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CURRENT POSITION

Sept. 2008 - ... : **Co - Executive Director of Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab - South Asia (J-PAL South Asia)**

- Identifying new research projects and managing J-PAL projects in India: designing impact evaluations, writing grant proposals, relating to partner organizations, hiring and managing staff, coordinating data collection and analysis, writing up key findings
- Outreach to policymakers: disseminating results of J-PAL studies among government agencies, international organizations and NGOs, developing outreach material and writing press articles, organizing conferences and seminars
- Promoting and supporting the scale-up of successful programs by Indian governments
- Running J-PAL South Asia office, staff and funding
- Coordinating capacity building activities: staff trainings, executive education courses

Ongoing research: **Impact Evaluation of a Voter Awareness Media Campaign**, joint with A. Banerjee (MIT) and R. Pande (Harvard Kennedy School) – Evaluation conducted in Andhra Pradesh during the Indian General Elections 2009.

Fighting Tuberculosis through community-level service delivery, joint with C. Delavallade (J-PAL) and V. Pons (MIT) – Randomized evaluation to be conducted in Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan.

Teaching: Teachings on Impact Evaluation methodologies at the J-PAL South Asia internal training, the J-PAL Executive Education, the Microfinance Researchers Alliance Program (MRAP)

EDUCATION

2004-2008: Ph.D in Development Economics - Paris School of Economics

Title: “Four Essays on the Dynamics of Social and Power Structures in Africa”

Supervision: Denis Cogneau and Thomas Piketty

Funding: French Development Agency (AFD)

Jury: Gareth Austin (London School of Economics), Richard Banegas (University Paris I), Denis Cogneau (Paris School of Economics), Pramila Krishnan (University of Cambridge), Rohini Pande (Harvard Kennedy School of Government), Thomas Piketty (Paris School of Economics)

2003-2004 : M.Sc. in International Relations - University Paris II Panthéon Assas. Rank : 1st.

2001-2003 : Masters’ degree in Political Science - Institut d’Etudes Politiques (Sciences-Po), Paris

1999-2002 : Masters’ degree in Statistics, Econometrics and Economics - Ecole Nationale de la Statistique et de l’Administration Economique (ENSAE), Paris. Admission rank: 2nd.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

2005 - 2008: Consultant in macroeconomics of West-African countries

This work consisted in writing an economic outlook of the African country under study (about 25 pages) based on reconstructed national accounts and macroeconomic forecasts. It included a two-week field trip dedicated to meeting government officials, administrations, key players of the private sector, actors of the civil society, journalists and the main bilateral and multilateral donors. The quantitative and qualitative information collected is used for calibrating the macroeconomic model, establishing forecasts and writing an analytical paper on the economic and financial situation and perspectives of the country.

- **French Development Agency (AFD):** “Economic and Financial Outlook of the Franc Zone” (yearly report): papers on Burkina Faso (2005, 2006), Benin (2006), Cameroon (2007) and Côte d’Ivoire (2008).
- **OECD:** “African Economic Outlook”: paper on Burkina Faso (2006)

2008: AFD – Afristat (Bamako, Mali): Revision and econometric estimation of the structural parameters used in the macroeconomic models Afristat and the French Development Agency.

2005 - 2007: Yearly lectures on “International Poverty Reduction Strategies” (12 hours, ISTOM, Masters level)

2002-2004 (6 months full time + 6 months half time) : Country risk analyst at CALYON

Analysis of banking, financial and sovereign risks in emerging economies through the elaboration of quantitative tools and models.

LANGUAGES AND COMPUTING SKILLS

		Reading	Writing	Speaking
French	Native	-	-	-
English	Fluent	5	5	5
German	Fluent	5	4	4
Chinese	Fair	2	2	2

Microsoft Office, Visual Basic, LaTeX, SAS, Stata, Eviews, MapInfo, Dreamweaver, SPIP

PAPERS AND ARTICLES

- “Power and Society in Africa: the Economics of Change”, *DLAL Working Paper*, 2009 (forthcoming).
- “Individual Determinants of Ethnic Identification”, *DLAL Working Paper*, 2009 (forthcoming).
- “Ethnicity and Election Outcomes in Ghana”, *DLAL Working Paper*, 2009 (forthcoming).
- “Social Mobility and Colonial Legacy in five African Countries” joint with Denis Cogneau, *DLAL Working Paper 2008-10*, to be submitted for publication.
- “Giving Schoolchildren a Chance”, op-ed on school-based deworming programmes, joint with Clara Delavallade, *Mint – The Wall Street Journal*, Nov. 17, 2008
- Economic overview of Sub-Saharan Africa, in *L'économie mondiale 2008*, CEPII, La Découverte, 2007
- “Les déterminants de l'identification ethnique en Afrique de l'Ouest”, *Afrique Contemporaine* n°220, 2007.
- “Inequality and Equity in Africa”, joint with Cogneau D., P. De Vreyer, C. Guénard, V. Hiller, P. Leite, S. Mesplé-Soms, L. Pasquier-Doumer, and C. Torelli, *DT DLAL 2006-11* and *Notes et Documents n°31*, French Development Agency, 2006.
- “Is South Africa the driving force of Sub-Saharan Africa?”, University Paris 2, *mimeo*, 2004
- “Migration and inequality in 19th century France: the role of public goods”, joint with Fabien Dell, ENSAE, *mimeo*, 2002