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ABOUT ME

I am an economist with research experience in knowledge production, international mobility, and open science practices. Trained through the Erasmus Mundus Master's in Economic Analysis and Policy, I completed my thesis on researcher mobility in Germany and its impact on collaboration and innovation. My broader research interests include the governance of digital knowledge commons and knowledge remittances. Alongside academic work, I have lectured M2 students on innovative finance in Paris, coordinated international programs, and contributed to policy analysis across Europe and North Africa. Fluent in five languages, I combine rigorous research skills with interdisciplinary and international perspectives to advance transparency and integrity in economics.

SKILLS

Languages: English (C2), French (C2), Italian (B2), Spanish (B2), Arabic (Native)

Analytical skills: Market research, Economic Analysis, Econometrics, Quantitative Studies

Data and Analysis Tools: Python, R, Stata, SQL, PowerBI, CRM, ERP, EXCEL

Research: Research design, survey and fieldwork coordination, stakeholder engagement, project planning

EDUCATION

Sorbonne Université, University of Turin

September 2021 – September 2023

Master's degree in Economic Analysis and Policy (EPOG+)

Paris, France | Turin, Italy

- **Major:** Innovation policies, Knowledge and the Digital Transition.

Tunis Business School

September 2017 – July 2021

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Tunis, Tunisia

- **Major:** Business Analytics

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

The Research and Innovation Expert Commission (EFI) - Master Thesis

February 2023 – June 2023

Research Assistant

Paris, France

- * Conducted bibliometric and econometric analysis on STEM researcher mobility and co-authorship networks
- * Investigated how mobility patterns affect collaboration, productivity, and innovation outcomes
- * Effectively communicated research insights to diverse stakeholders, including policymakers, industry leaders, and academic audiences, through presentations and participation in conferences

Working Paper: Digitalization and Commons

2023

Co-author

Paris, France

- * Co-authored research examining the tensions between digital knowledge commons, open access, and knowledge enclosures in the context of digital capitalism
- * Mobilized theoretical frameworks from commons theory, political economy, and digital studies to analyze the governance of knowledge production
- * Strengthened expertise in epistemological and interdisciplinary approaches to open science

City hall of Rezé, France

February 2023 – March 2023

Applied socio-economic fieldwork

Rezé, France

- * Assessed an environmental project designed by the Rezé city council from a socio-economic perspective
- * Conducted field interviews with stakeholders
- * Provided insights and recommendation report for an inclusive and just implementation of the project

Chamber of Commerce of Verona

March 2021 – June 2021

Research Assistant

Verona, Italy

- * Conducted comparative research on the EU's vocational education and training (VET) system, analyzing policies, practices, and trends
- * Led market research on technology transfer and innovation, assessing industry dynamics and knowledge diffusion
- * Produced evidence-based insights to support regional economic development initiatives

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

North African Policy Initiative

September 2024 – Present

Program Officer - Consultant

Remote

- Mentored young policy leaders, providing guidance and resources to enhance their advocacy and policy skills
- Liaised with external mentors and thematic experts to strengthen program delivery
- Designed and facilitated surveys and focus groups on policy engagement; conducted interviews with youth leaders and CSOs; integrated findings into program design and donor reporting

ESI Business School

February 2024 – July 2024

Lecturer

Paris, France

- Developed and delivered comprehensive lectures on innovative financing models for sustainable development to 2nd-year master students
- Designed course curriculum focusing on emerging trends in financing, including impact investing, green bonds, and crowdfunding

Pedalo Tunis

October 2020 – December 2022

Project Manager

Tunis, Tunisia

- Coordinated multi-stakeholder projects on sustainable mobility in North Africa, ensuring timely implementation and compliance with regulatory frameworks
- Delivered process optimization strategies that improved resource allocation and stakeholder collaboration
- Analyzed policies and regulations to provide data-driven recommendations for impactful project execution

Founder Institute

January 2018 – September 2018

Programme Coordinator

Tunis, Tunisia

- Led operations for a cohort of 10 startups in the acceleration program
- Organized weekly networking events for investors and entrepreneurs
- Exceeded metrics set in terms of number of applicants and partners acquired
- Increased engagement rates on social media

HONORS AND AWARDS

Shaping Futures Academy 2025: • Selected participant in the African–European leadership and training program on sustainability and development (IDOS, funded by BMZ, held in Germany and Ghana.)

Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree Scholarship: • Received a highly selective fully-funded scholarship to pursue a 2-year master degree in the University of Turin and Sorbonne Université in Paris.

Study of the U.S. Institutes for Global Student Leaders in Entrepreneurship and Economic Development: Donahue Institute at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst

• Selected as a SUSI participant, a fully-funded programme to learn about entrepreneurial approaches, economic development, history, challenges covering topics like social enterprises, business leadership, and women's economic empowerment, in the United States and globally.

Y-MED Project - IOM Internship Programme : • Selected as a Y-MED participant, a fully-funded programme for qualified youth from the Mediterranean where I worked in a culturally diverse environment and put into practice my business analytics skills during a 4-month internship at the Chamber of Commerce of Verona, Italy.

VOLUNTEERING AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

First EPOG+ Alumni Conference

September 2024 – July 2025

Co-founder | Co-organizer

Venice, Italy

- Initiated and co-led the planning of the inaugural conference, bringing together alumni, academics, and grassroots actors
- Developed program content, coordinated logistics, and facilitated live sessions

Techfugees

February 2022 – Current

Mentor

Remote

- Taught and mentored refugee youth and women in digital literacy, adapting workshops to diverse learning levels and languages
- Supported participants in building confidence with digital tools, fostering inclusion and pathways for integration

- Designed the learning experience and built inclusivity practices
- Oversaw 35 young participants' learning journey for each camp
- Mentored participants from underserved communities