

CURRICULUM VITÆ

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Present position

Professeur ordinaire (full professor) at Université libre de Bruxelles, since 1 October 2015.

Professeur invité (visiting professor) at Université de Strasbourg, since 1 September 2008.

Academic representative on the board of Université libre de Bruxelles, since January 2018.

Academic background

1994-98: PhD in economics, Robert Schuman University (Strasbourg), “The political determinants of the choice of an exchange rate regime”, with honours.

1993-94: D.E.A. “Institutions Politiques et Monétaires et Intégration Economique en Europe”, Institut d’Etudes Politiques de Strasbourg. (master in European economic integration).
Graduated with honours.

1992-93: London School of Economics and Political Science, Erasmus exchange scheme.

1989-92: Institut d’Etudes Politiques de Strasbourg, (Economics and finance section).
Graduated with honours.

Past academic positions

Director of Centre Emile Bernheim, Université libre de Bruxelles, 15 September 2009-30 October 2020.

Professeur (professor) at Université libre de Bruxelles, 1 October 2009-30 September 2015.

Chargé de cours (associate professor), Université libre de Bruxelles, 1 October 2004-30 September 2009.

Maître de conférences. (associate professor), Institut d’Etudes Politiques, Université Robert Schuman (Strasbourg), 1 September 1999-30 September 2004.

Attaché Temporaire d’Enseignement et de Recherche (senior research and teaching assistant), Institut d’Etudes Politiques, Université Robert Schuman (Strasbourg), 1 September 1998-31 August 1999.

Allocataire moniteur d’enseignement et de recherche (research and teaching assistant), Institut d’Etudes Politiques, Université Robert Schuman (Strasbourg 3), 1 septembre 1994-31 August 1998.

Editorial activities

Editorial board member: Public Choice, since 2011;

European Journal of Political Economy, since 2008;

Entrepreneurial Business and Economics Review, since 2014;

Economies (online journal), since 2018;

Economic Systems, 2015-2019;

Brussels Economic Review/Cahiers Economiques de Bruxelles, 2004-2018.

Referee: Annales d'Economie et Statistiques, Annals of Public and Cooperative Economics, Applied Economics, Applied Economics Letters, Asian Development Review, Australian Journal of Management, Baltic Journal of Economics, B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, Brussels Economic Review, Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies, Cambridge Review of International Affairs, Canadian Journal of Development Studies, Canadian Journal of Economics, Comparative Political Studies, Constitutional Political Economy, Development Studies Research, Eastern European Economics, *Economia Politica*, *Economica*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Economic Journal*, *Economic Modelling*, *Economic Systems*, *Economics*, *Economics Bulletin*, *Economics of Governance*, *Economie Internationale*, Edward Elgar Publishing, *Empirical Economics*, *European Economic Review*, *European Journal of Development Research*, *European Journal of Law and Economics*, *European Journal of Political Economy*, *European Political Science Review*, *Global Finance Journal*, *International Journal of the Economics of Business*, *International Journal of Finance and Economics*, *International Journal of Human Resources Management*, *International Review of Law and Economics*, *International Tax and Public Finance*, *IZA World of Labor*, *Journal of Asian Economics*, *Journal of Behavioral Decision Making*, *Journal of Common Market Studies*, *Journal of Comparative Economic Studies*, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, *Journal of Economic Education*, *Journal of Economic Growth*, *Journal of Economic Integration*, *Journal of Economics and Management Strategy*, *Journal of Economic Studies*, *Journal of Emerging Market Finance*, *Journal of Financial Services Research*, *Journal of Institutional Economics*, *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*, *Journal of International Trade and Economic Development*, *Journal of Macroeconomics*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Public Economic Theory*, *Kyklos*, *Journal of Regulatory Economics*, *Louvain Economic Review*, *Managerial and Decision Economics*, *Middle East Development Journal*, *Open Economies Review*, *O.E.C.D.*, *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, *Palgrave Communications*, *Public Choice*, *Review of Development Economics*, *Review of International Organizations*, *Review of Law and Economics*, *Revue d'Economie Politique*, *Routledge*, *Scandinavian Political Studies*, *Scottish Journal of Political Economy*, *Southern Economic Journal*, *Social Indicators Research*, *Strategic Entrepreneurship Journal*, *Technological Forecasting and Social Change*, *World Bank Economic Review*, *World Development*, *World Economy*.

Publications

“Preaching to the agnostic: Inflation reporting can increase trust in the central bank but only among people with weak priors, with Bernd Hayo, forthcoming in the *Journal of International Money and Finance*.

“Attractiveness vs. partisan stereotypes”, with Carmelo Licata, forthcoming in the *Journal of Economics Behavior and Organization*.

“Measuring household inflation perceptions and expectations: The effect of guided vs non-guided inflation questions”, with Bernd Hayo, forthcoming in the *Journal of Macroeconomics*.

“Elections and norms of behaviour”, with Marco Giani, forthcoming in the *Elgar Encyclopedia of Public Choice*, Christian Bjørnskov and Richard Jong-A-Pin (eds.), Edward Elgar.

