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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Master's student in Analysis and Policy in Economics at the Paris School of Economics (PSE), specializing in causal inference, applied econometrics, and quantitative policy evaluation. Research interests include macroeconomic policy, structural transformation in developing economies, and public policy evaluation. Proficient in Python, R, and Stata. Seeking a research or policy-oriented internship in economic analysis, international organizations, or public institutions.

EDUCATION

- Paris School of Economics** *Sept. 2025 – Present*
M.Sc. in Analysis and Policy in Economics (APE) Paris, France
- University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne** *Sept. 2022 – June 2025*
B.Sc. in Economics, Minor in Computer Science — Thesis grade: 18/20 Paris, France
- Médenine High School** *2022*
Mathematics Baccalauréat — GPA: 18.60/20 — National Rank: 91st/6,482 Médenine, Tunisia

PUBLICATIONS

- What Would Saudi Arabia Look Like Without Vision 2030?** *March 2026*
Early Evidence from Synthetic Controls — doi:10.5281/zenodo.19210741
 - Applies the Synthetic Control Method to causally evaluate Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 across four dimensions: female labor force participation, FDI inflows, international tourism, and services employment.
 - Results confirmed by placebo-in-space tests and permutation inference across a donor pool of structurally comparable resource-dependent economies.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- CY Cergy Paris Université** *Jun. 2026 – Present*
Research Assistant (Internship) Paris, France
 - Research Assistant under the supervision of (Mrs. Pamela Bombarda). Conducting research on the effects of robotization on informality and labor markets.
- Hôtel Antin Saint-Georges** (prev.: Hôtel Régence, Staffmatch) *Mar. 2023 – Present*
Night Auditor — Part-time alongside full-time studies Paris, France
 - Employment undertaken to ensure full financial independence throughout university studies.
- L1ECO+** *Sept. 2023 – Jan. 2024*
Mathematics and Statistics Teaching Assistant Paris, France
 - Tutored undergraduate students in calculus, probability, and statistics.
 - Supported quantitative reasoning and examination preparation.

SKILLS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Languages:** Arabic (native), French (fluent), English (fluent), German (basic knowledge)
- Programming:** Python, R, SQL, VBA
- Econometrics & Causal Inference:** Randomized Controlled Trials (RCT), Instrumental Variables, Difference-in-Differences, Regression Discontinuity, Synthetic Control Methods, panel data models, statistical inference
- Quantitative Analysis:** Empirical economic analysis, data cleaning, econometric modeling, interpretation of causal effects
- Research & Academic Tools:** L^AT_EX, academic writing, literature review, quantitative reporting
- Office & Data Visualization:** Excel, Word, PowerPoint
- Extracurricular Activities:** Following geopolitical affairs, football, reading in history, sociology, and politics (personal library of 200+ books)

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- IMF Institute — Macroeconomic Diagnostics** *January 2025*
Online Course
- Chaire Grands Enjeux Stratégiques Contemporains** *2024 – 2025*
Geopolitics and Global Strategic Policy Seminars