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Research Fields

- International Macroeconomics
- Development Economics
- Regional Integration
- Applied Econometrics

Current Position

Since 2015 : **Associate Professor**, University of Lorraine, BETA-CNRS
Associate Researcher, EconomiX-CNRS, University Paris Nanterre

Past positions

- **2014 - 2015** : Assistant professor, University Paris Nanterre
- **2011 - 2014** : Teaching assistant, University Paris Nanterre
- **2007 - 2009** : Economist, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Cotonou-Bénin

Education

2021 : **Habilitation to supervise research (HDR)**, Aix-Marseille University, France
Title : "*Global imbalances, international migration and regional integration*"
Supervisor : Gilles Dufrénot.

2014 : **PhD in Economics**, University Paris Nanterre, France
Title : "*Exchange rate regimes, currency misalignments and global imbalances*"
with highest honors
Supervisor : Valérie Mignon.

2011 : **MSc. in Applied Economics**, University Paris Nanterre, France
with highest honors

2010 : **MSc. in Development Economics**, University of Auvergne, France
with honors

2007 : **Undergraduate degree in Economics**, Université d'Abomey-Calavi, Bénin
with honors

Teaching experience

Since 2015 : Associate professor, University of Lorraine.

- **Undergraduate** : Macroeconomics (L1, L2), International monetary and financial relations (L3), Political economics (L2), Mathematics (L1).
- **Master degree** : Financial macroeconomics (M1), Time series econometrics (M1), Panel data econometrics (M2).
- **PhD training (2017)** : Panel data econometrics with Stata, International macroeconomics.

2014-2015 : Assistant professor, University Paris Nanterre.

- **Undergraduate** : Macroeconomics (Tutorials L2), Time series econometrics (Tutorials L3).
- **Master degree** : Time series econometrics (Tutorials M1), Theory and econometrics of financial markets (Tutorials M1).

2011-2014 : Teaching assistant (Monitor), University Paris Nanterre.

- **Undergraduate** : Macroeconomics (Tutorials L2), Time series econometrics (Tutorials L3).
- **Master degree** : Time series econometrics (Tutorials M1), Theory and econometrics of financial markets (Tutorials M1).

Visiting professor/economist

- **2015-2019** : University of Dschang, Cameroon, Training in panel data econometrics and advanced macroeconomics (PhD).
- **2019** : University of Rwanda, Rwanda, Training in econometrics (young researchers).
- **2017** : African Development Bank (AfDB), Research on regional integration in Africa.

Publications

Peer-reviewed Journals

- "Régimes de change et soutenabilité des finances publiques dans les pays en développement, (joint with I. Do Santos), *Revue Économique*, à paraître.
- "Currency misalignments and exchange rate regimes in Latin American countries : a trade-off issue", (joint with J. Carrera, V. Mignon, R. Restout), *Annals of Economics and Statistics*, vol. 141, pp. 71-102, 2021.
- "Robust structural determinants of public deficits in developing countries" (joint with I. Do Santos), *Applied Economics*, vol. 53, pp. 1052-1076, 2021.
- "The tale of two international phenomena : International migration and global imbalances" (joint with D. Coulibaly and V. Mignon), *Journal of Macroeconomics*, vol. 66, 2020.
- Regional Integration : Do Intra-African Trade and Migration Improve Income in Africa ?, *International Regional Science Review*, vol. 43, pp. 587-631, 2020.

