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### **EMPLOYMENT**

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2009 - Professor of Economics, Faculty of Business & Economics, Lausanne University  
2000 - 2008 Research Fellow, CNRS  
2004 - 2009 Professor of Economics, University of Geneva  
2003 - 2007 Associate Professor of Economics, Ecole Polytechnique, France

### **Visiting Positions and other Appointments**

2017, Jan-Jun Invited Professor, VSE, UBC, Vancouver  
2013, April Invited Researcher, Sciences Po, Paris  
2011, Jan-July Invited Researcher, CREI, U. Pompeu Fabra, Barcelone  
2010, Nov- Dec Invited Researcher, Sciences Po, Paris  
2007, 2006, 2005 Short term visits, International Monetary Fund, Research Department

### **EDUCATION**

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2000-2001, Postdoctoral Scholar, MIT  
1997-2000, PhD in Economics, SORBONNE, Université Paris 1  
1996, Master in Economics, DELTA - EHESS, Paris  
1992-1995, Diplôme d'Ingénieur, Mathematics and Economics, ECOLE POLYTECHNIQUE

### **GRANTS**

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SNF Grant, 367'945 Swiss Francs; 2019-2020  
SNF Grant, 304'789 Swiss Francs; 2014-2017  
ERC Starting Grant GRIEVANCES (313327) – 1'031'370 euros; 2013-2017  
UNIL Research Grant, 750'000 CHF, 2010-2015  
SNIS Research Grant, 100'000CHF, 2008-2010  
ATIP Research Grant, 30'000 euros, 2002-2004

### **HONORS**

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CEPR Research Fellow (2001-)  
Best Teacher AWARD, 2018, HEC Business School of Economics and Finance, UNIL  
Best Teacher AWARD, 2017, HEC Business School of Economics and Finance, UNIL  
Best Teacher AWARD, 2016, HEC Business School of Economics and Finance, UNIL  
Best Teacher AWARD, 2015, HEC Business School of Economics and Finance, UNIL  
Nominated for Best French Economist under 40, Cercles des Economistes and Le Monde, 2011  
French Economic Association Price for the best PhD Dissertation of the year 2000

## **PUBLICATIONS & RESEARCH OUTPUT**

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*Fields: International Economy; Political Economy; Development*

### **1. Peer-reviewed Journals (R&R, Forthcoming, Published)**

“The Economic Incentives of Cultural Transmission: Spatial Evidence from Naming Patterns across France”, with Yann Algan, Thierry Mayer and Mirna Safi, 2013, CEPR Working Paper 9416. Revise and Resubmit *Economic Journal*.

“The violent Legacy of Victimization: Post-Conflict Evidence on Asylum Seekers, Crimes and Public Policy in Switzerland”, with Mathieu Couttenier, Veronica Preotu and Dominic Rohner, 2016, CEPR Working Paper 11079. Conditionally accepted *American Economic Review*. Media coverage: Atlantico, RTS, Le Monde, Citoyenneté active, La vie économique/ Die Volkswirtschaft

“From micro to macro: Demand and supply-side determinants of the trade elasticity”, with Maria Bas and Thierry Mayer, *Journal of International Economics*, 2017, 108, 1-19 (Lead article)

“Networks in Conflict: Theory and Evidence from the Great War of Africa”, with Michael Koenig, Dominic Rohner and Fabrizio Zilibotti, *Econometrica*, 2017, 85, 1093-1132. Media coverage: RSI Rete Due.

“This Mine is mine! How Minerals Fuel Conflicts in Africa”, with Nicolas Berman, Mathieu Couttenier and Dominic Rohner, *American Economic Review*, 2017, 107, 1564-1610. Media coverage: The Economist, AEA Research Highlights, Sverige Radio, SWR2, NZZ, Africa Times, Finanz und Wirtschaft, Le Monde, Monthly Review, FranceTV Info.

“Do We Harm Others Even if We Don’t Need To?”, with Maria Paula Cacault, Lorenz Goette and Rafael Lalive, *Frontiers in Psychology*, section Evolutionary Psychology and Neuroscience, 2015, 6(729).

