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RESEARCH FIELDS

Development economics (microfinance, entrepreneurship, health)

Labor economics (discrimination, employment)

Policy evaluation, field experiments

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Sept 2017: Professor of Economics. Université Catholique de Louvain

Sept 2009-2017: Assistant Professor (tenured). Université Catholique de Louvain

Since Sept 2014: Research and Training co-chair at J-PAL

2008-2009: Post doctoral Fellow. Paris School of Economics (JPAL)

EDUCATION

2003- 2007: PhD in Economics Université Paris I Sorbonne.

RESEARCH

Articles

"Discrimination as a self-fulfilling prophecy: evidence from French grocery stores", joint with D.Glover and A.Pallais. *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, vol. 132, n°3. (2017)

"Urbanization in Sub Saharan Africa and the challenge of access to basic services". *Journal of Demographic Economics*, vol.83 , n°1.(2017).

"A Multifaceted Program Causes Lasting Progress for the Poor: Evidence from Six Countries", With A. Banerjee, E.Duflo, N. Goldberg, D. Karlan, R. Osei,J.Shapiro, B. Thuysbaert, C. Udry. *Science*, vol. 348 no. 6236. (2015).

"Impact of Microcredit on Those who Take it up: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment in Rural Morocco", joint with Bruno Crépon, Florencia Devoto and Esther Duflo. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, vol 7 n°1 (2015).

"Happiness on Tap: Piped Water Adoption in Urban Morocco", joint with Florencia Devoto, Esther Duflo, Pascaline Dupas and Vincent Pons, Nov 2012, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, vol 4 n°4.(2012)

"Being Surveyed Can change Later Behavior and Related Parameter Estimates", joint with A.Zwane, J. Zinman, E. Van Dusen,, C. Null, E. Miguel, M. Kremer, D. Karlan, R. Hornbeck, X. Giné, E. Duflo, F. Devoto, B. Crepon, A. Banerjee. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)*.(2011).

Working Paper

"Evaluating the Effects of Entrepreneurship Edutainment in Egypt", joint with Ghada Barsoum, Bruno Crépon, Drew Gardiner and Bastien Michel

Chapter in books

"What is the Demand for Microcredit? The Case of Rural Areas in Serbia", in *The handbook of Microfinance edited by Beatriz Armendariz and Marc Labie*. World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd. (2011)

Other publications

"Poverty, access to credit and the determinants of participation to a new micro-credit program in rural areas of Morocco", joint with Bruno Crépon, Florencia Devoto and Esther Duflo, December 2008, *Ex Post Impact Analyses Series No 2*, Agence Française de Développement, Paris

"Recent Developments in the Impacts and Mechanisms of Microfinance", joint with Esther Duflo, in *Private Sector and Development*, Sept 2009

Works in Progress

Networks, Externalities and Adoption of Improved Sanitation Solutions in Urban Slums (with Muthoni Ngatia and Roland Rathelot)

Long term effects of microfinance on welfare (with Bruno Crépon, Florencia Devoto, Esther Duflo and Ralph de Haas)

Effect of flexible microcredit products on uptake and clients welfare (with Bruno Crépon, Florencia Devoto, Ralph de Haas)

Supporting youth entrepreneurship in disadvantaged neighbourhoods in France (with Bruno Crépon, Esther Duflo, Elise Huillery and Juliette Seban)

Do human and social capital help in entrepreneurship? Evidence from a randomized experiment in Morocco (with Bruno Crépon, Elise Huillery and Dean Karlan)

Research Grants

Fonds d'Expérimentation pour la Jeunesse, France (2010-2015). **Discrimination in the labor market: Effect on Productivity"**

Innovations for Poverty Action (2015-2018). **"Credit contracts, access to credit and impact on welfare in developing countries"**

Millennium Challenge Corporation (2011-2014). **"Do human and social capital help in entrepreneurship? Evidence from a randomized experiment in Morocco"**

Agence Française de Développement (2008-2012). **"Effect of microcredit in rural areas"**

REFEREEING ACTIVITIES

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Review, Journal of Development Economics, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Journal of Health Economics, Labour Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, World Bank Economic Review

TEACHING

-Advanced Micro-econometrics. Research Master, Université Catholique de Louvain (30h)

-Empirical methods for policy evaluation. Master, Université Catholique de Louvain (30h)

& Master Public Policy and Development (PPD), Paris School of Economics (6h)

-Development economics (undergraduate), Université Catholique de Louvain (30h)

LANGUAGES

French: Mother Tongue

English: Fluent

Spanish: Advanced knowledge

Portuguese: Advanced knowledge