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RESEARCH FIELDS

Applied microeconomics, Development economics, Household economics

CURRENT POSITION AND AFFILIATIONS

2015- Junior Researcher, Paris School of Economics

2012- Research Affiliate, CREST

EDUCATION

2012 - 2015 **PhD in Economics, Paris School of Economics.** Supervisor: Sylvie Lambert.

Title: *Essays on fertility choices in Africa.* Defense date: December 4th, 2015.

Committee: C. Guirkingier, X. d'Haultfoeuille, P. Krishnan and C. Udry

2010 - 2012 **M.Sc. in Economics (APE), Paris School of Economics**

2004 - 2008 **M.Sc. in Economics and Management, HEC Paris.** Visiting student at PUC (Chile) in 2007 and RSM (The Netherlands) in 2005

REFERENCES

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Publications

Lambert, L., and P. Rossi (2016): "Sons as Widowhood Insurance: Evidence from Senegal", *Journal of Development Economics*, forthcoming.

Rossi, P., and L. Rouanet (2015): "Gender Preferences in Africa: A Comparative Analysis of Fertility Choices", *World Development*, 72, 326-345.

Working papers

[Strategic Choices in Polygamous Households: Theory and Evidence from Senegal](#), **Job Market Paper**.

This paper proposes a strategic framework to account for fertility choices in polygamous households. A theoretical model specifies the main drivers of fertility in the African context and describes how the fertility of one wife might impact the behavior of her co-wives. It generates predictions to test for strategic interactions. Exploiting original data from a household survey and the Demographic and Health Surveys in Senegal, empirical tests show that children are strategic complements. One wife raises her fertility in response to an increase by the other wife, because children are the best claim to resources controlled by the husband. This result is the first quantitative evidence of a reproductive rivalry between co-wives. It suggests that the sustained high level of fertility in Africa does not merely reflect women's lack of control over births, as is often argued, but also their incentives to have many children. This paper also contributes to the literature on household behavior as one of the few attempts to open the black box of non-nuclear families.

Work in progress

The value of marriage: theory and evidence from a French reform in inheritance rights, with Marion Leturcq (INED)

Siblings' rivalry in non-nuclear households: what can we learn from the 19th century Mormons?, with Joshua Wilde (University of South Florida)

Capital exit from developing countries. Measurement and correlates, with Denis Cogneau (PSE) and Léa Rouanet (World Bank)

The rural-urban gap in child mortality in Africa: levels, trends and drivers, with Denis Cogneau (PSE)
Mater semper certa est: daughter preference in matrilineal ethnic groups

Son preference in the course of the fertility transition : evidence from Egypt

NON ACADEMIC PAPERS (in French)

Revue annuelle de l'Algérie, de l'Indonésie, d'Israël et de la Turquie (with Yves Zlotowski), Guide Coface Risque Pays, 2008

Evaluation à mi-parcours du Plan national santé environnement (with Ariane Piana-Rogez), Rapport du Comité d'évaluation, AFSSET, 2007

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

- 2016 University of Amsterdam Invited Seminar, HEC Lausanne Invited Seminar.
- 2015 European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society (Bocconi University), ADRES Doctoral conference (University of Cergy Pontoise), SAE (Girona University), EUDN PhD Workshop (Paris Dauphine University), NEUDC (Brown University), CRED Seminar (University of Namur), Collège de France PhD Seminar, OxDev (Oxford University), EDP Jamboree (LSE), EEA (University of Mannheim), AFSE (Rennes University), Journées LAGV (AMSE), PSE Internal Seminar, CREST Internal Seminar, CSAE (Oxford University), UEVE Invited Seminar.
- 2014 CREST Internal Seminar, EEA (TSE), ESPE (University of Minho), JMA (CERDI), PSE Applied Economics Seminar, CSAE (Oxford University).
- 2013 NEUDC (Harvard University), Development Dialogue (ISS), Doctorissimes (Paris 1), CREST Internal Seminar.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2014 Short-term Consultant, World Bank, Dakar, Senegal
- 2012 Research Assistant for François Bourguignon, Paris School of Economics, France
- 2011 Research Assistant for Karen Macours, Paris School of Economics, Nicaragua
- 2008-2010 Credit Analyst, BNP Paribas, Mexico DF, Mexico
- 2008 Junior Risk Analyst, Coface, Santiago, Chile
- 2007 Junior Country Risk Analyst, Coface, Paris, France
- 2006 Junior Consultant, PriceWaterhouseCoopers, Paris, France
- Summer 2006 Intern, Centre Culturel Français, Kiel, Germany
- Summer 2005 Intern, CICDA, Ayacucho, Peru

TEACHING

- 2012/13 - 2014/15 **ENSAE** : Teaching Assistant in Econometrics (M1)
- 2012/13 - 2014/15 **ENSAE** : Teaching Assistant in Game Theory (M1)
- 2012/13 - 2014/15 **ENSAE** : Teaching Assistant in Microeconomics (L3)
- 2013/14 - 2014/15 **ENSAE** : Teaching Assistant in Public Policy Evaluation (M2)
- Student satisfaction rate: 91% in 2012-2013, 100% in 2013-2014

OTHER

Languages: **French** (native), **English** (fluent, TOEFL: 113/120), **Spanish** (fluent), **German** (very good level written, read, spoken)

Computer skills: STATA, R, MapInfo, \LaTeX , Bloomberg

Grants: CREST, Full doctoral scholarship (2012-2015)

Referee: *Annals of Economics and Statistics*, *La Revue Economique*

Organizer: CREST Internal Seminar (2014-2015), PSE PhD Seminar (2013-2014)