- “The grease the wheels hypothesis”, forthcoming in the *Elgar Encyclopedia of Public Choice*, Christian Bjørnskov and Richard Jong-A-Pin (eds.), Edward Elgar.
- “Experts, information, reviews, and coordination: Evidence on how literary prizes affect sales” with Nicolas Lagios, *Journal of Industrial Economics*, vol. 72, n°1, 49-80, March 2024.
- “A resource-rich neighbor is a misfortune: The spatial distribution of the resource curse in Brazil”, with Phoebe W. Ishak, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, vol. 71, n°4, 1213-1247, July 2023
- “A Positive Effect of Political Dynasties: the case of France’s 1940 enabling act”, with Jean Lacroix and Kim Oosterlinck, *Journal of Economic History*, vol. 83, n°2, 359-397, June 2023.
- “A comment on Trust in a polarized age”, *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*, vol. 26 n°4, 593-600, 2023.
- “What have we done?! The impact of economics on the beliefs and values of business students”, with Maite D. Laméris and Anne-Marie van Prooijen, *Journal of Business Economics*, vol. 93 n°3, 433-483, April 2023.
- “Pro-social behavior after a disaster: Evidence from a storm hitting an open-air festival”, with Philip Verwimp, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, vol. 198, 493–510, June 2022.
- “A time to throw stones, a time to reap: How long does it take for democratic transitions to improve institutional outcomes?”, with Khalid Sekkat, *Journal of Institutional Economics*, vol. 18 n°3, 429–443, June 2022.
- “Global racist contagion following Donald Trump's election”, with Marco Giani, *British Journal of Political Science*, vol. 51, 1332–1339, July 2021.
- “Democratic transitions can attract foreign direct investment: Effect, trajectories, and the role of political risk”, with Jean Lacroix and Khalid Sekkat, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, vol. 49, 340–357, June 2021.
- “Perceived corruption and government level: Far away politicians are perceived as more corrupt”, with Abel François, *European Journal of Political Economy*, 67, March 2021.
- “Do Banking crises improve democracy?”, with Beni Kouevi-Gath and Laurent Weill, *Public Choice*, vol. 186 n°3-4, pp. 413–446, March 2021.
- “The minority ethic: Rethinking religious denominations, minority status, and educational achievement across the globe”, with Ilan Tojerow, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, vol. 47 n°1, pp. 196-214, March 2019.

- “Good and useless FDI: The growth effects of greenfield investment and mergers and acquisitions in developing countries”, with Philipp Harms, *Review of International Economics*, vol. 26 n°1, pp. 37-59, February 2018.
- “Taxing the unobservable: The impact of the shadow economy on inflation and taxation”, with Ummad Mazhar, *World Development*, vol. 90, pp. 89-103, 2017.
- “Discrimination by Microcredit Officers: Theory and Evidence on Disability in Uganda”, with Marc Labie, Roy Mersland, and Ariane Szafarz, *Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance*, vol. 58, pp. 44-55, November 2015.
The paper was summarized in the *Oxford Business Law Blog*, 19 June 2016.
<https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/business-law-blog/blog/2016/06/discrimination-microfinance>
- “The formal and informal institutional framework of capital accumulation”, with Khalid Sekkat, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, vol. 43 n°3, pp. 754-771, August 2015.
- “The belief that market transactions are mutually beneficial: A comparison of the views of students in economics and other disciplines”, with Amélie Goossens, *Journal of Economic Education*, vol. 46 n°2, pp. 121-134, April 2015.
- “The productivity of trust”, with Christian Bjørnskov, *World Development*, vol. 70, pp. 317-331, June 2015.
- “Does investment spur growth everywhere? Not where institutions are weak”, with Thibaut Dort and Khalid Sekkat, *Kyklos*, vol. 67 n°4, pp. 482-505, November 2014.
- “Mark my words: Information and the fear of declaring an exchange rate regime”, with Geoffrey Minne, *Journal of Development Economics*, vol. 107, pp. 244-261, March 2014.
- “The devil is in the shadow: Do institutions affect income and productivity or only official income and official productivity?”, with Axel Dreher and Friedrich Schneider, *Public Choice*, vol. 158 n°1, pp. 121-141, January 2014.
- “Trust as the missing root of institutions, education, and development”, with Christian Bjørnskov, *Public Choice*, vol. 157 n°3-4, pp. 641-669, December 2013.
- “Behind closed doors: Revealing the ECB’s decision rule”, with Bernd Hayo, *Journal of International Money and Finance*, vol. 37, pp. 135-160, October 2013.
- “FDI waves, waves of neglect of political risk”, with Khalid Sekkat, *World Development*, vol. 40 n°11, pp. 2194-2205, November 2012.
- “Why Countries Matter for Monetary Policy Decision-Making in the ESCB”, with Bernd Hayo, *CESifo DICE Report*, vol. 10 n°1, pp. 21-26, April 2012.
- “The not so dark side of trust: Does trust increase the size of the shadow economy?”, with Johanna D’Hernoncourt, *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, vol. 81 n°1, pp. 97-121, January 2012.

- “The modern corporation as a safe haven for taste-based discrimination: An agency model of hiring decisions”, with Ariane Szafarz, *Labour Economics*, vol. 18 n°4, pp. 487-497, August 2011.
- “Does taking the shadow economy into account matter when measuring aggregate efficiency?”, with Friedrich Schneider and Laurent Weill, *Applied Economics*, vol. 43 n°18, pp.2303-2311, July 2011.
- “Is corruption an efficient grease?”, with Laurent Weill, *World Development*, vol. 38 n°3, pp. 244-259, March 2010.
Reprinted in Jayasri Dutta and Toke S. Aidt (eds), *Corruption and Economic Development*, The International Library of Critical Writings in Economics series, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2016.
- “Does financial intermediation matter for macroeconomic performance?”, with Laurent Weill, *Economic Modelling*, vol. 27 n°1, pp. 296-303, January 2010.
- “How committees impact the volatility of policy rates”, with Etienne Farvaque and Norimichi Matsueda, *Journal of Macroeconomics*, vol. 31 n°4, pp. 534-546, December 2009.
- “Voting and turning out for monetary integration: the case of the French referendum on the Maastricht treaty”, *Applied Economics*, vol. 41 n°18, pp. 2369-2384, August 2009.
- “Institutional reforms now and benefits tomorrow: How soon is tomorrow?”, with Khalid Sekkat and Laurent Weill, *Economics and Politics*, vol. 21 n°2, pp.319-357, July 2009.
- “Monetary policy in the presence of asymmetric wage indexation”, with Giuseppe Diana, *Southern Economic Journal*, vol.75 n°1, pp. 69-90, July 2008.
- “Institutional quality and trade: Which institutions? Which trade?”, with Khalid Sekkat, *Economic Inquiry*, vol.46 n°2, pp. 227-240, April 2008.
- Special issue of the *Brussels Economic Review / Cahiers Economiques de Bruxelles*, “24th Symposium on Money, Bank and Finance”, vol.51 n°1, Guest editor, Spring 2008.
- “Majority voting may not rule in monetary unions: A comment on Matsen and Røisland [Eur. J. Political Economy 21 (2005) 365-384]”, *European Journal of Political Economy*, vol.24 n°1, pp. 269-279, March 2008.
- “Revisiting the relationship between governance and foreign direct investment”, with Khalid Sekkat, *Brussels Economic Review*, vol. 50 n°1, pp. 41-61, Spring 2007.
- “Majority voting with stochastic preferences: The whims of a committee are smaller than the whims of its members”, *Constitutional Political Economy*, vol. 17 n°3, pp. 207-216, September 2006.

