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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	Académie Louvain – Namur University – <i>PhD in Economics, supervised by J.-P. Platteau</i> (at Paris School of Economics in 2009–2010) <i>Committee: G. Aldashev (Université libre de Bruxelles), M. Fafchamps (Stanford University), C. Guirkinger (Namur University), 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

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, L. Gadenne, I. Hoem Sjursen and J. Weigel)
2018 – 2021	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, T. Kida and B. Tungodden)
2013 – 2016	PI – The Research Council of Norway: Savings and the spread of banking in India. (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

Publications

1. Journal articles:

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

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.

Increasing trust in the bank to enhance savings: Experimental evidence from India
with R. Mehrotra and L. Vandewalle, Economic Development & Cultural Change, 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 Kerala
Mondes en Développement, 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.

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. Submitted papers

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 Wealth Reduce Support for Redistribution? Evidence from an Ethiopian Housing Lottery
with A. G. Andersen, S. Franklin, T. Getahun, A. Kotsadam, and E. Villanger, NHH Working paper, 2020.

Having a Daughter Reduces Male Violence Against a Partner.
NHH Working paper, 2020.

Access to Formal Banking and Household Finances: Experimental Evidence from India.
with L. Vandewalle, 2017, CMI Working Paper 2017:1. (R&R Economic Journal)

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

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| 2018 – ... | Uganda: Childcare and business development
(collaboration with BRAC to investigate the childcare effects on women’s labor supply) |
| 2017 – ... | Tanzania: VAT compliance
(collaboration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority to investigate tax compliance) |
| 2015 – ... | Tanzania: Impact evaluation of Performance based financing in the health sector
(large-scale surveys of mother/children, health facilities and health workers) |
| 2013 – ... | Tanzania: Entrepreneurship and health among young women.
(leading projects on the transition from secondary schools to the labour market) |
| 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 Coopération Internationale au Développement |

Miscellaneous

Award	Chr. Michelsens prize for excellent development research (2020)
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, R, latex, MS office, ...
Referee for	American Journal of Agricultural Economics, 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.