“Welfare and Trade without Pareto”, with Keith Head and Thierry Mayer. *American Economic Review P&P*, 2014, 104(5), 310-316

“Product-based Cultural Change: Is the Village Global?”, with Nicolas Maystre, Jacques Olivier and Thierry Verdier, *Journal of International Economics*, 2014, 92(2), 212-230 (Leading Article).

“War Signals: A Theory of Trade, Trust and Conflict”, with Dominic Rohner and Fabrizio Zilibotti, *Review of Economic Studies*, 2013, 80(3), 1114-1147. Media coverage: United States Institute of Peace, Huffington Post, RSI Rete Due, NZZ, The Global Dispatches, Finanz und Wirtschaft, La vie économique / Die Volkswirtschaft.

“Seeds of Distrust: Conflict in Uganda”, with Dominic Rohner and Fabrizio Zilibotti, *Journal of Economic Growth*, 2013, 18(3), 217-252. Media Coverage: Le Monde.

“The Geography of Conflicts and Free Trade Agreements” with Philippe Martin and Thierry Mayer, *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*, 2012, 4, 1-35 (Leading Article).

“Contrasting Trends in Firm Volatility: Theory and Evidence”, with David Thesmar, *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*, 2011, 4, 143-180.

“A Macroeconomic Perspective on Knowledge Management”, with Thierry Verdier, *Journal of Economic Growth*, 2010, vol. 15(1), 33-63.

“Growth and Risk at the Industry-level: The Real Effects of Financial Liberalization”, with Andrei Levchenko and Romain Rancière, *Journal of Development Economics*, 2009, 2, 210-222.

“Globalization and the Dynamics of Cultural Identity”, joint with Jacques Olivier and Thierry Verdier, *Journal of International Economics*, 2008, 76, 356–370.

“Make Trade not War?” with Philippe Martin and Thierry Mayer, *Review of Economic Studies*, 2008, vol. 75(3).

“Investigating the Origins of Capitalism-Aversion”, with Augustin Landier and David Thesmar, *Economic Policy*, 2008, Issue 55 (July).

“Civil Wars and International Trade“, with Philippe Martin and Thierry Mayer, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 2008, vol. 6 (2-3), pages 541-550.

“From Flexibility to Insecurity: How Outsourcing Amplifies Firm Level Uncertainty“, with David Thesmar, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 2007, vol. 5(6), pages 1161-1202.

“On the Relation between organizational practices and new technologies: the role of time based Competition”, with Philippe Askenazy and David Thesmar, *Economic Journal*, 2006, January, pages 128-154.

“A Theory of Defensive Skill-Biased Innovation and Globalization”, with Thierry Verdier, *American Economic Review*, 2003, volume 93, n°3, pages 709-728.

“Creative Destruction and Firm Organization Choice”, joint with David Thesmar, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2000, volume CXV, n°4, pp. 1201-1239.

## 2. Books and Chapters in books

*La mondialisation est-elle un facteur de paix?*, with Philippe Martin and Thierry Mayer, 2006, Editions de la Rue d’Ulm.

“The impact of Rules of Origins on Strategic Outsourcing: an IO perspective”, with Thierry Verdier, 2006, Chapter 2, in *The Origin of Goods*, edited by O. Cadot, A.Estevadeordal, A.Suwa and T.Verdier, Oxford University Press.

## 3. Selected Popular Writing

“Fragmented Civil Wars” *VoxDev*, June 26, 2017.

<http://voxdev.org/topic/institutions-political-economy/fragmented-civil-wars>

“Countering the mining curse” *VOX*, June 9, 2017.

<http://voxeu.org/article/countering-mining-curse>

“Violence by Asylum Seekers: Role of Home Nation Conflict”, *VOX*, April 6, 2016

<http://voxeu.org/http%3A//www.voxeu.org/article/does-violence-breed-violence-evidence-asylum-seekers-switzerland>

“The economics and politics of free trade agreements” *VOX*, April 9, 2010.

<http://www.voxeu.org/index.php?q=node/4840>

“Civil Wars: does international trade help or hurt ?” *VOX*, January 5, 2008.