- “The impact of European integration on the nineties’ wave of mergers and acquisitions”, with Anne-France Delannay, *Journal of Economic Integration*, vol. 21 n°3, pp. 427-446, September 2006.
- “Does better governance foster efficiency? An aggregate frontier analysis”, with Laurent Weill, *Economics of Governance*, vol. 6 n°1, pp. 75-90, March 2005.
- “Can mergers in Europe help banks hedge against macroeconomic risk?”, with Laurent Weill, *Applied Financial Economics*, vol. 15 n°5, pp. 315-326, March 2005.
- “Does corruption grease or sand the wheels of growth?”, with Khalid Sekkat, *Public Choice*, vol. 122 n°1-2, pp. 69-97, January 2005.
- “A note on the welfare consequences of wage indexing in a stochastic economy”, *Portuguese Economic Journal*, vol. 3 n°3, pp. 179-187, December 2004.
- “A View of the European Union as an Evolving Country Portfolio”, with Laurent Weill, *European Journal of Political Economy*, vol. 20 n°4, pp. 853-868, November 2004.
- “The euro: hard or soft? What has been said so far”, in *Doing business with Europe*, Indian European Studies Centre, Chambre de Commerce et d'Industrie de Paris, pp.123-143, Paris, 2004.
- “Does the quality of institutions limit the MENA’s integration in the world economy?”, with Khalid Sekkat, *World Economy*, vol. 27 n°9, pp.1475-1498, September 2004.
- “Why are realignments postponed? A model of exchange rate revisions with opportunistic governments”, *Manchester School*, vol. 72 n°3, pp. 298-316, June 2004.
- “Does Corruption Hamper Efficiency? A Frontier Analysis”, with Laurent Weill, *Empirical Economics Letters*, vol. 3 n°1, pp. 21-28, January 2004.
- “L’impact sectoriel du choix d’un régime de change dans un petite économie ouverte”, *Revue Economique*, vol. 55 n°1, pp. 21-39, January 2004.
- “Intégration européenne et diversification des risques macro-économiques”, with Laurent Weill, *Economie Internationale*, n°93, pp. 117-134, 2003.
Reprinted in *Problèmes Economiques*, n°2.834, pp.16-24, 3 December 2003.
- “La cohésion européenne : conséquence ou condition du succès de l’euro ?”, in *L’euro vecteur d’identité européenne*, G. Koenig (ed.), Presses Universitaires de Strasbourg, Strasbourg, 2002.
- “Distributive consequences of a monetary union: what can we learn from a referendum?”, *Applied Economics Letters*, vol. 9 n°9, pp.581-584, 2002.

“The viability of fixed exchange rate commitments: Does politics matter? A theoretical and empirical investigation” with J.-M. Rizzo, *Open Economies Review*, vol. 13 n°2, pp. 111-132, April 2002.

The paper was awarded the *Open Economies Review First Prize Award for 2002*.

“A model of exchange rate crises with partisan governments”, *Journal of Macroeconomics*, vol. 23 n°4, pp. 517-535, autumn 2001.

“Cycle politique partisan et crédibilité de parités fixes”, *Revue Economique*, vol. 50 n°1, pp. 87-102, January 1999.

“Credibility of fixed parities when the life expectancy of policy-makers is curtailed by political uncertainty”, in *Geld, Finanzwirtschaft, Banken und Versicherungen 1996*, C. Hipp et al. (ed.), Verlag Versicherungswirtschaft, Karlsruhe, pp. 287-306, 1997.

Invited conferences and seminars

Invited presentation at the University of Groningen, “From connections to persistence: Evidence from Political Purges in post-World War II France”, with Toke S. Aidt and Jean Lacroix, 17 October 2023.

Invited presentation and research stay at CESifo Munich, “From connections to persistence: Evidence from Political Purges in post-World War II France”, with Toke S. Aidt and Jean Lacroix, 19-24 June 2023.

Invited presentation at Université Clermont-Auvergne, “From connections to persistence: Evidence from Political Purges in post-World War II France”, with Toke Aidt and Jean Lacroix, 6 April 2023.

Invited presentation in the IFN Stockholm Conference on the Economics of Culture and Institutions, Waxholm (Sweden), 15–17 June, 2022 “Constituency size and perceived corruption of government, with Abel François and Nicolas Lagios.

Invited presentation at University of Hamburg, “A Positive Effect of Political Dynasties: the case of France’s 1940 enabling act”, with Jean Lacroix and Kim Oosterlinck, 12 November 2019.

Invited presentation in the workshop “Corruption, transparency and quality of government” at the University Jaume I, Castelló de la Plana, “Perceived corruption and government level: Far away politicians are perceived as more corrupt”, with Abel François, May 9-10 2019.

Invited presentation in the Workshop on Political Economy at the University of Groningen, “A Positive Effect of Political Dynasties: the case of France’s 1940 enabling act”, with Jean Lacroix and Kim Oosterlinck, 14 February 2019.

Invited presentation at the University of Göttingen, “A Positive Effect of Political Dynasties: the case of France’s 1940 enabling act”, with Jean Lacroix and Kim Oosterlinck, 30 January 2019.

Invited presentation at University of Leicester, “A Positive Effect of Political Dynasties: the case of France’s 1940 enabling act”, with Jean Lacroix and Kim Oosterlinck, 16 January 2019.

