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Research interests

Causal inference, applied econometrics, international development, forecasting, global priorities research

Education

PhD, Economics, Paris School of Economics, 2018–Present

MSc, Public Policy and Development, Paris School of Economics, 2016–2018

Thesis title: How biased are observational methods? A meta-analysis of propensity score matching
Supervisor: Marc Gurgand. *Referee:* Philipp Ketz

BSc, Philosophy, Politics and Economics, University of Warwick, 2012–2016

Economics major with minor in philosophy
Erasmus year in Uppsala, Sweden

Working Papers

Estimating long-term effects without long-term outcome data. 2020. GPI Working Paper No. 10-2020

Works in progress

How biased are observational methods in practice? Accumulating evidence using randomised controlled trials with imperfect compliance. *Co-authors:* Gharad Bryan, Sylvain Chabé-Ferret, Jonathan de Quidt, Greg Fischer, Jasmin Fliegner, Roland Rathelot

Forecasting impacts: accuracy over time

Grants

PhD ED 465 scholarship: 23,000€ × 3 years

Bias of observational methods: Centre of Excellence for Development Impact and Learning, £185,000; Innovations for Poverty Action Research Methods Initiative, £10,000 (Research Assistant time equivalent)

Honours and awards

Global Priorities Institute Early Career Conference Program Best Paper prize

Research visits

Global Priorities Institute, University of Oxford. April-August 2019

Presentations

2020: Effective Altruism Student Summit, Virtual; Methods and Measurement Meeting, Northwestern University (postponed); Global Priorities Institute Lunch Seminar, University of Oxford.

2019: Effective Altruism Global, London; Casual Friday Development Seminar, Paris School of Economics; 2nd Oxford Workshop on Global Priorities Research, University of Oxford; Early Career Conference Program, University of Oxford.

Teaching

Econometrics I (Master): 2018-2020. Teaching assistant for Karen Macours

Employment

Senior Staff Researcher, Rethink Priorities, 2020 onwards

Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development Intern, United Nations Development Programme, 2015

Research Intern, Giving What We Can, 2015-2016

Miscellaneous

Languages: English (native), French (intermediate)

Programming languages: Stata, R

Giving What We Can member: pledged to give 10% of my lifetime income to cost-effective charities