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**Academic appointments**

2010 - 2012      Post-doctoral researcher, CRED, University of Namur

**Graduate Studies**

2006 - 2011      PhD in Economics, EHESS-PSE  
*Thesis Title:* "Land Institutions, Migration and Inequality in China"  
*Committee:* Pr. Sylvie Démurger, Pr. Nancy Qian, Pr. Marc Gurgand (advisor)  
Pr. Gilles Postel-Vinay, Pr. Philippe de Vreyer

**Undergraduate Studies**

2005      Mres in Macroeconomics, Paris I Sorbonne - PSE (with high honors)  
2004      Agregation de Sciences Sociales  
2003      Master in Econometrics, ENS Cachan - Paris X Nanterre  
2002      B.Sc. in Economics, B.Sc. in Sociology, Ecole Normale Supérieure de Cachan (with honors)

**References**

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## Research Fields

Primary fields: Development Economics, Microeconomics

Secondary fields: Policy Evaluation, Economic History, Economy of China

## Teaching Experience

2006 - 2009 T.A. Macroeconomics, Paris I - Sorbonne (Pr. A. d'Autume, K. Schubert)

2006 - 2007 T.A. Statistics, Paris I (Pr. F. Gardes)

2007 - 2009 T.A. General Introduction to Economy, Paris I (Pr. A. d'Autume)

2011 - 2012 Cosupervision of Master-thesis, International Economics and Development, Namur

## Other Employment

2008 OECD Trade and Agriculture Directorate, Consultant for *OECD Rural Policy Review : China*

2005 Conseil Régional d'Ile de France : Three months internship in the capinet of Marc Lipinski, vice president in charge of research, scientific innovation and higher education

## Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships

2009 - 2010 Fellowship "Marie Curie", European Commission, Initial Training Network "AMID"

2006 - 2009 EHESS Graduate Scholarship

2009 Fellowship "Aires Culturelles", Ministry of Higher Education and Research of France

2008 Fellowship "Terrain", French Center for Research on Contemporary China

2002 - 2005 Ecole Normale Supérieure de Cachan, Full Fellowship

## Conferences and Workshops

2011 Paris School of Economics (Lunch seminar)

Namur University (CRED workshop; joint workshop with KU Leuven)

2010 London School of Economics (AMID Summer School)

Bocconi University (Development Reading Group)

Beijing Normal University (Workshop on Income Inequality in China);

Club Chine-Normandie, Caen (Mini-colloque on labour market in China)

2009 University College London (China Planning Research Group Seminar)

EEA - ESEM (Barcelona GSE), EUDN PhD Workshop (PSE)(coauthor presenting)

Beijing Normal University (International Workshop on Inequality in China)

EHESS (PhD Students in Chinese Studies' seminar)

Lingnan University (Seminar); Bocconi University (Brownbag seminar)

2008 IUP Banque Assurance, Caen University (Forum Economy and Finance in China)

Spring Meeting of Young Economists (Lille, France)

PSE (China Household Income Project Meeting)

2007 PSE (Lunch Seminar; Work in Progress Seminar; Macroeconomic Tea Break)

Beijing International Conference on Development Challenges in Rural China

2006 Zhejiang University (Conference "Globalisation and Development of Chinese Firms")

Beijing Normal University (China Household Income Project Workshop)

French Agency of Development (Internal seminar)

## Research Papers

*Inequality and Revolution : what can we learn from the Long March in China?* - with Li Shi

Are radical reforms able to tackle inequalities persistence? We investigate the impact of one of the most radical changes one can think of, Mao's revolution in rural China, on inequality persistence. To identify places which experienced different degrees of reform for exogenous reasons, we build on a unique historical event, the Long March of the Red Army in the mid 1930s, which was retreating to escape the Nationalists. We show that in the Long March counties, formerly poor families have now more land than others; the revolution disrupted the intergenerational transmission of human capital.

Yet, overall, the persistence of inequality is remarkable. Most villages are not Long March villages and in those villages, the historical poverty of households is strongly negatively correlated with less land today. For most areas in rural China, the reform failed to completely disrupt the transmission of social inequalities at the country level. If radical reforms might be powerful in changing things, such impact is likely to be geographically limited - to places where land reform or revolution are receiving increased attention and resources.

*Land Right Insecurity and Temporary Migration in Rural China* - with Deng Quheng, Li Shi, Thomas Vendryes

In this paper, we show how insecure property rights affect migration behaviour. We provide an additional explanation for the high degree of geographical and temporal mobility of internal migrants in China. As village land ownership remains collective and as land use rights can be periodically reallocated, individual out-migration can result in deprivation of those rights. We use household plots' contractual status as a measure of risk exposure. We interact it with a measure of rights insecurity at the village level, which is orthogonal to the household level one, and thus build a measure of land insecurity which is exogenous to migration. Empirical results demonstrate substantial impact.

*Migration Duration and Family Size : Temporary Migration in China and the One Child Policy* - with Deng Quheng

In this paper, we show how a reduced number of siblings constrains migration duration, using the One Child Policy as an exogenous shift in fertility and thus siblings number. We compare the elder children born before and after the policy. We find that individuals with a reduced number of siblings are experiencing shorter duration of migration. In rural China, where agricultural work is highly seasonal and is affected by household registration institutions and land rights insecurity, labor power is an important resource for households. Family planning policies are adding an additional constraint to household decisions, whose members may shorten migration and send less remittances in the future.

## Languages

French (native language), English (fluent), Italian (fluent), Chinese (intermediate), German (read - first language studied in school)

## **Publications**

“Land, Peasants and Migrants : at the Heart of Chinese Development?”, with Li Shi and Thomas Vendryes, *Regards sur la Terre*, AFD/IDDRI, forthcoming in 2012

“Land Rights and Rural-Urban Migration in China”, with Deng Quheng, Li Shi and Thomas Vendryes, *China Perspectives*, september 2008

“Le contrôle des migrations en Chine : un atout économique?”, French Agency of Development, forthcoming

“Les Pékinois de l’ombre”, *Connexions*, Magazine de la Chambre de Commerce et d’Industrie Française en Chine, n°35 Spécial Pékin, automne 2006

“Les risques pesant sur la croissance chinoise”, in *La Chine, un colosse financier? Le système financier à l’aube du XXIème siècle*, EURASFI (Europe Asie Finance), 2006, Paris, Vuibert

## **Hobbies**

Dance (Tango, Swing, Salsa); Taijiquan; Music (Cello, Singing)