Invited presentation at Phillips Universität Marburg, “A Positive Effect of Political Dynasties: the case of France’s 1940 enabling act”, with Jean Lacroix and Kim Oosterlinck, 25 October 2018.

Invited presentation in the Workshop on Ideology and Identity in Economics at the University of Groningen “Global racist contagion following Donald Trump's election”, with Marco Giani, 20 June 2018.

Invited presentation at Université de Poitiers, “Do democratic transitions attract foreign investors and how fast?”, with Jean Lacroix and Khalid Sekkat, 1st February 2018.

Invited public lecture, “L’euro : une question politique?”, Orléans, 28 September 2017.

Invited participation in the Studium Conference “Globalization and growth in eurozone: new challenges”, “Do democratic transitions attract foreign investors and how fast?”, with Jean Lacroix and Khalid Sekkat, Orléans, 28-29 September 2017,

Invited presentation at the University of Regensburg, “Do democratic transitions attract foreign investors and how fast?”, with Jean Lacroix and Khalid Sekkat, 3 July 2017.

Invited presentation at Université Paris Dauphine, “Jam tomorrow but never jam today: Do democratic transitions attract foreign investors and how fast?”, with Jean Lacroix and Khalid Sekkat, 24 October 2016.

Invited presentation at the Geospatial Analysis of Disasters workshop, “Does a disaster in the backyard affect donations for a faraway cause? Evidence from a natural experiment in Flanders (Belgium)”, with Philip Verwimp, IWH symposium, Heidelberg University, 18-19 July, 2016.

Invited presentation and research stay at Laboratoire d’Economie d’Orléans (LEO), Université d’Orléans, Orléans, “Partisan stereotypes”, with Carmelo Licata, 19 April 2016.

Invited presentation at the Université de Liège, “Religions: Universal Messages, Country-Specific Effects on Education?”, with Ilan Tojerow, Université de Liège, March 4, 2016.

Invited presentation at the University of Sheffield, “A time to throw stones, a time to reap: How long does it take for democratic reforms to improve institutional outcomes?”, University of Sheffield, with Khalid Sekkat, March 4, 2015.

Invited presentation at Institut de Recherche pour le Développement, “A time to throw stones, a time to reap: How long does it take for democratic reforms to improve institutional outcomes?”, with Khalid Sekkat, Université de Paris Dauphine, February 12, 2015.

Invited presentation at the University of Portsmouth “Religions: Universal Messages, Country-Specific Effects on Education?”, with Ilan Tojerow, University of Portsmouth, January 15, 2015.

Invited presentation in the HCHE Research Seminar “Religions: Universal Messages, Country-Specific Effects on Education?”, with Ilan Tojerow, University of Hamburg, November 3, 2014.

Invited presentation and research stay at the IFN Research Institute of Industrial Economics, Stockholm, “Partisan stereotypes”, with Carmelo Licata, September 16-19, 2014.

Invited presentation in the first workshop of the network “Political economics and social capital”, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Brussels, Belgium: “The productivity of trust”, with Christian Bjørnskov, March 27, 2014.

Keynote speech at the 10th Augustin Cournot Doctoral Days, Strasbourg, France: “The formal and informal institutional framework of capital accumulation”, with Khalid Sekkat, 17 May 2013.

Invited presentation at Sonderforschungsbereich 884 “The Political Economy of Reforms”, Zentrum für Europäische Wirtschaftsforschung (ZEW), University of Mannheim, Germany: “Taxing the unobservable: The impact of the shadow economy on inflation and tax revenue”, with Ummad Mazhar, June 4, 2012.

- Invited presentation at Center for Comparative and International Studies, ETH Zurich, Switzerland: “Mark my Words: Information and the Fear of Declaring one’s Exchange Rate Regime”, with Geoffrey Minne, May 3, 2012.
- Invited presentation at the University of Cologne, Germany: “Taxing the unobservable: The impact of the shadow economy on inflation and tax revenue”, with Ummad Mazhar, April 25, 2012.
- Invited presentation at Observatoire Français de la Conjoncture Economique, Paris, “Behind closed doors: Revealing the ECB’s decision rule”, with Bernd Hayo, January 30, 2012.
- Invited presentation at the University of Siegen, Germany: “An FDI is an FDI is an FDI? The growth effects of greenfield investment and mergers and acquisitions in developing countries”, with Philipp Harms, January 18, 2012.
- Invited presentation at the IFN Research Institute of Industrial Economics, Stockholm, “Behind closed doors: Revealing the ECB’s decision rule”, with Bernd Hayo, October 26-27, 2011.
- Invited presentation in the *SIUTE* research seminar, Université de Lille (1 and 2): “An FDI is an FDI is an FDI? The growth effects of greenfield investment and mergers and acquisitions in developing countries”, with Philipp Harms, September 20, 2011.
- Invited presentation at the Universidade do Minho, Braga, Portugal, “Revealing the ECB’s Decision Rule”, with Bernd Hayo, March 31, 2011.
- Invited presentation at Centre d’Economie de la Sorbonne, Université Paris 1, CNRS, “The productivity of trust”, with Christian Bjørnskov, Paris, February 8, 2011.
- Invited presentation at the Philipps-Universität Marburg, Germany, “ ‘This is an economist’s argument!’ The impact of studying economics and other disciplines on the belief that voluntary transactions make everyone better off”, with Amélie Goosens, December 15, 2010.
- Invited presentation at the University of Reading, United Kingdom, “The productivity of trust”, with Christian Bjørnskov, Reading, February 3, 2010.
- Invited presentation at Congrès de l’Association Française de Science Politique, Grenoble, France, “FDI waves, waves of neglect of political risk”, with Khalid Sekkat, September 7-9, 2009.
- Invited stay and seminar at the University of Thessaloniki, Greece, “FDI waves, waves of neglect of political risk”, with Khalid Sekkat, April 5-8, 2009.
- Invited presentation at the University of Athens, Greece, “FDI waves, waves of neglect of political risk”, with Khalid Sekkat, April 1st, 2009.
- Invited presentation at the Department of Economics of the University of Aarhus, Denmark, “FDI waves, waves of neglect of political risk”, with Khalid Sekkat, January 14, 2009.
- Invited presentation at the Aarhus School of Business, Denmark, “FDI waves, waves of neglect of political risk”, with Khalid Sekkat, January 12, 2009.
- Invited presentation at the CESifo Delphi conference, Munich, Germany, “The devil is in the shadow: Do institutions affect income and productivity or only official income and official productivity?”, with Axel Dreher and Friedrich Schneider, May 29-31, 2008.
- Invited presentation at RWTH Aachen University, Department of Economics and Business, Aachen, Germany, “The devil is in the shadow: Do institutions affect income and productivity or only official income and official productivity?”, with Axel Dreher and Friedrich Schneider, April 22, 2008.
- Invited presentation at Radboud University Nijmegen, Netherlands, “How committees reduce the volatility of policy rates”, with Etienne Farvaque and Norimichi Matsueda, November 13, 2007.
- Invited presentation at the “Institutions, public policy and economic outcomes” conference, Jesus College, University of Cambridge, “The devil is in the shadow: Do institutions

