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FIELDS OF INTEREST

Applied Microeconometrics, Labor and Family Economics, Economics of Culture

CURRENT POSITION

CREST, Post-Doctoral Researcher

January 2022 - Present

PAST POSITION

Tilburg University, Post-Doctoral Researcher

October 2018 - December 2021

Organisation for Economic Development and Cooperation, Statistician

2013 - 2014

J-PAL Europe, Research Assistant

2010 - 2011

DOCTORAL STUDIES

PhD in Economics, European University Institute

September 2014 - December 2019

Dissertation: Essays in Empirical Microeconomics

Committee: Andrea Ichino, Michèle Bélot, Yann Algan and Eleonora Patacchini

RESEARCH

Ethnic Enclaves and Cultural Assimilation, submitted

This paper studies whether growing up in an ethnic enclave slows down immigrants cultural assimilation. To measure cultural behavior, I rely on individual-level administrative data on drug usage and focus on a culturally charged consumption: the usage of hormonal contraceptives by young immigrant women. To provide causal estimates of neighborhood influence, I exploit the quasi-random allocation of asylum seekers to government housing in the Netherlands between 1996 and 2012. While there is evidence of cultural assimilation over time, it is slow and cannot be accelerated by limiting the formation of ethnic enclaves.

The effect of exposure to ethnic minorities on ethnic preferences with Sabina Albrecht (*Queensland*), Riccardo Ghidoni (*Bologna*), Elena Cettolin (*Tilburg*) and Sigrid Suetens (*Tilburg*), submitted

We investigate the effect of exposure to ethnic minorities on the majority's preferences with regard to that group using individual-level panel data from the Netherlands. The data combine ethnic preferences with administrative data on refugee facilities. The study period is marked by a sudden inflow of refugees in some neighborhoods. We find that individuals living close to refugee facilities developed a more positive attitude toward ethnic minorities and became less inclined to support anti-immigration parties. Preferences of individuals living farther away remained unchanged. An investigation of channels suggests that the local effect is due to contact between residents and refugees.

The Intergenerational (Im)mobility of Immigrants, New version coming soon

This paper studies the influence of pre-migration social background on the long-term economic assimilation of immigrants. I use unique French survey data to trace family histories over three generations, before and after migration. While many immigrants experience an occupational downgrading at migration, their children benefit from the high socio-economic status their family had in the origin country. As a result, characteristics of immigrant grandparents are more predictive of their grandchildren's achievements than are characteristics of native grandparents. While immigrants cannot fully transfer their human capital between labor markets, they can transmit it across generations.

Research in Progress:

Cultural Assimilation over the Long-Run: Evidence from Third Generation Immigrants

Employment Trajectories Following Motherhood: Changes over time in France and Germany, *with Andreas Filser (IAB), Corinna Frodermann (IAB), Dana Muller (IAB) and Sander Wagner (Oxford)*

PRE-DOCTORAL STUDIES

MRes Economics, University College London, Average grade 65/100	<i>2012 - 2013</i>
MSc Economics and Econometrics, University of Essex, Distinction	<i>2009 - 2010</i>
MA International Relations, Sciences Po Paris, Distinction	<i>2007 - 2009</i>
Exchange, Moscow State Institute for Foreign Relations MGIMO	<i>2006 - 2007</i>
BA (equivalent) in Political Sciences, Sciences Po Paris	<i>2004 - 2007</i>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Economics (Undergraduate), Tilburg University	<i>2019 - 2020</i>
Teaching Assistant, Microeconometrics (PhD), European University Institute	<i>2017 - 2018</i>
Supervision, 5 BSc and 2 MSc theses, Tilburg University	<i>2019 - 2021</i>

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

- 2021** Alicante, 18th IZA Migration Meeting, SOLE
- 2020** EALE/SOLE/AASLE World Conference, World Congress of the Econometric Society
- 2019** EALE (Uppsala), RES (Warwick), SOLE (Arlington), Spring Meeting of Young Economists (Brussels), European Winter Meetings of the Econometric Society (Rotterdam)
- 2018** Macroeconomics Lunch Seminar (Louvain), IZA Summer School in Labor Economics, ESPE (Antwerpen), EALE (Lyon)
- 2017** RES (Bristol), OECD-CEPII Annual Conference (Paris)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Labex ECODEC (10,000 euros)	<i>2022 - 2023</i>
ODISSEI, Microdata access discount	<i>2019 - Present</i>
EUI Presidential Fund (6,000 euros)	<i>2018</i>

SOFTWARE

Stata, MATLAB, R

LANGUAGES

French (Native), **English** (Fluent), **Spanish** (Fluent), **Russian** (Fluent), **Italian** (Conversational)

REFEREE

Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics

REFERENCES

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