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Employment

2022 – ...	PROFESSOR	<i>NHH Norwegian School of Economics Department of Economics & FAIR Research center</i>
2021 – 2023	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	<i>NHH Norwegian School of Economics</i>
2017 – 2021	ASSISTANT PROFESSOR	<i>NHH Norwegian School of Economics</i>
2017 – 2025	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	Académie Louvain – Namur University – <i>PhD in Economics, supervised by J.-P. Platteau</i> <i>Committee: G. Aldashev (Université libre de Bruxelles), M. Fafchamps (Stanford University),</i> <i>C. Guirkinger (Namur University), V. Rao (The World Bank)</i> <i>(including one year at Paris School of Economics, France)</i>
2006	Economic School of Louvain – <i>M.A. in Economics</i> <i>(including one semester at Center for Development Studies, India)</i>
2004	Namur University – <i>B.A. in Economics</i> <i>(including one year at University College Dublin, Ireland)</i>

Main research projects

2024 – 2027	Co-PI – Swiss National Science Foundation: Tax capacity in low-income countries. (with R. Jain, C. Manda and D. Pomeranz)
2023 – 2026	Co-PI – NIH: The Causal Effects of Income Volatility and Income Risk. (with L. Carvalho, H. Schofield and D. de Walque)
2021 – 2025	Co-PI – The Research Council of Norway: Fiscal architecture in Tanzania. (with N. Dwenger, O.-H. Fjeldstad and I. Hoem Sjursen)
2020 – 2024	PI – The Research Council of Norway: Work skills for life. (with I. Almås, O. Attanasio, K. Bjorvatn, B. Caeyers, M. Fuglesang, S. Krutikova, F. Makene, I. Sandøy and L. Sekei)
2019 – 2022	Co-PI – The Research Council of Norway: VAT compliance in Tanzania. (with O.-H. Fjeldstad and I. Hoem Sjursen)
2018 – 2022	Co-PI – The Research Council of Norway: Child care for business development. (with K. Bjorvatn, S. Gulesci, D. Ferris and L. Vandewalle)
2013 – 2018	Co-PI – The Research Council of Norway: Women empowerment in Tanzania. (with L.I. Berge, K. Bjorvatn, L. Helgesson, F. Makene and B. Tungodden)
2013 – 2016	PI – The Research Council of Norway: Savings and the spread of banking in India. (with L. Vandewalle)

Publications

1. Journal articles:

Cash transfers and business survival during Covid: Evidence from Uganda
with K. Bjorvatn, D. Ferris, S. Gulesci, A. Nasgowitz and L. Vandewalle,
Journal of Development Studies, forthcoming.

Childcare, labor supply, and business development: Experimental evidence from Uganda
with K. Bjorvatn, D. Ferris, S. Gulesci, A. Nasgowitz and L. Vandewalle,
American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, 2025, 17(2):75-105.

Long-Term Effects of Preschool Subsidies and Cash Transfers on Child Development: Evidence from Uganda
with K. Bjorvatn, D. Ferris, S. Gulesci, A. Nasgowitz and L. Vandewalle,
AEA Papers & Proceedings, 2024, 114: 459–62.

Wealth and charitable giving ? Evidence from an Ethiopian lottery
with A. Kotsadam, Journal of Development Economics, Vol. 167, 103250, 2024.

Does Wealth Reduce Support for Redistribution? Evidence from an Ethiopian Housing Lottery
with A. G. Andersen, S. Franklin, T. Getahun, A. Kotsadam, and E. Villanger,
Journal of Public Economics, Vol.224, 104939, 2023.

Access to Banking, Savings and Consumption Smoothing in Rural India
with L. Vandewalle, Journal of Public Economics, Vol. 223, 104900, 2023.

Material resources and well-being – Evidence from an Ethiopian housing lottery
with A. G. Andersen and A. Kotsadam, Journal of Health Economics, 83, 102619, 2022.