- affect income and productivity or only official income and official productivity?”, with Axel Dreher and Friedrich Schneider, August 6-7, 2007.
- Invited stay and seminar at *ETH-KOF*, Zürich, 15-25 January 2007.
- Invited presentation at the *Geary Institute, University College Dublin*: “Institutional quality and trade: which institutions? which trade?”, with Khalid Sekkat, 14 February 2006.
- Invited presentation in the department of economics’ research seminar, *University College Dublin*: “Monetary policy in the presence of asymmetric wage indexation”, with Giuseppe Diana, 10 February 2006.
- Invited presentation in the *Fédérations Universitaires Notre Dame de la Paix*’s research seminar, Namur: “Is corruption an efficient grease? A cross-country aggregate analysis”, with Laurent Weill, 16 November 2005.
- Invited presentation in the *SIUTE* research seminar, Université de Lille (1 and 2): “Institutional reforms now and benefits tomorrow: How soon is tomorrow?”, with Khalid Sekkat and Laurent Weill, 20 September 2005.
- Invited presentation in the *ZEW* research seminar, *Zentrum für Europäische Wirtschaftsforschung*, “Institutional reforms now and benefits tomorrow: How soon is tomorrow?”, with Khalid Sekkat and Laurent Weill, Mannheim, 7 July 2005.
- Invited presentation in the conference “*Ten years CPF*”, University of Passau, 23-25 June 2005.
- Invited presentation in the *XVth Villa Mondragone International Economic Seminar on « Markets, growth and global governance »*, Rome « Tor Vergata » University, 2 and 3 July 2003.
- Invited participation in the *Second workshop of the ECB-CFS Research Network on “Capital Markets Integration in Europe”*, organized by the European Central Bank, Helsinki, 11 and 12 March 2003.
- Invited presentation in the “*Jeunes en macro-économie*” seminar CEPREMAP, “Cycle partisan et crédibilité de parités fixes”, Paris, 30 May 1996.

Conferences

- “The causal impact of electoral rules on corruption”, with Abel François and Nicolas Lagios, *7th Political Economy of Democracy and Dictatorship conference, Münster, 22-24 February 2024.*
- “When survey firms overestimate the undesirability of the far right: A test using forecast errors”, with Abel François and Nicolas Lagios, *Annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society*, Hannover, 22-25 March 2023, *Silvaplana Workshop in Political Economy*, Pontresina (Switzerland), 24-27 July 2023.
- “Does information about the inflation rate affect laypersons’ trust in the European Central Bank? Evidence from a randomized controlled trial”, with Bernd Hayo, *Annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society*, Braga, 12-14 April 2022, *2022 Beyond Basic Questions workshop*, University of Bern, Ipsach/Biel June 24-25, 2022, *Silvaplana Workshop in Political Economy*, Pontresina (Switzerland), 24-28 July 2022, *10th Workshop on Empirical Macroeconomics*, Ghent (Belgium), May 23-24 2023.
- “Constituency size and perceived corruption of government”, with Abel François and Nicolas Lagios, *Silvaplana Workshop in Political Economy*, Pontresina (Switzerland), 25-29 July 2021, *IFN Stockholm Conference on the Economics of Culture and Institutions*, 15–17 June 2022.
- “Does it pay off to demonstrate against the far right?”, with Nicolas Lagios et Ilan Tojerow, *Economics and politics @ Brussels workshop*, Brussels, 16-17 December 2019,