<http://www.voxeu.org/index.php?q=node/847>

“Comparative Capitalism”, *STERN Business*, Fall/Winter 2007.

[http://w4.stern.nyu.edu/sternbusiness/fall\\_2007/comparativeCapitalism.html](http://w4.stern.nyu.edu/sternbusiness/fall_2007/comparativeCapitalism.html)

“Does Globalization Pacify International Relations?” *VOX*, July 4, 2007.  
<http://www.voxeu.org/index.php?q=node/354>

“La globalisation et les inégalités : pour en finir avec une idée fausse”, *Les Echos*, 6/11/2000.

#### **4. Completed Papers**

“The economic incentives of cultural transmission: spatial evidence from naming patterns across France”, with Yann Algan and Thierry Mayer, 2013, CEPR Working Paper 9416.

“How globalization impacts the labor demand by skill? An export based channel”, with Eric Maurin and David Thesmar, 2002, CEPR WP 3406.

#### **5. Peer-reviewed Articles in French**

“Mondialisation des échanges et emploi: le rôle des exportations”, joint with Eric Maurin and David Thesmar, *Economie et Statistiques*, 2003, n° 363-364-365, pp.33-44.

“Une théorie de l’innovation défensive biaisée vers le travail qualifié ”, joint with Thierry Verdier, *Economie et Statistiques*, 2003, n° 363-364-365, pp.19-32.

“Choix d’organisation dans un environnement instable: une analyse macroéconomique”, joint with David Thesmar, *Revue Economique*, 1999, volume 50, n°3, pp. 393-403.

### **SUPERVISION OF JUNIOR RESEARCHERS**

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#### **Post-Graduate level**

Johannes Buggle – postdoc; 24 months.  
Mathieu Couttenier - postdoc; 36 months.  
Sophie Hatte - postdoc; 36 months.  
Baptiste Massenet - postdoc; 24 months.  
Seyhun Orcan Sakalli: postdoc; 60 months.

#### **Graduate level (PhD Supervision)**

Stefania Amer. Placement: University of Lausanne (Lecturer)  
Nicolas Maystre. Placement: United Nations (Senior Economist)  
Veronica Preotu. Placement: University of Geneva (Postdoctoral Student)  
Stephanos Vlachos. Placement: University of Vienna (Assistant Professor)

### **SERVICES TO THE PROFESSION**

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#### **Faculty and University**

Chair of the Economics Department, University of Lausanne, 2014-  
Vice-Chair of the Economics Department, University of Lausanne, 2010-2014

#### **European Economic Association**

Elected Council Member, 2017 – 2021

#### **Editorship and related services**

Associate Editor, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 2010-2016  
Panel Member, *Economic Policy*, 2009-2010  
Associate Editor, *International Economics*, 2007- 2013

### **Refereeing Activity**

American Economic Review, American Political Science Review, Econometrica, Journal of Political Economy, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, American Economic Journal Macroeconomics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of European Economic Association, Economic Journal, International Economic Review, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of International Economics, Economic Policy, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Public Economics, Oxford Economic Papers, Research in Economics, Labour Economics, European Economic Review, World Bank Economic Review, International Journal of Industrial Organization, BE macroeconomics, Annales d'Economie et Statistiques, Economie et Prevision, Recherches Economiques de Louvain, Revue économique, Economie et Statistiques, Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR), Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), European Research Council (ERC).

### **Organization of Conferences**

Program Committee for the 33<sup>rd</sup> European Economic Association Annual Congress, Cologne, 27-31 August 2018.

Co-organizer with Mathieu Couttenier, Jérémy Lucchetti and Dominic Rohner of the CEPR conference on “Political Economy of Conflicts and Development”, Villars-sur-Ollon, 1-3 February 2018.

Organization of 2 Invited Sessions (Development and Trade), European Winter meeting of the Econometric Society, Barcelona, 12-13 December 2017.

Organization of 3 Invited Sessions (on Political Economy), European Winter meeting of the Econometric Society, Edinburgh, 10-11 December 2016.