Long Term Effects of Payment for Performance on Maternal and Child Health Outcomes – Evidence from Tanzania
with P. Binyaruka, J. Borghi, S. Lange, O. Mæstad and I. Mayumana, BMJ Global Health, 6:e006409, 2021.

Increasing trust in the bank to enhance savings: Experimental evidence from India
with R. Mehrotra and L. Vandewalle, Economic Development & Cultural Change, 69(2), 623–644, 2021.

Pay-for-performance reduces bypassing of health facilities: evidence from Tanzania.
with S. Bezu, P. Binyaruka and O. Mæstad, Social Science & Medicine, 268 (113551), 2021.

The customer is king: Evidence on VAT compliance in Tanzania
with O.-H. Fjeldstad, C. Kagoma, E. Mdee and I. Hoem Sjursen, World Development, 128, 2020.

Om foreldres investeringer i barns utvikling
with I. Almås, O. Attanasio, B. Caeyers, P. Jervis and C. Ringdal, Magma, 6, 33–39, 2019.

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

Natural resources, political discourse and citizen mobilization, with L. I. Berge and K. Dupuy,
in *Governing Petroleum Resources: Prospects and Challenges for Tanzania*
O.-H. Fjeldstad, D. Mmari and K. Dupuy (eds.), Jamana Printers Limited, Tanzania, 2019.

Reducing early pregnancy in low-income countries: A literature review and new evidence
with L. I. Berge, K. Bjorvatn, A. Mohammed and B. Tungodden,
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. Working papers

Psychological Barriers to Participation in the Labor Market: Evidence from rural Ghana
with L. Carvalho, D. de Walque, C. Lund, H. Schofield and Jingyao Wei, mimeo.

Reality bites: Experimental Evidence on the Transition from School in a Low-income Setting
with I. Almås, B. Caeyers, A. Dautheville, , V. Kazi, S. Krutikova, mimeo.

On the Doorstep of Adulthood: Empowering Economic and Fertility Choices of Young Women
with L.I.O. Berge, K. Bjorvatn, F. Makene L. H. Sekei and B. Tungodden, NHH working paper, 2022.

Adverse selection into competition: Evidence from a large-scale experiment in Tanzania
with I. Almås, L.I.O. Berge, K. Bjorvatn and B. Tungodden, NHH working paper, 2020.

The Effect of Gender-Targeted Transfers: Experimental Evidence From India
with I. Almås and L. Vandewalle, CEPR DP 15218, 2020.

Does having a daughter make men less violent against women?
mimeo 2020.

4. Other publications

The impact of subsidized childcare on household income: Evidence from Uganda
with K. Bjorvatn, D. Ferris, S. Gulesci, A. Nasgowitz and L. Vandewalle, *VoxDev articles*, 18 August 2022.

Switching From Cash to Account-Based Transfers triggers Savings Among the Poor
with Lore Vandewalle, *VOX Column*, 11 May 2015.

Can Bank Account-Based Payments Boost Savings?
with Lore Vandewalle, *Ideas For India Column*, 6 April 2015.

Miscellaneous

Award	Chr. Michelsens prize for excellent development research (2020).
Affiliated to	FAIR & The Choice Lab at NHH Norwegian School of Economics. The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (JPal) – Affiliated Professor. The European Development Research Network – Associate Member. The TaxCapDev network.
Languages	French, English, Norwegian (bokmål).
Softwares	Stata, R, latex, MS office, ...
Reviewer for	American Economic Review, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, American Political Science Review, Annals of Public and Cooperative Economics, Development & Change, Economic Development & Cultural Change, The Economic Journal, Health Policy and Planning, Journal of African Economies, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Demographic Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Labour Economics, Management Science, Oxford Economic Papers, Population Research and Policy Review, The Quarterly Journal of Economics, The Review of Economics & Statistics, The Review of Economic Studies, Review of Income and Wealth, The Scandinavian Journal of Economics, World Development, World Development Perspectives.
