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Professional experience

Academic positions and affiliations

2006 – Lecturer in Economics at University College Dublin (equivalent to Assistant Professor).
2006 – IZA Research Fellow
2005 – CHILD Research Fellow (Centre for Household, Income, Labour and Demographic economics)
2004 – 2006 Research Associate at IZA (Institute for the Study of Labour, Bonn)

Editorial activities

2006 – 2007 Co-Editor of the series *Research in Labor Economics* (Elsevier, North-Holland)

Other academic activities

2009 Programme Committee, 24th annual congress of the European Economic Association (Barcelona)
Winter 2008 Visiting professor at the University of Cergy-Pontoise
Fall 2008 Visiting professor at the University of Bonn and invited research at IZA
2008 Programme Committee, 23rd annual congress of the European Economic Association (Milan)
2005 – 2006 Deputy director of the IZA-World Bank 'Employment and Development' research program.
Spring 2003 Visiting researcher, UQAM, Montreal

Consulting

2005 – 2007 Social Situation Observatory : expert on France, Germany, Finland and Poland (annual monitoring report piloted by Applica and funded by the EU).
2006 World Bank: organization of a training program in labour economics for African PhD students in Nairobi in the framework of the World Bank/AERC Capacity Building project.
2002 - 2003 World Bank: short term consultancies on the design of efficient separation packages for public sector downsizing in Yemen (under the supervision of Martin Rama).

Pre-academia positions

1999 – 2000 Business analyst, Total, Exploration-Production, department of Corporate Strategy and Development, Aberdeen. Main tasks: assets valuation, tax optimisation, strategic planning, integration of Elf oil fields after the merger of Total-Fina and Elf.
1996 – 1998 Vice-President of ESCP-Consulting, Paris (10 associates, 200 interviewers, €500k annual turnover); marketing analyses for various French and international firms.

Education

2000 - 2004 **PhD in Economics**, Paris School of Economics (EHESS-ENS-CNRS), with highest honors. Thesis title: "Household labor supply and taxation: family and individual perspectives". Jury: A. Duncan, F. Laisney, T. Magnac, A. Trannoy, F. Bourguignon (supervisor).
1999 **M.A. in Economics**, Paris School of Economics (EHESS-ENS-CNRS). Thesis title: "Poverty traps and tax reforms: a microsimulation analysis" (supervisor: F. Bourguignon).

Research

International reviews

- "Earnings differences between Chinese and Indian wage earners, 1987-2004" (with S. Bhaumik, M. Chakrabarty and Z. Zhao), 2008, forthcoming in the *Review of Income and Wealth*
- "'Making Work Pay' in a Rationed Labour Market" (with M. Caliendo, P. Haan and K. Orsini), 2007, forthcoming in the *Journal of Population Economics*
- "Effects of Tax-benefit Changes on Inequality Trends in Europe: A Decomposition Approach" (with T. Callan), 2007, forthcoming in the *Journal of Economic Inequality*
- "Does taxation affect intra-household distribution? A Simulation Approach" (with N. Moreau), 2007, *Research on Economic Inequality*, vol. 15 (Y. Amiel and J. Bishop, eds.)
- "Normative evaluation of tax policies: from households to individuals", 2006, *Journal of Population Economics*, 12(4), 503-521
- "In-work policies in Europe: Killing two birds with one stone?" (with K. Orsini), 2005, *Labour Economics*, 13, 667-697.
- "Beans for breakfast? How exportable is the British workfare model?" (with K. Orsini), 2006, in *Research in Labor Economics*, vol. 25, 165-198.
- "Does the representation of household behaviour matter for welfare analysis of tax-benefit policies? An introduction" (with M. Beblo, D. Beninger, R. Blundell, R. Carrasco, M-C. Chiuri, F. Laisney, V. Lechene, N. Moreau, M. Myck, J. Ruiz-Castillo and F. Vermeulen), *Review of Economics of the Household*, 4, 96-112.
- "Collective models of labor supply with non-convex budget sets and non-participation: a calibration approach" (with M. Beblo, D. Beninger, R. Blundell, R. Carrasco, M-C. Chiuri, F. Laisney, V. Lechene, N. Moreau, M. Myck, J. Ruiz-Castillo and F. Vermeulen), *Review of Economics of the Household*, 4, 113-127.
- "The Working Families' Tax Credit and some European tax reforms in a collective setting" (with M. Beblo, D. Beninger, R. Blundell, R. Carrasco, M-C. Chiuri, F. Laisney, V. Lechene, N. Moreau, M. Myck, J. Ruiz-Castillo and F. Vermeulen), *Review of Economics of the Household*, 4, 129-158.
- "Evaluating the move to a linear tax system in Germany and other European countries" (with M. Beblo, D. Beninger, R. Blundell, R. Carrasco, M-C. Chiuri, F. Laisney, V. Lechene, N. Moreau, M. Myck, J. Ruiz-Castillo and F. Vermeulen), *Review of Economics of the Household*, 4, 159-180.