Invited Session on the Economics of Conflicts, 31<sup>st</sup> European Economic Association Annual Meeting, Geneva, 22-26 August 2016.

Co-organizer with Mathieu Couttenier and Dominic Rohner of the CEPR conference on “Political Economy of Conflicts and Development”, Villars-sur-Ollon, 21-24 January 2015.

Member of the Program Committee for the 28<sup>th</sup> European Economic Association Annual Congress, Oslo, 25-29 August 2013.

Co-organizer with Marius Brulhart, Olivier Cadot, Jean Imbs of the 12<sup>th</sup> ETSG Conference, Lausanne, 9-11 September 2010

Co-organizer of the CEPR Conference on “Conflicts, Globalization and Development”, Paris, 13-14 November 2008

Member of the Program Committee for the 21<sup>th</sup> European Economic Association Annual Congress, Vienna, 24-28 August 2006.

Organizer, with Thierry Mayer, of the 6<sup>th</sup> conference, « Doctoral Meetings in International Trade and International Finance », Geneva, 5-6 January 2006.

Scientist in Charge (at CERAS) of the CEPR Research Training Network (contract HPRN-CT-2000-00072), “Macro and Micro Aspects of Economic Geography”.

Member of the Program Committee for the 19<sup>th</sup> European Economic Association Annual Congress, Madrid, 22-24 August 2004.

Co-organizer (with Jacques Thisse) of the CEPR Conference for the “Handbook of Regional and Urban Economics”, Paris, 12-14 December 2002.

Member of the Program Committee for the 17<sup>th</sup> European Economic Association Annual Congress, Venice, 22-24 August 2002.

Member of the Program Committee and Organizer of an invited session for the Annual Congress of the French Economic Association (AFSE), Paris september 20, 2002.

### **PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES & SEMINARS & KEYNOTE LECTURES**

**2019: Keynote Lecture**, European Public Choice Society 2019 Conference, Jerusalem, April 1-4, 2019  
Applied Economics Seminar, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, April 2, 2019

IDC Herzliya, Tel Aviv, March 31 2019,

Empirical Micro Seminar, University of Zurich, March 26, 2019

Political Economy Day, ENS Lyon, February 15, 2019

Tinbergen Institute, January 24, 2019

**2018:** New York University Abu Dhabi, November 5, 2018

Toulouse School of Economics, September 17, 2018

PEPES, Paris School of Economics, September 13, 2018

Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago, January 10, 2018

**2017:** Department Seminar, OxCarre, University of Oxford, October 31, 2017

Economics Department Seminar, BI Norwegian Business School, Oslo, August 30, 2017

**Keynote Lecture**, CCER Summer Institute, Peking University, Yantai, June 27-30, 2017

Economics Department Seminar, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, April 20, 2017

Political Economy Seminar, VSE, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, March 9, 2017

Economics Department Seminar, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, January 24, 2017

**2016:** Economics Department Seminar, GREQAM, Marseille, November 28, 2016

**Keynote Lecture**, 9th GEP China Conference, University Nottingham Ningbo China, November 4, 2016

Economics Department Seminar, Hong Kong University, November 2, 2016

Economics Department Seminar, University of Luxembourg, September 21, 2016

GSE Summer Forum on Migration, Barcelona, June 8-9 2016

Economics Department Seminar, SciencesPo, Paris, May 23, 2016v

**Keynote Lecture**, IOEA conference, Corsica, May 16-20, 2016

Political Economy Seminar, NYU, March 11, 2016

NBER group on National Security, Boston, February 11, 2016

**2015:** Paris Trade Seminar, PSE, December 8, 2015.

Economics Department Seminar, University of Munich, October 27, 2015

**Keynote Address**, ENCORE Conference, Barcelona, October 1-2, 2015

NBER Summer Institute Conference, July 13-16, 2015

Annual World Bank Conference on Africa, Berkeley, June 8-9, 2015

Department Seminar, Ente Einaudi Institute, Roma, May 11, 2015

Seminar in International Economics, University of Warwick, April 30, 2015

Seminar in Political Economy, IPEG, Barcelona, April 22, 2015

**2014:** 8<sup>th</sup> Louvain-la-Neuve Symposium in Economic Dynamics, September 18-19, 2014

Political Sciences Department Seminar, New York University Abu Dhabi, September 9, 2014

NBER Summer Institute Conference, July 14-17, 2014

Invited session, IEA World Conference, Jordan, June 7-10, 2014

**Keynote Lecture**, INFER 2014 conference, Italy, May 29-30, 2014

Economics Department Seminar, ECARES, Brussels, May 13, 2014.