- Silvaplana Workshop in Political Economy*, Pontresina (Switzerland), 26-30 July 2020, *Annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society*, Lille (online), 21-22 April 2021, *Annual ISNIE/SIOE Conference 2021*, online, 24-26 June 2021, *2021 Beyond Basic Questions workshop*, Friedrich Alexander Universität, Erlangen-Nürnberg, August 27-28, 2021.
- “Democratic purges in 1945 France: Was it all about separating the wheat from the chaff?” / “The Origins of Elite Persistence: Evidence from Political Purges in post-World War II France”, with Toke S. Aidt and Jean Lacroix, *Workshop on empirical public and political economics*, Leuven (Belgium), September 25, 2020, *Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics Annual Conference*, Frankfurt, 24-26 August 2023.
- “Framing inflation perceptions and expectations”, with Bernd Hayo, *Annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society*, Jerusalem, 1-4 April 2019.
- “What have we done?! The impact of choosing and studying different academic disciplines on beliefs and values”, with Maite Laméris and Anne-Marie van Prooijen, *Annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society*, Jerusalem, 1-4 April 2019, *2019 Beyond Basic Questions workshop*, Kiel, 28-29 June 2019.
- “Do Banking Crises Improve Democracy?”, with Beni Kouevi-Gath and Laurent Weill, 2018 *Beyond Basic Questions workshop*, Gengenbach (Germany), 27-29 July 2018 *Silvaplana Workshop in Political Economy*, Pontresina (Switzerland), 21-25 July 2019.
- “A Positive Effect of Political Dynasties: the case of France’s 1940 enabling act”, with Jean Lacroix and Kim Oosterlinck, *Silvaplana Workshop in Political Economy*, Pontresina (Switzerland), 22-26 July 2018.
- “Global racist contagion following Donald Trump's election”, with Marco Giani, *Annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society*, Rome (Italy), 11-14 April, 2018.
- “Do democratic transitions attract foreign investors and how fast?”, with Jean Lacroix and Khalid Sekkat, *Meeting of the Association for Comparative Economic Studies*, Allied Social Sciences Association, San Francisco (United States), 5-7 January 2018, Philadelphia.
- "Perceived corruption and government level: Far away politicians are perceived as more corrupt", with Abel François, *Annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society*, Budapest, 19-22 April, 2017, *Silvaplana Workshop in Political Economy*, Pontresina (Switzerland), 22-27 July 2017.
- "In God we learn? Religions’ universal messages, context-specific effects, and minority status", with Ilan Tojerow, *Silvaplana Workshop in Political Economy*, Pontresina (Switzerland), 27-31 July 2016.
- "Does a disaster in the backyard affect donations for a faraway cause? Evidence from a natural experiment in Flanders (Belgium)", with Philip Verwimp, *Annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society*, Freiburg in Breisgau, 30 March-2 April 2016, *2016 Beyond Basic Questions workshop*, Salzburg, 1-2 July 2016, *Geospatial Analysis of Disasters: Measuring Welfare Impacts of Emergency Relief*, Heidelberg, 18-19 July 2016.
- "Political stereotypes", with Carmelo Licata, *Silvaplana Workshop in Political Economy*, Pontresina (Switzerland), 26-30 July 2014, *Annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society*, Groningen, 8-11 April 2015, *2015 Beyond Basic Questions workshop*, Hannover, 26-27 June 2015, *European Political Science Association*, Milan, 22-24 June 2017.

- "Religions: Universal Messages, Country-Specific Effects on Education?", with Ilan Tojerow, 2013 Beyond Basic Questions workshop, Heidelberg, 19-21 June 2014, European Workshop on Political Macroeconomics, Mainz, 29-30 March 2016.
- "A time to throw stones, a time to reap: How long does it take for democratic reforms to improve institutional outcomes?", with Khalid Sekkat, Workshop and Policy Seminar on the Political Economy of the Arab Spring, Tunis (Tunisia), 27-28 October 2013, Annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society, Cambridge, April 3-6, 2014, 2nd InsTED Workshop, Eugene (Oregon), 19-21 August 2014, Macrohists workshop, Brussels, 30-31 March 2015, Silvaplana Workshop in Political Economy, Pontresina (Switzerland), 24-29 July 2015, Meeting of the Association for Comparative Economic Studies, Allied Social Sciences Association, San Francisco (United States), 3-5 January 2016.
- "Does investment spur growth everywhere? Not where institutions are weak", with Thibaut Dort and Khalid Sekkat, 2013 Beyond Basic Questions workshop, Lucerne, 14-16 June 2013, Silvaplana Workshop in Political Economy, Pontresina (Switzerland), 20-24 July 2013.
- "The formal and informal framework of capital accumulation", with Khalid Sekkat, Annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society, Zurich, 3-6 April 2013, DIAL Development Conference 2013, Paris, 27-28 June 2013.
- "The composition of FDI", with Philipp Harms, World Capital and labor mobility within the ERF region, Cairo, 14 October 2012.
- "The formal and informal framework of foreign direct investment", with Khalid Sekkat, World Capital and labor mobility within the ERF region, Cairo, 14 October 2012.
- "Good and bad FDI: The growth effects of greenfield investment and mergers and acquisitions in developing countries", with Philipp Harms, Economic Research Forum conference, Cairo, 25-27 March 2012, 27th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association, Málaga, 27-31 August 2012, World Capital and labor mobility within the ERF region, Cairo, 14 October 2012.
- "Taxing the unobservable: The impact of the shadow economy on inflation and tax revenue", with Ummad Mazhar, World meeting of the Public Choice Societies, Miami, 8-11 March 2012, Silvaplana Workshop in Political Economy, Pontresina (Switzerland), 21-25 July 2012, Martin Paldam workshop, Aarhus (Denmark), 28-29 September 2012.
- "Behind closed doors: Revealing the ECB's Decision Rule", with Bernd Hayo, Silvaplana Workshop in Political Economy, Pontresina (Suisse), 23-27 July 2011, World meeting of the Public Choice Societies, Miami, 8-11 March 2012.
- "Mark my Words: Information and the Fear of Declaring one's Exchange Rate Regime", with Geoffrey Minne, 2011 Beyond Basic Questions workshop, Brussels, 17-18 June 2011, World meeting of the Public Choice Societies, Miami, 8-11 March 2012.
- "Trust as the missing link between institutions, education, and development", with Christian Bjørnskov, Annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society, Rennes, April 28-1 May 2011.
- "Discrimination by Microcredit Officers: Theory and Evidence on Disability in Uganda", with Marc Labie, Roy Mersland, and Ariane Szafarz, Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association, Denver, 7-9 January 2011.
- " 'This is an economist's argument!' The impact of studying economics and other disciplines on the belief that voluntary transactions make everyone better off", with Amélie Goosens, Beyond Basic Questions workshop, Aarhus, 5-6 March, 2010, Annual