Papers in French and Polish

- "Effets d'une réforme fiscale sur l'offre de travail des ménages dans un cadre collectif simulé" (with N. Moreau), 2006, *Actualité Economique*, 82, 1-2,
- "Aides au retour à l'emploi et activité des femmes en couple", 2004, *Revue de l'OFCE*, 88, 59-87.
- "Evaluation des effets incitatifs et redistributifs de la Prime pour l'Emploi et de ses alternatives" (with I. Terraz), 2003, *Economie et Prévision*, 160/161, 121-149.
- "As Simple as that: introducing a tax-benefit microsimulation model for Poland" (With M. Myck, L. Socha and L. Morawski), IZA discussion paper, published in Polish in *Wiadomości Statystyczne*, the *Journal of the Polish Statistical Society*.

Working papers

- "Flexible labour supply models", submitted
- "A theory of child targeting" (with O. Donni), to be submitted
- "How tight are safety nets in Nordic countries? Evidence from Finnish register data" (with H. Immervoll and H. Vittamaki), submitted
- "The public pay gap in France: new evidence using panel data" (with B. Melly), to be submitted

- “Revisiting the cost of children: theory and evidence from Ireland” (with Olivier Donni)
- “Cooperative models in action: simulation of a Nash-bargaining model of household labor supply with taxation” (with N. Moreau), submitted.

Work in progress

- “The working poor in Ireland: possible paths to policy reforms” (with Karina Doorley)
- “The informal sector wage gap in developing countries: new evidence using panel data” (with Prudence Kwenda)
- “A new measure of the cost of children” (with Olivier Donni)
- “A new approach to the measurement of child poverty: evidence from Ireland” (with Olivier Donni and Monnet Gbakou)
- “European welfare states: between equity and efficiency”
- “Public pay gap in France: QR decomposition with endogenous selection” (with B. Melly)
- “Labour supply elasticities in Europe” (with K. Orsini and A. Peichl)
- “Income taxation and inequality in Europe”
- “The distributional impact of in-work transfers in Europe”
- “Stable determinants of take-up behaviours: measures on three European countries” (with O. Groh-Samberg, M. Fuchs and J. Frick)
- “Tax-benefit policy and labor supply in Poland”, (M. Myck and L. Morawski)
- “Flexible tests of unitary and collective models”
- “Optimal taxation in a multi-person household” (with O. Donni and N. Marceau).

Book chapters

- “The impact of means tested assistance in Southern Europe” (with C. O'Donoghue et al.), in V. Atella (ed.) *Le Politiche Sociali in Italia ed in Europa Coerenza e Convergenza nelle Azioni 1999-2001*. Bologna: il Mulino.

Press article

- Distributional analysis of candidate Chirac's promises on tax reforms (with F. Bourguignon); discussed by V. Malingre in "Deux économistes jugent la réforme de l'impôt inévitablement inéquitable", *Le Monde*, 1^{er} juin 2002.

