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Appointments

Since 2018 Assistant Professor of Finance, The Wharton School

Education

2019 Ph.D. in Finance, HEC Paris

2012 M.Res. in Economic Theory and Econometrics, Toulouse School of Economics

2011 M.Sc. in Management (Finance major), HEC Paris

Research in Progress

1. [“Keeping Options Open: What Motivates Entrepreneurs?”](#)
2. [“Countercyclical Income Risk and Portfolio Choices over the Life-Cycle”](#) – R&R at *Review of Financial Studies*
3. [“Quantifying Reduced-Form Evidence on Collateral Constraints”](#) – R&R at *Journal of Finance*
with Thomas Chaney, Zongbo Huang, David Sraer and David Thesmar
4. [“How Should Households Value Social Security?”](#)
5. [“Countercyclical Income Risk and Portfolio Choices: Evidence from Sweden”](#)
with Paolo Sodini and Yapei Zhang
6. [“Trade Credit and the Growth of New Firms”](#)
with Jean-Noël Barrot, David Sraer and David Thesmar

Conferences & Seminars

- 2019 Adam Smith, Texas Finance Festival, FIRS, WFA, LBS Summer Symposium, EFA, Labor and Finance Group, NFA – *Scheduled*: CEAR-RSI Household Finance Workshop, MIT Sloan Junior Faculty Conf.
Carnegie Mellon – *Scheduled*: John Hopkins (Econ)
Discussions: MFA, WFA, EFA
- 2018 NBER Summer Institute*, CEPR Household Finance Conference
Wharton, U of British Columbia, Texas A&M, London School of Economics, London Business School, Bocconi, Imperial, Notre-Dame, Wisconsin-Madison, EIEF, Boston U, ITAM, Columbia 5-star workshop, Belgrade Young Economist Conference
Discussions: EFA, FIRS, HEC Workshop on Entrepreneurship

- 2017 NBER Summer Institute*, AFA*, University of Minnesota, Huebner Foundation Doctoral Colloquium, HEC Paris, ESSEC
- 2016 WFA*, HEC Paris PhD Workshop
- 2014 INSEAD PhD Workshop

**Presentations by coauthors*

Referee Works

Review of Economic Studies (x2), Journal of Finance (x3), Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis (x1)

Teaching Experience

- 2019 Wharton, Venture Capital & the Finance of Innovation (Undergraduate)
- 2018 HEC Paris, Structural Estimation using Matlab (PhD)
- 2014 HEC Paris, Financial Economics (Undergraduate)
- 2013-14 Paris V University, Introduction to Econometrics (Undergraduate)

Scholarship & Summer School Invitations

- 2012-18 HEC Foundation, PhD Scholarship
- 2017 NBER Entrepreneurship Bootcamp
- 2017 Huebner Doctoral Colloquium Scholar
- 2013-15 Laboratory of Excellence in Economics and Decision Sciences, Scholarship
- 2014 Yale Summer School in Behavioral Finance

Languages & Computer skills

Languages French (native), English (fluent)
 Computer skills STATA, MATLAB, L^AT_EX, Fortran