- Meeting of the European Public Choice Society, Izmir, April 8-11, 2010, Silvaplana workshop on Political Economy 2010, Pontresina, 25-29 July 2010.
- "The effect of the protection and stability of creditor rights on the fifth wave of M&As", with Martin Gassebner, Silvaplana workshop on Political Economy 2009, Pontresina, 25-29 July 2009, Annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society, Athens, April 2-5, 2009.
- "The productivity of trust", with Christian Bjørnskov, Beyond Basic Questions workshop, Zurich, 22-23 May, 2009, Annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society, Izmir, April 8-11, 2010.
- "Labor market discrimination as an agency cost", with Ariane Szafarz, Journée d'Etudes: Développements Récents en Finance et Economie, Strasbourg, 25 September 2008, 6^{ème} Journée de Collaboration Scientifique entre les écoles doctorales en gestion de l'Université Paris I-Panthéon-Sorbonne et de l'Université libre de Bruxelles, Paris, 16 December 2008.
- "FDI waves, waves of neglect of political risk", with Khalid Sekkat, 25th Symposium on Money, Banking and Finance, Luxembourg, 18-20 June 2008, Beyond Basic Questions workshop, Göttingen, 10-11 October, 2008, Annual meeting of the Public Choice Society, Las Vegas, March 5-8, 2009, Annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society, Athens, April 2-5, 2009.
- "The not so dark side of trust: Does trust increase participation in the shadow economy?", with Johanna D'Hernoncourt, Annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society, Jena, 27-30 March 2008, Silvaplana workshop on Political Economy 2008, 23-27 July 2008.
- "Revisiting the relationship between governance and foreign direct investment", with Khalid Sekkat, 50 ans d'économie appliqué au service de la société, Bruxelles, Université libre de Bruxelles, 11-12 octobre 2007.
- "The devil is in the shadow: Do institutions affect income and productivity or only official income and official productivity?", with Axel Dreher and Friedrich Schneider, workshop on Institutions, Public Policy and Economic Outcomes, Jesus College, University of Cambridge, 6-8 August 2007, 22th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association, Budapest 27-31 August 2007.
- "How committees reduce the volatility of policy rates", with Etienne Farvaque and Norimichi Matsueda, 1st World Meeting of the Public Choice Societies, Amsterdam, 28 March-1 April 2007, Research Workshop on Monetary Policy Committees, Central Bank of Norway, Oslo, 6-7 September 2007, 1st conference on the political economy of international organizations, Monte Verità, Ascona, 3-8 February 2008.
- "Is corruption an efficient grease? A cross-country aggregate analysis", with Laurent Weill, 2006 Public Choice Society Meeting, New Orleans, 30 March-2 April 2006, 2006 Annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society, Turku, 20-23 April 2006, Silvaplana workshop on Political Economy 2006, 26-30 July 2006.
- "Does financial intermediation matter for macroeconomic performance?", with Laurent Weill, Journées de l'AFSE, 11-12 mai 2006, 23rd Symposium on Money, Bank and Finance, Lille, 22-23 juin 2006.
- "Monetary Policy in the presence of asymmetric wage indexation", with Giuseppe Diana (Université Robert Schuman, Strasbourg 3), 7th International Conference on Macroeconomic Theory and Policy, Rethymmo (Greece), 22-24 May 2003, XX^{èmes} Journées Internationales d'Economie Monétaire et Bancaire du GdR Monnaie et

- Finance du CNRS, Birmingham, 5-6 June 2003, and the 20th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association, Amsterdam, 24-27 August 2005.
- "A bargaining theory of interest rate smoothing", with Etienne Farvaque and Norimichi Matsueda, XXII^{èmes} Journées Internationales d'Economie Monétaire et Bancaire GdR Monnaie et Finance du CNRS, Strasbourg, 16 and 17 June 2005, and Workshop on ECB communication, organised by KOF and ETH-Zürich, 19-21 January 2006.
- "Institutional reforms now and benefits tomorrow: How soon is tomorrow? ", with Khalid Sekkat and Laurent Weill, 2005 Annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society, Durham, 31 March to 3 April 2005, and Journées de l'AFSE, Clermont-Ferrand, 19 and 20 May, 2005, Silvaplana workshop on Political Economy 2007, 24-29 July 2007.
- "Does Better Governance Foster Efficiency? An Aggregate Frontier Analysis", with Laurent Weill (Université Robert Schuman, Strasbourg 3), invited session XVth Villa Mondragone International Economic Seminar on "Markets, growth and global governance", Rome "Tor Vergata" University, 2 and 3 July 2003.
- "L'eupéanisation des entreprises : Les apports d'un modèle de gravité", with A.F. Delannay (Université Robert Schuman, Strasbourg 3), Journées de l'AFSE, Lille, 26 and 27 May 2003, XX^{èmes} Journées Internationales d'Economie Monétaire et Bancaire du GdR Monnaie et Finance du CNRS, Birmingham, 5 and 6 June 2003, and Congrès annuel de l'AFFI, Lyon, 23 to 25 June 2003.
- "Corruption, growth and governance: Testing the 'grease the wheels' hypothesis", "Institutions, croissance et développement", à Perpignan, 27 and 28 February 2003, and 2003 Annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society, Aarhus, 25 to 28 April 2003.
- "Distributive consequences of a referendum : a simple test", communication au colloque "Du franc à l'euro : changement et continuité de la monnaie", Poitiers, 14-16 November 2001.
- "Has European Integration led to Macroeconomic Risk Diversification? A Portfolio Approach", with Laurent Weill (Université Robert Schuman de Strasbourg), Money, Macro and Finance Research Group Belfast, 5-7 September 2001, au XII^{ème} Colloque du GDR Economie et Finances Internationales, Bordeaux, 27 and 28 June 2002, and Congrès annuel de l'AFFI, Strasbourg, 26-28 June 2002.
- "The viability of fixed exchange rate commitments: Does politics matter? A theoretical and empirical investigation", with J.-M. Rizzo (Université de la Réunion), 16th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association, Lausanne, 29 August-1 September 2001, and Congrès Annuel de l'AFSE, Paris, 21-22 September 2001.
- "Why are realignments postponed? A model of exchange rate revisions with opportunistic governments" communication au 2001 Annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society, Paris, 18-21 Avril 2001.
- "Can Mergers in Europe help Banks hedge against Macroeconomic Risk?", with Laurent Weill (Université Robert Schuman de Strasbourg), journée d'économie bancaire de l'Atelier de macro-économie monétaire, Paris, 24 January 2001, Journées de l'AFSE, Orléans, 17 and 18 May 2001, and Congrès annuel de l'AFFI, Namur, 26-28 juin 2001.
- "La cohésion européenne : conséquence ou condition du succès de l'euro ?", communication lors de la Journée d'étude organisée par l'Institut de Hautes Etudes Européennes dans le cadre du 50^{ème} anniversaire de la Déclaration Schuman du 9 mai 1950, May 2000.
- "Instabilité politique et crédibilité d'un régime de change : aspects théoriques et vérification empirique", with J.-M. Rizzo (Université de la Réunion), communication aux XVI^{èmes}

Journées Internationales d'Economie Monétaire et Bancaire du GdR Monnaie et Finance, CNRS, Poitiers, 10 and 11 June 1999.