- The Diaspora and Economic Development in Africa (joint with J. Anyanwu), *Review of World Economics*, vol. 155, pp. 785-817, 2019.
- How to Boost the Impact of Intra-African Trade on Income in Africa?, *Open Economies Review*, vol 30, pp. 541-557, 2019.
- Determinants of corruption : Can we put all countries in the same basket ? (with Joseph Keneck-Massil), *European Journal of Comparative Economics*, vol 16, pp. 239-276, 2019.
- L'intégration de l'UEMOA est-elle pro-croissance?, *Revue d'Économie Politique*, vol. 129(3), pp. 355-390, 2019.
- Is regional integration in the CFA zone sustainable?, *Applied Economics*, vol. 50, pp. 5220-5237, 2018, (joint with D. Avom and J. Keneck-Massil).
- Growth-enhancing effect of openness to trade and migrations : What is the effective transmission channel for Africa?, *Journal of African Economies*, vol 27, pp. 369-404, 2018, (joint with D. Coulibaly and V. Mignon).
- On the link between current account and oil price fluctuations in diversified economies : The case of Canada, *International Economics*, vol. 152, pp. 63-78, 2017, (joint with Joets, M. and Razafindrabe, T.).
- Exchange rate misalignments and the external balance under a pegged currency system, *Review of International Economics*, vol. 25(5), pp. 949-974, 2017.
- How do macroeconomic imbalances interact? Evidence from a panel VAR analysis, (joint with Mignon, V.) *Macroeconomic Dynamics*, vol. 20(7), pp. 1717-1741, 2016.
- The importance of the exchange rate regime in limiting current account imbalances in Sub-Saharan African Countries, *Journal of International Money and Finance*, vol. 53, pp. 36-74, 2015.
- Persistence of current-account disequilibria and real exchange-rate misalignments, (joint with Mignon, V.) *Review of International Economics*, vol. 23, pp. 137-159, 2014.
- Current account sustainability in Sub-Saharan Africa : Does the exchange rate regime matter?, (with Coulibaly, I.) *Economic Modelling*, vol. 40(C), pp. 208-226, 2014.
- Optimality of a monetary union : New evidence from exchange rate misalignments in West Africa, (with Coulibaly, I.), *Economic Modelling*, vol. 32(C), pp. 463-482, 2013.
- Mésalignements du franc CFA et influence de la monnaie ancre, *Économie et Prévision*, pp. 91-119, (n. 200-201), 2012.

Working Papers and Other publications

- Potentiel d'expansion des échanges commerciaux entre les pays francophones d'Afrique de l'Ouest, (joint with R. Kotchoni and C. Igué), *Rapport de projet Observatoire de la Francophonie économique* (OFE)-RP no. 1, Septembre 2019.
- Regional integration, trade and inclusive growth in Africa. Report produced for the African Development Bank (AfDB), 2018.
- Expert report for the African Development Bank on the theme "Intra-African Food Market Integration : Challenges and Policy Options", 2018.
- Les déterminants de la demande agrégée d'électricité en France, (joint with Francis Biesmans), *Revue Internationale des Economistes de Langue Française* vol. 2, p. 151-176, 2017.

- Compétitivité et développement économique : Quels sont les goulots d'étranglement au Bénin?, *Revue d'Analyse des Politiques Économiques et Financières*, Minsitère de l'Economie et des Finance du Bénin, 2016.

Referee for Academic Journals

Energy Journal, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Journal of International Money and Finance, Energy Policy, Economic Modelling, International Economics, Open Economies Review, Bulletin of Economic Research, Economic Bulletin, African Development Review, Journal of Economic Integration, European Journal of Comparaive Economics.

Awards, Grants & Fellowships

- 2019 : Research and Doctoral Supervision Award (Prime d'Encadrement Doctoral et de Recherche, PEDR) from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2023.
- 2019 : Awarded for the IMF visiting program 2019 with the paper entitled *Brain drain and external imbalance in Sub-saharan Africa* co-authored with D. Coulibaly.
- 2018 : Award for Best Research Paper presented at the 2018 African Economic Conference held on the theme, *Regional and Continental Integration for Africa's Developement* from 3 to 5 December in Kigali, Rwanda.
- 2017 : Award of AERC/AfDB Scholars Exchange Program for Research.
- 2016 : ANDESE Award (runner up) for the best PhD dissertation.
- 2015 : Ph.D. Excellence Award of the Institute CEDIMES.
- 2011-2014 : Doctoral Fellowship, French Ministry of Research.
- 2012 : Nominated for the international MSc. thesis award in economics and finance.
- 2009 : Laureate of the Joint Japan / World Bank Graduate (JJ/WBG) Scholarships.

