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## POSITIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

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### CURRENT POSITIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

2019—	Assistant Professor in Economics	UNIVERSITÉ PARIS-SACLAY
	Elected member of the council of the Graduate School in Economics & Management	
	Head of the second-year Bachelor in Economics & Management (distance learning)	
2022—	Board member of the French Association of Development Economics	AFEDEV
2021—	Research Fellow	INSTITUT CONVERGENCES MIGRATIONS
2021—	Research Fellow	MIXED INTERNATIONAL LABORATORY MACoTER
2017—	Affiliated researcher	DIAL-LEDA, PSL UNIVERSITY

### PAST POSITIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

2018 – 2019	Post-doctoral researcher	FRENCH NATIONAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
2015 – 2017	Temporary Lecturer and Research Assistant	UNIVERSITÉ PARIS-DAUPHINE

## EDUCATION

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2017	<b>Ph.D.</b> in Economics	UNIVERSITÉ PARIS-DAUPHINE
	Supervisor: Philippe De Vreyer.	
	Title: <i>Educational and labor market trajectories of youth in developing countries</i>	
	Committee members: Philippe De Vreyer (Université Paris-Dauphine), Mohamed Ali Marouani (Université Paris 1), Michael Grimm (Universität Passau), David Margolis (PSE-CNRS), Hans Löfgren (World Bank), Florence Jusot (Université Paris-Dauphine)	
2012	<b>M.Sc.</b> in International Economics	UNIVERSITÉ PARIS-DAUPHINE
	International Economics.	
2011	<b>M.Sc.</b> in Economics	UNIVERSITÉ PARIS 1 PANTHÉON-SORBONNE
	Economic Expertise in development projects and programmes.	
2009	<b>B.Sc.</b> in Economics and Sociology	UNIVERSITÉ PARIS 1 PANTHÉON-SORBONNE

## PUBLICATIONS

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### CURRENT WORKING PAPERS

- [1] Björn Nilsson and Clémence Pougué. “Healing by hair: local service providers as mental health first responders”. Mimeo. 2023.
- [2] Anda David, Yoro Diallo, and Björn Nilsson. “Informality and inequality: the African case”. Forthcoming in *Journal of African Economies*. 2022.
- [3] Sandrine Mesplé-Soms and Björn Nilsson. “Role models, Aspirations and Desire to migrate”. Forthcoming in *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*. 2022.

## PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED JOURNALS

- [4] Anda David, Björn Nilsson, et al. "Migration and rural development in NENA countries". In: *Région et Développement* 53 (2021), pp. 147–165.
- [5] Anda David, Mohamed Ali Marouani, Charbel Nahas, and Björn Nilsson. "The economics of the Syrian refugee crisis in neighbouring countries: The case of Lebanon". In: *Economics of Transition and Institutional Change* 28.1 (2020), pp. 89–109.
- [8] Philippe De Vreyer and Björn Nilsson. "When solidarity fails: Heterogeneous effects on children from adult deaths in Senegalese households". In: *World Development* 114 (2019), pp. 73–94.
- [11] Björn Nilsson. "The school-to-work transition in developing countries". In: *The Journal of Development Studies* 55.5 (2019), pp. 745–764.
- [13] Mohamed A Marouani and Björn Nilsson. "The labor market effects of skill-biased technological change in Malaysia". In: *Economic Modelling* 57 (2016), pp. 55–75.
- [15] Ximena Del Carpio, Caglar Ozden, Mauro Testaverde, Mohamed Marouani, Björn Nilsson, and Mathis Wagner. "Foreign workers in Malaysia labour market and firm level analysis". In: *Malaysian Journal of Economic Studies* 52.1 (2015), pp. 1–19.

## PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED JOURNALS (IN FRENCH)

- [6] Sandrine Mesplé-Somps and Björn Nilsson. "Les migrations internationales des Maliens". In: *Région et développement* 51 (2020).
- [17] Thibaut Jaulin and Björn Nilsson. "Voter ici et là-bas: les Tunisiens à l'étranger depuis 2011". In: *Revue européenne des migrations internationales* 4 (2015), pp. 41–71.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

- [9] Mohamed A Marouani and Björn Nilsson. "The labor market effects of skill-biased technological change in Malaysia". In: *Internal Migration, Urbanization and Poverty in Asia: Dynamics and Interrelationships*. Springer Singapore, 2019, pp. 219–264.

## OLD WORKING PAPERS

- [10] Björn Nilsson et al. "Education and migration: insights for policymakers". AFD Research Paper Series No. 2019-88. 2019.
- [12] Björn Nilsson et al. "Parental depressive symptoms and the child labor-schooling nexus: evidence from Mexico". DIAL working paper series DT2017/07. 2017.
- [20] Grégoire Kankwanda, T Makabu, Björn Nilsson, François Roubaud, Constance Torelli, and Jean-Michel Wachsberger. "Le marché du travail en République Démocratique du Congo en 2012: Principaux résultats de la Phase 1 de l'Enquête 1-2-3". DIAL Working Paper Series DT/2014-23, Paris, France. 2014.

## REPORTS

- [14] Björn Nilsson. "Does the work-study combination among youth improve the transition path? An updated review". Work4Youth Technical Brief. Geneva: ILO. 2016.
- [18] Björn Nilsson. "Does the work-study combination among youth improve the transition path". Work4Youth Technical Brief. Geneva: ILO. 2015.
- [19] Björn Nilsson. "It runs in the family: Intra-household correlations in labour market outcomes". ILO Work4Youth Publication Series No. 30. 2015.
- [21] Erin Shehu and Björn Nilsson. *Informal employment among youth: Evidence from 20 school-to-work transition surveys*. ILO Geneva, 2014.