"Impact sectoriel du choix d'un régime de change dans une petite économie ouverte", *IV^{ème} colloque annuel "Théories et Méthodes de la Macro-économie (T2M)"* GdR Théories et Méthodes de la Macro-économie du C.N.R.S, Montréal, 14 and 15 May 1999.

"Conflits d'intérêts liés au choix d'un régime de change : une étude économétrique des résultats du référendum de Maastricht", *XVth Journées Internationales d'Economie Monétaire et Bancaire* du GdR Monnaie et Finance CNRS, Toulouse, 4 and 5 June 1998.

"Credibility of fixed parities when the life expectancy of policy-makers is curtailed by political uncertainty", *7. Symposium Geld, Finanzwirtschaft, Banken und Versicherungen*, Karlsruhe, 11 to 13 December 1996.

"Cycle partisan et crédibilité de parités fixes", *XIIIth Journées Internationales d'Economie Monétaire et Bancaire* du GdR Monnaie et Finance, CNRS, Aix-en-Provence, 6 and 7 June 1996.

"Coûts d'adaptation, groupes de pression et retard de l'instauration d'une union monétaire", communication au premier colloque annuel *"Théories et Méthodes de la Macro-économie (T2M)"* organisé par le GdR Théories et Méthodes de la Macro-économie du C.N.R.S, Paris, 12 and 13 January 1996.

Submitted manuscripts

"Is Demonstrating Against the Far Right Worth it? Evidence From French Presidential Elections", with Nicolas Lagios et Ilan Tojerow, revise and resubmit to the *Economic Journal*.

"Jurisdiction size and perceived corruption", with Abel François and Nicolas Lagios, revise and resubmit to *Public Choice*.

"Where do creditor rights matter? Creditor rights, political constraints, and cross-border M&A activity", with Martin Gassebner, submitted for publication.

"One-minute earthquake, years of patience: Evidence from Mexico on the effect of earthquake exposure on time preference" with Robin Rampaer and David Raymaekers, submitted for publication.

"The Origins of Elite Persistence: Evidence from Political Purges in post-World War II France", with Toke S. Aidt and Jean Lacroix, submitted for publication.

Other scientific activities

Member of the selection committee of the Silvaplana workshop in political economy, Pontresina (Switzerland), since 2009.

Organizer of the 2023 Economics and politics @ Brussels with Ilan tojerow, Université libre de Bruxelles, Brussels, 14-15 December 2023.

Organizer of the workshop on the "Political Economy of demonstrations" with Ilan Tojerow, Université libre de Bruxelles, 22 April 2022.

Organizer of the workshop “Political Economy of Wars and Political Transitions” with Toke Aidt and Jean Lacroix, University of Cambridge (online), 1-2 September 2021.

Columnist on news channel LN24, September 2019-mars 2020.

Organizer of the 2019 Economics and politics @ Brussels, Brussels, 16-17 December 2019.

Expert/reviewer for the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Canadian public research funding agency), 2014.

Expert/reviewer for Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR, French public research funding agency), since 2013.

Expert/reviewer for Fonds National de la Recherche Scientifique (FNRS, Belgian public research funding agency), since 2011.

Organizer of the 2011 Beyond Basic Questions workshop in political economy, Brussels, 17-18 June 2011.

Organizer of the 2009 Silvaplana workshop in political economy, Pontresina (Switzerland), 25-29 July 2009.

“L’européanisation des entreprises : Les apports d’un modèle de gravité”, research contract “L’européanisation des entreprises”, under the supervision of Michel Dietsch for the Commissariat Général du Plan, December 2002.

“La cohésion européenne : conséquence ou condition du succès de l’euro ?”, research contract “Euro et identité”, CNRS, March 2001.

Awards and honorary positions

2023 Oliver Williamson Best Paper Award awarded by the Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics to the paper “The Origins of Elite Persistence: Evidence from Political Purges in post-World War II France”, with Toke S. Aidt and Jean Lacroix.

Fellow of CESifo, since 2023.

Officer of the Order of Léopold, since January 2013.

Member of the Board of the European Public Choice Society, 2013-2016.

Open Economies Review First Prize Award for 2002 for the paper “The viability of fixed exchange rate commitments: Does politics matter? A theoretical and empirical investigation” with J.-M. Rizzo, *Open Economies Review*, vol. 13 n°2, pp. 111-132, April 2002.

Teaching activities at Université libre de Bruxelles

Vice-Dean in charge of student academic affairs, 2011-2017.

Secretary of the Bachelor in economics, 2012-2017.

“Croissance et fluctuations” (growth and fluctuations), fourth year course, since 2004.

“Introduction à la macroéconomie” (principles of macroeconomics), first year course, since 2004.

“Modélisation appliquée aux politiques économiques” (applied economic modelling), second year course, since 2007.

“Macroeconomics: fiscal policy”, MBA course, 2012.

“Macroéconomie politique” (political macroeconomics), master course, 2007-2013.

Teaching activities at the University of Strasbourg

“Economie du développement” (development economics), since 2003.

Miscellaneous

Catalina: 8 track demo CD with David Dejous. Free download on Soundcloud:

<https://soundcloud.com/pby60catalina>.

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