Supervision of PhD students

With authorization to co-supervise the thesis (ACT)

- **Alexandre HENRI** : "Essays on economic development in commodity-depen-dent economies" (2015-2019).
— *Current position* : Country economist (Benin), World Bank Group.
- **Isabelle DO SANTOS** : "Public Finances in Developing Countries : Three Empirical Essays" (2017-2021).

Scientific, educational & administrative responsibilities

- **Member of thesis defense jury**
 - Paul ROUGIEUX (LEF, AgroParisTech, University of Lorraine), 2017.
 - Alexandre HENRY (BETA, University of Lorraine), 2019.
 - Nestor ODJOUANI (EconomiX, University Paris Nanterre), 2020.

- **Member of scientific committees.**
 - Participation in PhD thesis committee (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021).
 - Member of the selection committee of Associate professors (2019).
- **Administrative responsibility.**
 - Evaluation of Campus France applications (L1, L2, L3).
 - Evaluation of e-candidat applications (L3).
 - Supervision of Master's dissertations and econometric projects (since 2015).
- **Research contracts**
 - Research project "Mutations récentes du marché du travail" (with Romain RESTOUT), funded by the Pôle Scientifique SJPEG, 2020.
 - Research project : "Regional Integration, Trade and Inclusive Growth", supported by the African Development Bank (AfDB), 2018.
 - Research project : "Prévision des marchés énergétiques et des fluctuations économiques" (with Francis BIESMANS), PROTEA program carried out by the University of Lorraine and Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, Port Elizabeth (Hubert Curien partnership with South Africa), 2015.

Communications at Seminars and Conferences

- African Economic Conference (AEC) 2018 : "Regional and Continental Integration for Africa's Development", Kigali, Rwanda, December 03 - 05, 2018.
- AERC December 2017 Biannual Research Workshop : Governance for Development in Africa, Tanzania, Arusha, December 03 - 07, 2017.
- 5th Congress of African Economists : Growth, Employment and Inequalities, Guinea-Equatorial, Malabo, November 1-4, 2017.
- Presentation at the AfDB research seminar : The growth-enhancing effect of African integration, Abidjan, July, 17 2017
- Presentation at the AfDB research seminar : The Diaspora and Economic Development in Africa, Abidjan, July, 27 2017.
- Colloque international FERDI-UEMOA "Les enjeux du renforcement de l'intégration régionale en Afrique de l'Ouest", 13-14 dec. 2016, Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso).
- UNU-MERIT 2nd International Conference on Sustainable Development in Africa, 26-27 November 2015, Dakar, Senegal.
- CSAE Conference, Economic Development in Africa, St Catherine's College, 22nd - 24th March 2015, University of Oxford, United Kingdom.
- 1st Colloque of the Theoretical and Applied Economic Association (TAEA), 11th-14th Nov 2014, UAC, Cotonou-Bénin.
- Seminar at the African school of economics (ASE), 12th Nov 2014, Cotonou-Bénin.
- 63rd Annual Meeting of the French Economic Association (AFSE), 16th-18th June 2014, Lyon, France.
- Ph.D. Conference on Economic development, 14th-15th Nov 2013, CERDI, France.

- 14th Conference of Econometrics : Recent Developments in Applied Econometrics for Finance, 11th Dec 2013, University Paris Nanterre, France.

Interventions in the media

- **The Conversation** (June 7, 2020) : "La pandémie de Covid-19, une occasion historique de réinventer le développement de l'Afrique".
- **Financial Afrik** (June 3, 2020) : "L'ère post-Covid19 en Afrique : recentrer les priorités économiques.
- Invité de l'Economie du 31 juillet 2018 sur **SIKKA TV** sur le thème de l'Intégration Economique en Afrique. [Link](#)
- Interview accordée à **Africanews** lors du Congrès des Economistes Africains tenu à Malabo en Guinée Equatoriale en novembre 2017. [Link](#)

Languages and Software Skills

- **French** : Native
- **English** : Good
- **Software** : Matlab, Stata, SAS, Rats, R, Eviews, Microsoft Office, LaTeX.