Economics Department Seminar, Ecole Polytechnique, Palaiseau, April 8, 2014

Economics Department Seminar, CERGE-EI, Prague, March 27, 2014

Applied Economics Seminar, University of Southampton, January 15, 2014

**2013:** Applied Economics Seminar, Universitat Autònoma, Barcelona, October 28, 2013

Economics Department Seminar, GREQAM, Marseille, October 7, 2013

CEPR conference on Migration, Nottingham, September 5-7, 2013

CIRPEE-DEEP-TSE Workshop in Macroeconomics, Toulouse, June 20-21 2013

Economics Department Seminar, University Paris IX, June 10, 2013

Workshop on Political Economy of Development and Conflict, Pompeu Fabra, May 9-10, 2013

Applied Economics Group Seminar, IZA, Bonn, April 22, 2013

Economics Department Seminar, University of Bologna, March 18, 2013

Economics Department Seminar, Royal Holloway, January 24, 2013

**2012:** Economics Department Seminar, Bern, November 19, 2012  
Economics Department Seminar, Lugano, May 21, 2012  
Economic Development Seminar, TSE, Toulouse, May 10, 2012  
Conference on the Economics of Interactions and Culture, Rome, April 27-28, 2012  
MOVE workshop on Social Economics, Barcelona, April 20-21, 2012  
Economics Department Seminar, THEMA, Cergy-Pontoise, March 29, 2012  
Economics Department Seminar, HEI, Geneva, March 20, 2012  
**2011:** Workshop on the Political Economy of Governance and Conflicts, Namur, November 25-26, 2011  
Meeting on Institutions and Political Economy, Lisbon, September 8-9, 2011  
NBER Summer Institute Conference, July 18-19, 2011  
Conference of the Society of Economic Dynamics, Ghent, July 7-9, 2011  
First Concentration on Conflicts, Universitat Autònoma, Barcelona, May 20-21, 2011  
Seminar in Labor and Public Economics, University Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, May 3, 2011  
Macro Seminar, Tilburg University, April 5, 2011  
Macro Seminar, CREI, Barcelona, March 28, 2011  
**2010:** Department Seminar, Sciences Po Paris, December 16, 2010  
Macro-Seminar, Paris School of Economics, Paris, December 2, 2010  
Workshop on the Economics of Conflicts, Zurich University, November 25, 2010  
Economic Policy Panel, Rome, October 22-23, 2010  
NBER Summer Institute Conference, 20-22 July, 2010  
CEPR Workshop on the Political Economy of Development, Manresa, April 30-May 1 2010  
Princeton-Yale Conference on Trade and War, Princeton University, 16-17 April 2010  
Political Economy of Development Workshop, Tilburg, 7-8 April 2010  
PEGGED Conference, Villars, 18 - 20 March 2010  
**2009:** Economics Department Seminar, Tinbergen Institute, December 14, 2009  
Economics Department Seminar, Universidade Do Minho, Portugal, November 4, 2009  
EUI – WTO Conference on “The New Political Economy of Trade” , Florence, 5 - 6 June 2009  
CEPR ESSIM Conference, Ragny, 11 - 14 May 2009  
Economics Department Seminar, Bocconi University, Milano, April 29, 2009  
Economic Policy Panel, Bruxelles, 24-25 April 2009  
World Trade Organization, Research Seminar, Geneva, March 31, 2009  
Economics Department Seminar, University of Zurich, March 25, 2009  
Economics Department Seminar, University of Nottingham, March 16, 2009  
**2008:** CEPR conference “Models of Cultural Dynamics and Diversity”, Paris, 11 - 13 December 2008  
European University Institute, “Globalization and Inequalities”, Florence, June 11-13, 2008.  
CREI-Egon Sohmen Symposium on “Consequences of Globalization”, Barcelona May 26-27, 2008.  
World Trade Organization, Geneva, April 29, 2008.  
University of Navarra, February 7, 2008  
**2007:** Graduate Institute of International Studies, Research Seminar, Geneva, November 20, 2007.  
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), Geneva, October 17, 2007.  
Paris School of Economics, Macroeconomics Seminar, Paris, October 11, 2007.  
ERWIT, European Research Workshop on International Trade, Kiel, October 5-7, 2007.  
ESSIM, European Symposium in International Macroeconomics, Izmir, May 14-19, 2007.  
**2006:** IEES, Stockholm, Sweden, May 18, 2006.  
World Trade Organization, Geneva, Switzerland, March 8, 2006.  
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), Geneva, February 23, 2006.  
LSE, International Trade Seminar, London, UK, February 15, 2006.  
**2005:** IMF, Research Department Seminar, Washington D.C., November 8, 2005.  
Summer Institute NBER Conference, Cambridge, US, 18-20 July 2005.;  
CEPR Workshop « War and The Macroeconomy », U.Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, 29-30 June 2005;  
BREAD- CEPR Workshop, «Institutions, Development and Transition », Istanbul, 17-19 June 2005;  
14<sup>th</sup> Spring School in International Economics, Aix-en-provence, 26-27 May, 2005.  
**2004 :** Séminaire avancé d'économie, DEEP, Lausanne, december 2, 2004 ;  
IRES-CORE joint seminar, Louvain-la-Neuve, november 2004;  
CEPR ERWITT Workshop, Venise, september 2004;  
Summer Institute NBER Conference, Cambridge US, 19-24 July 2004;