## POPULARIZATION AND DISSEMINATION

- [7] Rohen D'Aiglepierre, Anda David, and Björn Nilsson. "Pourquoi faut-il relier migration et éducation ?" *The Conversation*, May 30. 2019.

- [16] Charlotte Guénard and Björn Nilsson. “Youth employment in developing countries”. Dialogue, no. 40. 2015.

#### CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

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Since 2019.

2023	AFEDEV Doctoral Days.	ORLÉANS.
2022	56 <sup>th</sup> biannual meeting of the AERC (online — <i>discussant</i> ).	
—	20 <sup>th</sup> Nordic Development Economics Conference, UNU-WIDER, Labore.	HELSINKI
—	7 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of African Studies in France.	TOULOUSE
—	1 <sup>st</sup> International Conference On Development Economics of the French Association of Development Economics.	CLERMONT-FERRAND
—	Invited seminar at UMI Source.	SAINT-QUENTIN-EN-YVELINES
2021	27 <sup>th</sup> annual conference of the Economic Research Forum.	ONLINE
2020	13th Migration and Development Conference, World Bank & AFD.	ONLINE
—	1st DIAL/CREST Workshop, Ecole Polytechnique.	PALaiseau
—	RITM internal Economics seminar.	ONLINE
2019	ADRES conference.	MARSEILLE
—	Invited seminar at Universidad Pontifica de Cali.	CALI
—	Job Market seminar at Université Paris-Sud.	SCEAUX
—	ERF-LIS Workshop on Inequality in the Mediterranean.	CAIRO
—	AERC Collaborative Research Workshop on Inequality in African countries.	NAIROBI

#### GRANTS AND FUNDING

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2023	UPS Graduate School Starting Grant.	6'500 EUR
2019	AFD/IRD Research agreement Grant.	24'500 EUR
2019	AERC Collaborative Research Grant.	15'000 USD
2018	Grant to the NIMIK project under the Swedish Foreign Ministry.	200'000 EUR

#### TEACHING

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##### PRESENT

2021—	Introduction to R, <i>3rd year B.Sc.</i> (autumn)	UPS
2021—	Advanced Development Economics, <i>M.Sc. [w. JN Senne and J. Wolfersberger]</i> (autumn)	UPS
2019—	Economics and Politics of Agriculture, <i>M.Sc.</i> (spring)	UPS
2019—	Labor economics, <i>2nd year B.Sc.</i> (autumn)	UPS
2019—	Development economics, <i>M.Sc.</i> (spring)	BSIS

##### PAST

2019 – 2020	Qualitative methods in social sciences, <i>M.Sc.</i> (autumn)	UPS
2018 – 2019	Development Economics in Africa (spring)	SCIENCES-PO
2017 – 2018	Microeconomics, <i>2nd year B.Sc.</i> (autumn)	UNIVERSITÉ PARIS NANTERRE
2012 – 2017	Macroeconomics, <i>2nd year B.Sc.</i> (autumn)	UNIVERSITÉ PARIS DAUPHINE
2012 – 2014	Debt and restructuration policies, <i>M.Sc.</i> (autumn)	UNIVERSITÉ PARIS 1
2012 – 2013	Econometric analysis, <i>M.Sc.</i> (autumn)	UNIVERSITÉ PARIS 1

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## REFEREING

Applied Economics · Autrepart · Economic Modelling · Empirical Economics · European Journal of Development Research · International Journal of Educational Policy Research and Review · International Journal of Vocational and Technical Education · International Review of Economics and Finance · Journal of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development · Journal of Development Studies · Journal of Economy, Culture and Society · Journal of International Development · Journal of Youth Studies · Middle Eastern Development Journal · Région & Développement · Revue d'Economie du Développement · Revue Internationale des Etudes du Développement · Statéco.

## OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

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| 2022— | Elected member of the steering committee. | AFEDEV  |
| 2021— | Co-organizer of the weekly seminar.       | UPS ECONOMICS SEMINAR                         |
| 2019  | Member of the organizing committee.       | 5TH DIAL CONFERENCE IN DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS. |

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 EXPERTISE
 

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## RESEARCH PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES

*New Insights into Migration in Kayes, 2018-2020.*

Participation in a cross-disciplinary study on the root causes of migration in and from the Kayes area in Mali. Funded by the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Design and fieldwork of an aspiration- and migration-oriented survey administered to 2000 individuals in the district of Kita.

*International Labour Organization -Work4Youth, 2013-2017.*

Participation in the *Work4Youth* program as an external consultant. Draft of several reports relying on survey data on the transition from school to work collected in more than 30 countries from 2012 through 2015.

*The World Bank -East Asia & the Pacific Social Protection and Labor Unit, 2012-2014.*

Member of a team responsible for the study *Developing Skills for Innovation and High Income in Malaysia*. Development of a general equilibrium model allowing for the study of linkages between education, migration and macroeconomic aggregates in Malaysia.

## SHORTER CONSULTANCIES

*African Development Bank, January 2022 - August 2022.*

*United Nations Development Programme, January 2021 -September 2021.*

*United Nations Development Programme, Summer 2020.*

*The World Bank -Social Protection & Labor MENA, April 2020 - (delayed start)*

*Agence Française de Développement, Autumn 2018-Spring 2019.*

*Food and Agriculture Organization, Autumn 2018.*

*The World Bank -Jobs & Development Group, November 2017-June 2018.*

*EGIS (for the French Development Agency), November-December 2017.*

*The World Bank -Jobs & Development Group, May-June 2015.*

*The Consultation & Research Institute, February-August 2015.*

*International Trade Centre, August-November 2014.*

*Institut National de Statistiques, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo, 2014.*

*Adelante Knowledge and Development, January - April 2015.*