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## Past and Present Positions

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2009–2010      **Economist, Research Department, International Monetary Fund**  
Since Sept 2009    **CEPR Research Affiliate (International Macroeconomics)**  
Since Sept 2007    **Assistant Professor, Ecole Polytechnique**  
Oct.05-Aug.07    **Economist at CEPII, French Center for International Economic Studies.**

## Education

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2003–2006    **PhD in Economics, University of Paris 1, with Highest Honors**  
“International Market Segmentation and Globalization in Open Economics”.  
*Advisor* : Jean-Olivier Hairault. Defense held December 12, 2006.  
*Jury* : Agnès Bénassy-Quéré, Martine Carré, Pierre-Philippe Combes, Jean-Olivier Hairault,  
Jean Imbs, Hubert Kempf, Philippe Martin.  
*Research Grant* : CREST-INSEE

2002–2003    **DEA in Macroeconomics, University of Paris I.**  
Thesis : “Currency denomination of exports under exchange rate uncertainty” (Supervisor :  
J.O. Hairault).

2001–2002    **Master’s degree in Applied Economics, University of Paris IX-Dauphine.**  
Speciality in International Economics.

1998–2000    **DEUG in Economics and Management, University of Nancy II.**

## Research

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### Research Areas :

International Macroeconomics and Trade :

International trade prices, Trade Elasticities, Firms’ location decisions, Quality Differentiation in International Trade.

### **Publications :**

“The Location of Domestic and Foreign Production Affiliates by French Multinational Firms” (2010)

*Journal of Urban Economics*, Vol. 68 : 115-128, with T. Mayer (Sciences Po, CEPII and CEPR) and B. Nefussi (DGTPE)

“Minimum Wages and Location Decisions” (2010)

*Regional Science and Urban Economics*, Vol. 40(1) : 45-59, with L. Patureau (THEMA, University of Cergy-Pontoise)

“Price Convergence in the European Union : Within Firms or Composition of Firms?” (2008)

*Journal of International Economics*, Vol 78(1) : 1-10, with C. Schwellnus (OECD and CEPII)

“Can Firms’ Location Decisions Counteract the Balassa-Samuelson Effect ?” (2008)

*Journal of International Economics*, Vol 76(2) : 139-154

“Exchange-rate pass-through at the product level” (2006)

*Canadian Journal of Economics*, Vol. 41(2) : 425-449, with G. Gaulier (CEPII) and A. Lahrèche-Révil (CEPII)

### **Working Papers :**

“Current Account Rebalancing and Real Exchange Rate Adjustment Between the U.S. and Emerging Asia” (2011)

IMF Working Paper, with P. Rabanal (IMF) and D. Sandri (IMF)

“Low-Wage countries’ Competition, Reallocation Across Firms and the Quality Content of Exports” (2011)

CEPR Discussion Paper 8231, with J. Martin (PSE and CREST)

“Elasticity Optimism” (2009)

CEPR Discussion Paper 7177, with J. Imbs (HEC Lausanne and CEPR)

Revise and Resubmit *Review of Economic Studies*

“Trade Prices and the Euro” (2008)

Working Paper CEPII n° 2008-29, with J. Martin (PSE and CREST)

Results published in L. Fontagné, T. Mayer & G. Ottaviano, “Of markets, products and prices—the effects of the euro on European firms,” Blueprints, Bruegel, number 247, May.

“International Trade Price Indices” (2008)

Working Paper CEPII n° 2008-10, with G. Gaulier (Banque de France), J. Martin (PSE and CREST) and S. Zignago (CEPII)

“Social competition and firms’ location choices” (2008)

Working Paper CEPII n° 2008-12, with V. Delbecq (EconomiX, University of Paris X) and L. Patureau (THEMA, University of Cergy-Pontoise)

### **Work in Progress :**

“Firms, Destinations and Aggregate Fluctuations” (2011), with J. di Giovanni (IMF) and A. Levchenko (U. Michigan)

“Determinants of NFA positions” (2011), with A. Matsumoto (IMF) and G-M. Milesi-Ferretti (IMF)

“Trade Elasticities” (2010), with J. Imbs (PSE and CEPR)

“Quality to Market” (2010), with J. Martin (PSE and CREST) and V. Rebeyrol (TSE)

### Publications in French :

“Euro et dispersion des prix à l’exportation” (2011)

*Economie et Statistique*, Vol. 435-436 : 49-64, with J. Martin (PSE and CREST)

“Plus grandes, plus fortes, plus loin... Performances relatives des firmes exportatrices françaises” (2011)

*Revue économique*, Vol. 62(4), with M. Crozet (PSE and CEPII) and S. Zignago (Banque de France)

“Enjeux théoriques de la délocalisation” (2008)

*Risques Les cahiers de l’assurance*, Vol. 75 : 79-86 ” (2008), with V. Delbecq (EconomiX, University Paris X Nanterre) and L. Patureau (Thema, University of Cergy-Pontoise)

“Les élasticités-prix et revenu des exportations en France et en Allemagne. Une analyse sur données désagrégées” (2006)

Article for the report to the Conseil d’Analyse Economique written by P. Artus and L. Fontagné called “Evolution récente du commerce extérieur français”, with G. Gaulier and A. Lahrière-Révil (CEPII)

### Awards and Research Grants :

2011 : Young Researcher in Economics Prize from Fondation Banque de France

2009-2010 : Research Grant from the European Commission on the paper “Trade elasticities”, with J. Imbs

2008-2009 : Research Grant from the Fondation Banque de France on the paper “Elasticity Optimism”, with J. Imbs

Sep. 2003-Sep. 2006 : PhD Research Grant from CREST (INSEE)

### Other experiences and teaching

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#### Teaching

Introduction to Economics (Undergraduate) : University of Paris

Undergraduate Macroeconomics : University of Paris 1 and Ecole Polytechnique

Advanced Macroeconomics (Master’s level) : Ecole Polytechnique and ENS-EHESS

International Economics (Master’s level) : Ecole Polytechnique

International Macroeconomics (Master’s level) : Ecole Polytechnique

#### Referee

The American Economic Review, The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy, Canadian Journal of Economics, Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of The Japanese and International Economies, Journal of Urban Economics, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Oxford Economic Papers, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of World Economics

### Other

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#### Languages

English : Proficient.

German : Fair.

#### Softwares

SAS, STATA, MATLAB, EViews, GAMS, Office, LaTeX