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Employment

2017 - ...	ASSISTANT PROFESSOR	<i>NHH Norwegian School of Economics</i>
	ASSOCIATED SENIOR RESEARCHER	<i>Chr. Michelsen Institute</i>
2012 - 2017	SENIOR RESEARCHER	<i>Chr. Michelsen Institute</i>
2011 - 2012	EXPERT IN ECONOMIC ANALYSIS	<i>Belgian Healthcare Knowledge Centre (KCE)</i>
2011 - 2012	LECTURER (CHARGÉ DE COURS)	<i>Louvain School of Management</i>

Education

2011	ECONOMIC SCHOOL OF LOUVAIN - NAMUR (CRED) & LOUVAIN (at PARIS SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS in 2009-2010) <i>PhD in Development Economics completed on September 28 2011, supervised by J.-P. Platteau</i> <i>Committee: G. Aldashev (Namur), M. Fafchamps (Stanford), C. Guirkinger (Namur), V. Rao (The World Bank)</i>
2006	ECONOMIC SCHOOL OF LOUVAIN - <i>M.A. in Economics</i>
2004	NAMUR UNIVERSITY - <i>B.A. in Economics</i>
2002	UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN, IRELAND - <i>Erasmus european exchange program</i>

Main research grants

2018 - 2021	The Research Council of Norway - Norglobal2: Child care for childhood and business development. (with K. Bjorvatn, S. Gulesci, W. Raza and L. Vandewalle)
2013 - 2014	The Research Council of Norway - Poppov: Health and entrepreneurship among young women in Tanzania. (with L.I. Berge, K. Bjorvatn, L. Helgesson, T. Kida and B. Tungodden)
2013 - 2016	The Research Council of Norway - Indnor: Savings Behaviour and the Introduction of Mobile Banking in India (Principal Investigator) (with L. Vandewalle, J.M. Baland, S. Klasen, K.O. Moene and R. Somanathan)
2009	Marie Curie Action NIT Fellowship – Paris School of Economics “Actors, Markets, and Institutions in Developing Countries: a micro-empirical approach”
2006	Grant from the Fondation Universitaire pour la Coopération Internationale au Développement (FUCID) - data collection linked to a micro-credit program in Benin
2004	Scholarship from the Cooperation Universitaire au Développement (CUD) - research stay in India

Publications

1. Peer-reviewed articles:

INCREASING TRUST IN THE BANK TO ENHANCE SAVINGS: EXPERIMENTAL EVIDENCE FROM INDIA
with Rahul Mehrotra and Lore vandewalle, Economic Development & Cultural Change, forthcoming.

SAVING BY DEFAULT: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Rural India
with L. Vandewalle, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, 10(3), 39-66, 2018.

FERTILITY, HOUSEHOLD SIZE AND POVERTY IN NEPAL
with F. Libois, World Development, 103, 311-322, 2018.

ELITE CAPTURE THROUGH INFORMATION DISTORTION: A Theoretical Essay
with J.-P. Platteau & Z. Wahhaj, Journal of Development Economics, 106, 250-263, 2014.

FACING MISFORTUNE: Expenditures on Magico-Religious Powers for Cure and Protection in Benin
with P. Lemay-Boucher & J. Noret, Journal of African Economies, 22(2), 300-322, 2013.

LEÇONS DE L'EXPÉRIENCE DE DÉCENTRALISATION EN INDE, DANS L'ÉTAT DU KÉRALA
Mondes en Développements, de boeck, vol. 34 (133), p.83-99, 2006.

2. Book contributions

REDUCING EARLY PREGNANCY IN LOW-INCOME COUNTRIES: A LITERATURE REVIEW AND NEW EVIDENCE
in S. Anderson, L. Beaman, and J.-P. Platteau (eds.), Towards Gender Equity in Development, Oxford University Press, United-Kingdom, 141-166, 2018.

L'ONG VA-T'ELLE RÉUSSIR LÀ OÙ L'ÉTAT ÉCHOUE ?
Compte-rendu critique de l'approche décentralisée de l'aide au développement
in ONG et acteurs locaux : l'ultime alternative ?, M. Rémon (Ed.), PUN, 2009

3. Work in progress

COMPETITIVENESS AND PAY: IS GIRL-POWER GOOD FOR GIRLS?
with I. Almås, L.I.O. Berge, K. Bjorvatn and B. Tungodden, 2018.

UNPACKING THE EFFECT OF PAYMENT FOR PERFORMANCE ON HEALTH WORKER INTRINSIC MOTIVATION.
EVIDENCE FROM TANZANIA.
with Josephine Borghi, Edith Patouillard, Tim Powell Jackson, Peter Byriaruka and Gaute Torvik, 2017.

ACCESS TO FORMAL BANKING AND HOUSEHOLD FINANCES: EXPERIMENTAL EVIDENCE FROM INDIA
with Lore vandewalle, 2017, CMI Working Paper 2017:1.

GIRLS' ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT: EVIDENCE FROM A RANDOMIZED FIELD EXPERIMENT IN TANZANIA
with L.I.O. Berge, K. Bjorvatn, T. Kida, L. Helgesson Sekei and B. Tungodden, 2015, mimeo.

UNGRATEFUL CHILDREN: MIGRATION INTENSITY AND REMITTANCES IN NEPAL
with F. Libois, 2014, CMI Working Paper 2014:8.

DAILY COLLECTORS, PUBLIC GOOD PROVISION AND PRIVATE CONSUMPTION:
THEORY AND EVIDENCE FROM URBAN BENIN
2011, Working Papers 1106, University of Namur, Department of Economics.

4. Other publications

SWITCHING FROM CASH TO ACCOUNT-BASED TRANSFERS TRIGGERS SAVINGS AMONG THE POOR
with Lore Vandewalle, *VOX Column*, 11 May 2015, www.voxeu.org/article/triggering-savings-among-poor.

CAN BANK ACCOUNT-BASED PAYMENTS BOOST SAVINGS?

with Lore Vandewalle, *Ideas For India Column*, 6 April 2015, www.ideasforindia.in/article.aspx?article_id=1434.

Fieldwork

- 2017 - ... Tanzania: VAT compliance
(collaboration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority to investigate tax compliance)
- 2016 - ... Tanzania: The future of Tanzania as a Petro-State
(leading an experimental study of political discourse and citizens' expectations)
- 2015 - ... Tanzania: Impact evaluation of Performance based financing in the health sector
(large-scale surveys of mother/children, health facilities and health workers)
- 2013 - 2017 Tanzania: Entrepreneurship and health among young women.
(leading three surveys of 4000 students in 80 schools)
- 2013 - 2017 India: Microfinance and mobile banking.
(leading panel surveys and financial diaries in Chhattisgarh)
- 2006 Cotonou, Benin: Savings, credit, insurance & intra-household behaviour.
(panel surveys of urban households)
- 2003 Thiruvananthapuram, India: Decentralisation in Kerala
Guest Student at the Center for Development Studies
- 2003 Philippines: Meetings with NGOs under the supervision of the Fondation Universitaire pour la Cooperation Internationale au Developpement

Miscellaneous

- Affiliated to FAIR & The Choice Lab at NHH Norwegian School of Economics
The European Development Research Network - Associate Member
- Languages French – native, English – fluent, Norsk – beginner
- Softwares Stata, latex, MS office, ...
- Referee for *Annals of Public and Cooperative Economics*, *Development & Change*, *Economic Development & Cultural Change*, *Health Policy and Planning*, *Journal of African Economies*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Labour Economics*, *Management Science*, *Oxford Economic Papers*, *The Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, *World Development*.