CEPR Workshop « Globalization and the Organization of Firms and Markets », Munich, 19 June 2004;  
Seminar of Macroeconomics, Eureka-Cepremap, Paris, 12 mai 2004;  
Anglo-French Workshop in Macroeconomics, Oxford, 2-3 April 2004;  
Conference on Rules of Origin in Regional Trade Agreements: Conceptual and Empirical Approaches ,  
Washington, D.C., Inter-American Bank of Development, February 20-21, 2004;  
**2003:** Conference on Corporate Finance, Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris, December 5, 2003;  
Economics Department seminar, CREST, Paris, December 4, 2003;  
Seminar of Macroeconomics, Pompeu Fabra Universitat, Barcelona, november 10, 2003;  
5<sup>th</sup> Toulouse seminar on Macroeconomics, Toulouse, september 11-12, 2003;  
CEPR Workshop on Globalization and Labour Markets, Bergen, Norway, May 2-3 2003;  
Economics Department Seminar, Geneva University, March 17, 2003;  
Economics Department Seminar, University of Southampton, UK, March 6, 2003;  
Economics Department Seminar, University College London, UK, March 5, 2003;  
Economics Department Seminar, HEC, Jouy-en-Josas, France, January 31, 2003;  
**2002:** International Trade Seminar, University College, Dublin, november 25 2002;  
Workshop on Intertemporal Macroeconomics: Growth, Fluctuations, and the Open Economy, Venise 30  
June – 7 July 2002;  
CEPR ERWITT Workshop, Munich, June 2002; Department Seminar, Tinbergen Institute, April 2002;  
**2001:** Macro and Micro Aspects of Economic Geography, CEPR Workshop, Barcelona, November 2001;  
Growth and Inequality Conference, Munich, May 2001;  
Seminaire Fourgeaud, French Ministry of Economy and Finance, April 2001;  
**2000:** Princeton University, International Economics Seminar, December 2000;  
Summer Institute NBER Conference, July 2000;  
CEPR ERWIT Workshop, June 2000;  
CEPR Workshop on Inequalities, Labour Market and Regulation, Madrid, April 2000;  
**1999:** Summer Institute NBER Conference, July 1999;  
Conference on Recent Development in Imperfect Competition Models, Aix en Provence, June 1999.