T. Verdier), **Journal of Public Economics**, 2014, 117(1): 182-200.
13. "Watchdogs of the Invisible Hand: NGO Monitoring and Industry Equilibrium" (with T. Verdier and M. Limardi), **Journal of Development Economics**, 2015, 116(1): 28-42.
14. "Voter Turnout and Political Rents", **Journal of Public Economic Theory** (Special Issue on Governance and Political Economy), 2015, 17(4): 528-552.
15. "Clans and Ploughs: Traditional institutions and the production decisions of Kazakhs under Russian colonization" (with C. Guirking), **Journal of Economic History**, 2016, 76(1): 76-108.
16. "Colonization and changing social structure: Evidence from Kazakhstan" (with C. Guirking), **Journal of Development Economics**, special issue on "Economic History and Development", 2017, 127(1): 413-430.
17. "Endogenous Enforcement Institutions" (with G. Zanarone), **Journal of Development Economics**, 2017, 128(1): 49-64.
18. "Assignment Procedure Biases in Randomized Policy Experiments" (with G. Kirchsteiger and A. Sebald), **Economic Journal**, 2017, 127(1): 873-895.
19. "Invalid Ballots and Electoral Competition" (with G. Mastrobuoni), **Political Science: Research and Methods**, forthcoming.
20. "Small is Beautiful: Motivational Misallocation in the Nonprofit Sector" (with E. Jaimovich and T. Verdier), **Journal of European Economic Association**, forthcoming.

#### *Completed working papers*

1. "Government Incentives for Private Ownership of Public Goods: Theory and evidence from Belgium" (with F. Libois, J. Morales, and A. Similon), CRED Working Paper 1408, University of Namur.
2. "Development NGOs: Basic Facts" (with C. Navarra), CRED Working Paper 1409, University of Namur.
3. "Awareness and AIDS: A Political Economy Perspective" (with J.-M. Baland), ECARES Working Paper 2015-35, Université libre de Bruxelles.
4. "On Convergence in the Spatial AK Growth Models" (with S. Aldashev and T. Carletti), ArXiv Working Paper 1401.4887.
5. "Samaritan Bundles: Inefficient Clustering in NGO Projects" (with M. Marini and T. Verdier), CEPR Discussion Paper 11931.

#### *Current professional affiliations*

Oct. 2012 – present Full member, European Development Network (EUDN)  
 Mar. 2011 – present Associate, Theoretical Research in Development Economics (ThReD)  
 June 2011 – present Founding Member, N.G.O. ("Nonprofits, Governments, Organizations") Research Network

#### *Past professional positions*

Sep. 2005 – Sep. 2015: Assistant, Associate, and Professor of Economics, Univ. of Namur  
 Apr. 2008 – May 2009: Adjunct Instructor, Università Carlo Cattaneo (LIUC), Italy  
 Sep. 2005 – Aug. 2007: Associate Fellow, CORE (UCLouvain), Belgium  
 Sep. 2004 – July 2005: Visiting Marie Curie Fellow, DELTA (ENS), Paris, France

Sep. 2003 – July 2004: Visiting Marie Curie Fellow, London School of Economics, UK

### ***Education***

May 2005     PhD     Economics, Bocconi University, Milan, Italy  
June 2000     MA     (with distinction) Economics, Bocconi University, Milan, Italy  
Jan. 1999     BA     (summa cum laude, *Valedictorian*) International Economics, American University of Paris, France

### ***Long research visits (>2 months)***

Paris School of Economics, Sep. – Nov. 2008

Collegio Carlo Alberto (Turin), Dec. 2008 – Feb. 2009, and Oct. 2012 – Jan. 2013

### ***Conference presentations***

European Winter Meeting of Econometric Society (Stockholm), Economic History Society Annual Conference (Oxford), 6<sup>th</sup> SAET Conference (Rhodos), RES Easter School (Birmingham), Public Choice Meeting (Baltimore), European Public Choice Meeting (Berlin), EUDN/AFD Conference (Paris), 2<sup>nd</sup> Summer School on Heterogeneity (Louvain-la-Neuve), CEPR RTN “Trade, Industrialization, and Development” (Paris), World Public Choice Meetings (Amsterdam), EEA Congress (Milan), ESNIE Summer School (Cargèse, Corsica), APEX Conference on Political Economy (Brussels), ThReD Conferences (CEU, Budapest; Barcelona GSE), DIAL Conference on Institutions and Development (Paris), NES Conference on Economic History and Development (Moscow), SIOE (Paris)

