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## Past and Present Positions

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Since Sept 2017 **Professor, Ecole Polytechnique**  
2014–2017 **Associate Professor (tenured), Ecole Polytechnique**  
2007–2014 **Assistant Professor, Ecole Polytechnique**  
Since Sept 2017 **CEPR Research Fellow (International Macroeconomics, International Trade and Regional Economics)**  
2009–2010 **Economist, Research Department, International Monetary Fund**  
Oct.05-Aug.07 **Economist, CEPII, French Center for International Economic Studies.**

## Education

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2012 **Habilitation à diriger des recherches, University of Paris 1**  
“Heterogeneity of firms in international markets : Empirical evidence and aggregate consequences”.  
*Advisor* : Lionel Fontagné.  
*Committee* : *Matthieu Crozet, Jonathan Eaton, James Harrigan, Thierry Mayer, Farid Toubal.*

2003–2006 **PhD in Economics, University of Paris 1, with Highest Honors**  
“International Market Segmentation and Globalization in Open Economics”.  
*Advisor* : Jean-Olivier Hairault. Defense held December 12, 2006.  
*Committee* : Agnès Bénassy-Quéré, Martine Carré, Pierre-Philippe Combes, Jean-Olivier Hairault, Jean Imbs, Hubert Kempf, Philippe Martin.  
*Research Grant* : CREST-INSEE

2002–2003 **Master’s degree in Economics, University of Paris I.**

## Research

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**Research Areas :**

International Macroeconomics and Trade

## Publications :

- “The Micro Origins of International Business Cycle Comovement” (2017)  
*American Economic Review*, Forthcoming  
with J. di Giovanni and A. Levchenko
- “Large Firms and International Business Cycle Comovement” (2017)  
*American Economic Review : Papers and Proceedings*, Vol. 107(5) : 1-6  
with J. di Giovanni and A. Levchenko
- “Trade Elasticities” (2016)  
*Review of International Economics*, Forthcoming  
with J. Imbs
- “Elasticity Optimism” (2015)  
*American Economic Journal : Macroeconomics*, Vol. 7(3) : 43-83  
with J. Imbs
- “Firms, Destinations, and Aggregate Fluctuations” (2014)  
*Econometrica*, Vol. 82(4) : 1303-1340  
with J. di Giovanni and A. Levchenko
- “Low-Wage Country Competition and the Quality of High-Wage Country Exports” (2014)  
*Journal of International Economics*, Vol. 93(1) : 140-154  
with J. Martin
- “Labor market institutions and firms’ location choices” (2014)  
*Review of World Economics*, Vol. 150(1) :115-148  
with V. Delbecque and L. Patureau
- “Price Dispersion and the Euro : Micro Heterogeneity and Macro Implications” (2013)  
*International Review of Economics and Finance*, 26(1) :70-86  
with J. Martin
- “The Location of Domestic and Foreign Production Affiliates by French Multinational Firms” (2010)  
*Journal of Urban Economics*, Vol. 68 : 115-128  
with T. Mayer and B. Nefussi
- “Minimum Wages and Location Decisions” (2010)  
*Regional Science and Urban Economics*, Vol. 40(1) : 45-59  
with L. Patureau
- “Price Convergence in the European Union : Within Firms or Composition of Firms?” (2008)  
*Journal of International Economics*, Vol 78(1) : 1-10 (lead article)  
with C. Schwellnus
- “Can Firms’ Location Decisions Counteract the Balassa-Samuelson Effect ?” (2008)  
*Journal of International Economics*, Vol 76(2) : 139-154 (lead article)
- “Exchange-rate pass-through at the product level” (2008)  
*Canadian Journal of Economics*, Vol. 41(2) : 425-449  
with G. Gaulier and A. Lahrière-Révil

## Work in Progress :

- “Invoicing Currency and Financial Hedging”  
CEPR Discussion Paper 11700 (2016)  
with V. Lyonnet and J. Martin

“Volatility in the Small and in the Large : The Lack of Diversification in International Trade”  
CEPR Discussion Paper 11534 (2016)

with J. Martin and F. Kramarz

“Search Frictions in International Good Markets”

with C. Lenoir and J. Martin

“Relationship specificity : Measurement and applications to trade”

with J. Martin and M. Parenti

“International Transmission of Micro Shocks and Macro Interdependence”

with J. di Giovanni and A. Levchenko

### **Publications in French :**

“Euro et dispersion des prix à l’exportation” (2011)

*Economie et Statistique*, Vol. 435-436 : 49-64, with J. Martin

“Plus grandes, plus fortes, plus loin... Performances relatives des firmes exportatrices françaises”  
(2011)

*Revue économique*, Vol. 62(4), with M. Crozet and S. Zignago

“Enjeux théoriques de la délocalisation” (2008)

*Risques Les cahiers de l’assurance*, Vol. 75 : 79-86 ” (2008), with V. Delbecque and L. Patureau

“Les élasticités-prix et revenu des exportations en France et en Allemagne. Une analyse sur données désagrégées” (2006)

Article for the report to the Conseil d’Analyse Economique written by P. Artus and L. Fontagné called “Evolution récente du commerce extérieur français”, with G. Gaulier and A. Lahrière-Révil

### **Awards and Research Grants :**

April 2017-March 2022 : European Research Council, Starting Grant : Firm-to-Firm Trade Networks (TRADENET). 1.2 million euro

May 2017 : Nominee for the Best Young Economist of France Award (Cercle des économistes-Le Monde)

2016 : AFSE - Malinvaud Price for the best paper published by a French economist of less than 40 years (for “Firms, Destinations, and Aggregate Fluctuations”, *Econometrica* 2014).

2011 : Young Researcher in Economics Prize from Fondation Banque de France

2009-2010 : Research Grant from the European Commission on the paper “Trade elasticities”, with J. Imbs

2008-2009 : Research Grant from the Fondation Banque de France on the paper “Elasticity Optimism”, with J. Imbs

Sep. 2003-Sep. 2006 : PhD Research Grant from CREST (INSEE)

## **Teaching**

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International Economics (Undergraduate level) : Ecole Polytechnique and ENSAE

International Macroeconomics (Master’s level) : Ecole Polytechnique

International Trade (Master’s and PhD level) : Ecole Polytechnique-ENSAE

## Professional Service

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### Referee

The American Economic Review, The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy, Canadian Journal of Economics, Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of International Economics, Journal of The Japanese and International Economies, Journal of Urban Economics, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of World Economics

### Since Sept. 2017

Membre du groupe d'experts sur le SMIC