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Past and Present Positions

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| 2021– | Professor, Sciences Po |
| Since Jan 2025 | CEPII, Scientific Advisor |
| Since Jan 2025 | CESifo Research Network, Fellow |
| Since Sept 2017 | CEPR Research Fellow (International Macroeconomics, International Trade and Regional Economics) |
| 2017–2021 | Full Professor, Ecole Polytechnique |
| 2014–2017 | Associate Professor (tenured), Ecole Polytechnique |
| 2007–2014 | Assistant Professor, Ecole Polytechnique |
| 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”. <i>Advisor</i> : Lionel Fontagné. <i>Committee</i> : <i>Matthieu Crozet, Jonathan Eaton, James Harrigan, Thierry Mayer, Farid Toubal.</i> |
| 2003–2006 | PhD in Economics, University of Paris 1, with Highest Honors “International Market Segmentation and Globalization in Open Economics”. <i>Advisor</i> : Jean-Olivier Hairault. Defense held December 12, 2006. <i>Committee</i> : Agnès Bénassy-Quéré, Martine Carré, Pierre-Philippe Combes, Jean-Olivier Hairault, Jean Imbs, Hubert Kempf, Philippe Martin. <i>Research Grant</i> : CREST-INSEE |
| 2002–2003 | Master’s degree in Economics, University of Paris I. |

Research

Research Areas :

International Macroeconomics and Trade

Publications :

- “Relationship stickiness and economic uncertainty” (2023)
Review of Economics and Statistics, Forthcoming
with J. Martin and M. Parenti
- “Foreign Shocks as Granular Fluctuations” (2023)
Journal of Political Economy, Forthcoming
with J. di Giovanni and A. Levchenko
- “Search Frictions in International Good Markets” (2023)
Journal of the European Economic Association, Volume 21(1) : 326-366
with C. Lenoir and J. Martin
- “Supply shocks in supply chains : Evidence from the early lockdown in China” (2023)
IMF Economic Review, 71 : 170-215
with R. Lafrogne-Joussier and J. Martin
- “Invoicing Currency, Firm Size, and Hedging” (2022)
Journal of Money, Credit and Banking, Vol 54(8) : 2411-2444
with V. Lyonnet and J. Martin
- “Price Discrimination within and across EMU Markets : Evidence from French Exporters” (2020)
Journal of International Economics, Vol. 124
Prepared for the 2019 Meeting of the NBER ISOM
with F. Fontaine and J. Martin
- “Volatility in the Small and in the Large : The Lack of Diversification in International Trade” (2020)
Journal of International Economics, Vol. 122
with J. Martin and F. Kramarz
- “The Micro Origins of International Business Cycle Comovement” (2017)
American Economic Review, Vol. 108(1) : 82-108
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” (2017)
Review of International Economics, Vol. 25(2) : 383-402
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 :

- “Churning in Cities : The Volatility Advantage of Dense Labor Markets”
with M. Conte, T. Michalski & B. Schmutz
R&R Journal of the European Economic Association
- “Frictions and Adjustments in Firm-to-Firm Trade”
with F. Fontaine and J. Martin
- “Energy cost pass-through and the rise of inflation”
with R. Lafrogne-Joussier and J. Martin
- “Firms’ Supply Chain Adaptation to Carbon Taxes”
with P. Coster and J. di Giovanni
- “Spatial Comovements”
with S. Chetty and R. Lafrogne-Joussier
- “The Fragmentation Paradox : De-risking Trade and Global Safety”
with T. Mayer and M. Thoenig

Awards and Research Grants :

- 2020 : Young Economist Award (Fondation France-Israel)
- 2020 : Best Young Economist of France Award (Cercle des économistes-Le Monde)
- April 2017-March 2022 : European Research Council, Starting Grant : Firm-to-Firm Trade Networks (TRADENET)
- 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)

Seminar Presentations (Past five years) :

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| 2025 | CREST, Tax Observatory, ITC, CEPR-EC-JIE conference Bruxelles, ES World Congress Seoul, SCSE Congress (keynote), WIEN trade workshop (keynote), EEA |
| 2024 | Aix-Marseille School of Economics, Munich-CESifo, NYU Abu Dhabi, U. Paris Sorbonne, U. Le Mans, LMU Munich, Oxford University, Queen Mary, King's College, INSEAD, Bank of Italy, Toulouse School of Economics, U. of Sussex |
| 2023 | Villars Workshop on International Trade and Multilateralism, Princeton University, LSE, Naples University, Tilburg University, DIW Berlin Macro Seminar, Danish International Economic Workshop (Aarhus) (keynote), BGSE Summer Forum, IES Summer Workshop, Goettingen Conference on International Trade and Production (keynote), INFER/INTECO 2023 Conference (Valencia) (keynote), University of Michigan, 3rd WE_ARE_IN Macroeconomics and Finance Conference, Danmarks Nationalbank (keynote), University of Copenhagen, University of Cambridge, Harvard-MIT Trade Seminar |
| 2022 | Bank of Canada, Lausanne University, RIEF Conference (keynote), Bank of Portugal, AMSE Macro Workshop, Bonn-Mannheim CRC TR Workshop, Saint Gallen University |
| 2021 | Maastricht University, Harvard-MIT Trade Seminar, Catholic University of Milan, Notre Dame University, Drexel University, University of Surrey, Kiel Institute, Nice-ISGEP Conference (keynote) |
| 2020 | Sciences Po-Paris, Banque de France, NY Fed, LBS/ERC Conference on Granularity and Applications, CEPR-ERWIT Conference, NBER-Summer Institute IFM, Virtual International Trade and Macro Seminar, Virtual Macro Seminar Series, UZH, Université de Cergy-Pontoise, Boston University, Bank of Denmark, LMU, Warwick University, NYU |

Teaching

International Trade (PhD level) : Sciences Po
Introduction to Economics (Undergraduate level) : Sciences Po
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

Past and Present PhD students

Main advisor

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| 2023- | Swann Chelly |
| 2021-2024 | Maddalena Conte (IPP) |
| 2018-2024 | Raphael Lafrogne-Joussier (INSEE) |
| 2016-2019 | Clémence Lenoir (INSEE, Cabinet of the prime minister) |
| 2015-2018 | Sebastian Franco-Bedoya (World Bank) |

Secondary advisor

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| 2020-2024 | Alejandra Martinez |
| 2019-2023 | Etienne Guigue (LMU Munich) |
| 2019-2022 | Melina London (European Commission) |

Professional Services

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| Editorial Service | Journal of the European Economics Association (Associate editor, 2025-), European Economic Review (Co-editor, 2017-2021), Economic Policy (Managing Editor, 2021-2024) |
| Referee | The American Economic Review, AEJ : Macro, AEJ :EP, Econometrica, Economic Journal, Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of International Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economics and Studies, ... |
| Other | Membre du groupe d'experts sur le SMIC (2017–2020), Member of French Council of Economic Advisors, CAE (Since Sept. 2020), Member of the Scientific Advisory Council of the Kiel Institute (Since 2020), Member of the Scientific Council of OFCE (Since 2023) |