### ***Invited seminar presentations and short visits (<2 months)***

Princeton U, NYU, Boston U, Hunter College – CUNY, University of Ottawa, University of Quebec at Montreal, Toulouse (IAST), Geneva (Graduate Institute), Oxford U, Cambridge U, London School of Economics, Paris School of Economics, Bocconi U, U of Zurich, Tilburg U, Stockholm School of Economics (SITE), U of Frankfurt, Erasmus U Rotterdam, U of Bergen, DIW Berlin, Christian Michelsen Inst., CORE-UCLouvain, IRES-UCLouvain, ECARES, Solvay Business School, KULeuven, U of Padua, U of Urbino, U of Rome III, U of Southampton, U of Nottingham, Collegio Carlo Alberto (Turin), U of Turin, U of Liège, U of Cergy-Pontoise, INRA Montpellier, IMT Lucca, U Carlos III, CUNEF (Madrid), U of Amsterdam, Nova U of Lisbon, U of Sussex, U of Barcelona, CERDI (U of Auvergne)

### ***Conference and workshop organization***

1. “Political Economics of Development”, University of Namur, May 2006
2. “Economic Analysis of Non-Profits and Altruism”, Namur, May 2007
3. “Economics of Public Health”, Namur, June 2008
4. “Political Economy of Labor Market Institutions” (co-organizer), Namur, March 2009
5. “Rise and Fall of Democracies” (co-organizer), ECARES, Brussels, August 2009
6. “Economics of NGOs and Non-Profits”, Paris School of Economics, October 2010
7. “Economics of Non-Profits, NGOs and Aid Effectiveness”, Namur, June 2011
8. “Recent Trends in Spatial Econometrics”, Namur, July 2011
9. “Political Economy of Governance and Conflicts” (co-organizer), Namur, Oct 2011
10. “Non-Profits, Governments, Organizations” (co-organizer), LSE, May 2012
11. “Economics of Non-Profits, NGOs, and Motivated Agents: Theory and Experiments” (co-organizer), Doctoral Spring School, Namur, March 2013

12. "Non-Profits, Governments, Organizations" (co-organizer), Toulouse School of Economics, June 2013
13. "Political Economy of Sustainable Development" (co-organizer), INRA-Montpellier, November 2013
14. "Non-Profits, Governments, Organizations" (co-organizer), U of Warwick, June 2014
15. "Non-Profits, Governments, Organizations" (co-organizer), U of Frankfurt, June 2015
16. "Non-Profits, Governments, Organizations" (co-organizer), Paris School of Economics, June 2016
17. EUDN PhD Workshop, ECARES, ULB, October 2016
18. "Non-Profits, Governments, Organizations" (co-organizer), Geneva Graduate Institute, June 2017

### ***Editorial and refereeing activity***

***Co-editor:*** *Annals of Public and Cooperative Economics* (2016-)

***Referee:*** *American Economic Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of International Economics, Management Science, Journal of Economic History, Journal of Economics & Management Strategy, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Public Economic Theory, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Journal of Comparative Economics, World Development, Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Public Choice, European Economic Review, Economica, Oxford Economic Papers, Economics Letters, Economic Inquiry, BE Journals in Economic Analysis and Policy, Journal of Theoretical Politics, Electoral Studies, Journal of Cultural Economics, Canadian Journal of Development Studies, Handbook of Economics and Ethics; European Research Council, Swiss Science Foundation, Dutch Science Foundation, Czech Science Foundation*

### ***Research grants***

1. "Expectation Formation and Asset Pricing" (National Bank of Belgium, 2007-2008)
2. "Social Interactions and HIV/AIDS Awareness Campaigns" (NBB, 2009-2010)
3. "Spatial Economic Dynamics" (NBB, 2011-2012)
4. "Impact of In-migration on Social Organization and Human-Environment Interaction in Nomadic Societies: Evidence from Kazakhstan" (University of Namur, 2011-2013)
5. "Altruism and NGO Performance" (Belgian National Fund for Research, 2012-2014)
6. "Land pressure and institutional change: Evidence from Kazakhstan" (Belgian National Fund for Research, 2013-2014)
7. "Traditional institutions in Central Asia: Historical dataset" (ULB, 2016-2017)
8. "Enforcement Institutions and Economic Development: Theory and Applications" (NBB, 2017-2018)

### ***Current teaching***

***Graduate:*** Development Policies (MA); Topics in International Trade and Sustainable Development (MA); Research Methods (MRes); Political Economics (MA), Economics of Development NGOs (PhD)

### ***Past teaching***

***Graduate:*** Population, Environment, and Governance (MA, English); Macro-institutions and Political Economy of Development (MRes, English);

Political Economics (PhD, English); Public Economics (MA, French);  
Governance, Conflicts, and Development (MA, English); Seminar in  
Applied Economics (MA, English)

*Undergrad.:* Microeconomics (French); Introductory Economics (French); Business and  
Politics (English); Corporate Citizenship in Global Economy (English)

***University service***

*Current, SBS-EM, ULB:*

Co-director, PhD program in Economics and MRes in Economics and Statistics  
Placement Director, ECARES Doctoral School

*Past, U of Namur:*

Member of the University Research Council (2 years)  
Member of the University Council for International Relations (1 year)  
Erasmus program coordination for the Faculty of Economics and Business (2 years)  
Organizer of the Department of Economics Research Seminar (5 years)

***Other information***

Birth date: June 4, 1979

Languages (fully fluent): English, Italian, French, Spanish, Kazakh, Russian