C o m m u n i c a t i o n s a n d e v e n t o r g a n i z a t i o n

Refereed conference presentations

(32) Conference of the French Economic Society (AFSE), Paris, 18th Sept. 2008; (31) Irish Economic Association meeting (IEA), 25-26 April 2007, Westport; (30) IARIW conference, Beijing, 19-22 September 2007; (29) UNU-WIDER conference, Helsinki, 7-8 September 2007; (28) IZA-World Bank conference on Employment and Development, Bonn, 8-9 June 2007; (27) Royal Economic Society, Warwick (RES), 12-13 April 2007 (26) Irish Economic Association meeting (IEA), 28-29 April 2007, Ireland; (25) 18th Annual EALE Conference, CEGEI, Prague, 21-23rd September 2002; (24) 62th Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF), Cyprus, 27-31 August 2006; (23) Public Economic Theory conference (PET), Hanoi, 31st July to 3rd August 2006; (22) WPEG conference, university of Kent, 10-12th July 2006; (21) 20th ESPE conference, Verona, 22-24th June 2006; (20) Irish Economic Association meeting (IEA), 29-30 April 2006, Ireland; (19) Presentation at the workshop “Discrete Choice Labour Supply Models”, Galway, 8th-9th December 2005; (18) 20th Annual Congress of the EEA, Amsterdam, 26th August 2005; (17) 9th World Congress of the Econometric Society, UCL London, 24th August 2005; (16) 1st meeting of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ), Palma de Mallorca, July 20-22, 2005; (15) Public Economic Theory (PET) conference and ‘Journées d’Economie Publique L.A. Gerard-Varet’, GREQAM, Marseille, 16-18th June 2005; (14) 19th ESPE conference, Paris, 16-18th June 2005; (13) Accepted paper for the 17th EALE Conference, San Fransisco [no presentation]; (12) `22^{ème} Journées de Microéconomie Appliquée’, Hammamet, 26-27th May 2005; (11) Invited presentation at the conference “Changing Social Policies for Low-Income Families and Less-Skilled Workers in the EU and the US”, National Poverty Center and the European Union Center, University of Michigan, April 8; (10) Accepted paper for the Royal Economic Society, Nottingham, 21-23 March 2005 [no presentation]; (9) ‘The Rationale of Parenthood Choices’ conference of the Applied Econometrics Association, Pau, 4-5 Feb. 2005; (8) XII Encuentro de

Economía Pública, Palma de Mallorca, February 3-4, 2005; (7) 'Journées CIRPEE', Montreal, 15-16th October 2004; (6) Invited presentation at CESifo Summer Institute ('Taxation and the Family' session), Venice, 25-26th July 2003; (5) 'Journées d'Economie Publique L.A. Gerard-Varet', GREQAM, Marseille, 16-17th May 2003; (4) 'Journées CIRPEE', Montreal, 23rd November 2002; (3) 14th Annual EALE Conference, Sorbonne, Paris, 19-22nd September 2002; (2) 17th Annual Congress of the EEA and 57th ESEM, Venice, 22-28th August 2002; (1) '19^{ème} Journées de Microéconomie Appliquée', Rennes and StMalo, 6-7th June 2002.

Invited seminar presentations

(26) Internal seminar IZA, Bonn, 28th Nov. 2008; (25) BETA, Strasbourg, 27th Oct. 2008; (24) CREST, 9th Oct. 2008; (23) Economic theory seminar, University of Toulouse, 7th Oct. 2008; (22) IZA, 11th Sept. 2008; (21) ESRI, Dublin, 17th April 2008; (20) Free University of Berlin, 7th November 2007; (19) Warsaw University, 26th October 2007; (18) Invited seminar presentation, U. of Verona, 10th June 2007; (17) Geary Institute 15 May, 2007; (16) University Paris I, Pantheon-Sorbonne, 12th March 2007; (15) University of Bilbao, 19th Jan. 2007; (14) University of Tilburg, 27th Sept. 2006; (13) University of Leuven, 29th May 2006; (12) University of Maynooth, Ireland, 17th February 2006; (11) University College Dublin, 10th October 2005; (10) IFS, London, 21st February 2005; (9) DIW, Berlin, 27th January 2005; (8) University of Turin, 2nd December 2004; (7) Laval university, January 2004; (6) Sherbrook university, January 2004; (5) IZA, January 2004; (4) Free University of Brussels, January 2004; (3) Royal Holloway University of London, 1st October 2003; (2) Laval University, 27th March 2003; (1) UQAM, 26th March 2003.

Other communications

(20) Invited presentation at a family economics workshop, University of Verona, 16th May 2008; (19) Invited presentation on 'taxation and the low-paid in Ireland', roundtable on tax reform and poverty in preparation of the work of the Commission on taxation, Dublin, 12th May, 2008; (18) Invited presentation at the workshop on public sector pay, Office of Manpower Economics, London, 14th September 2007; (17) Invited presentation at the Workshop in Applied Microeconomics, U. of St Andrews, 12-13 September 2007; (16) COST meeting, St Gallen, 10-11 May 2007; (15) Invited presentation at University of Verona, 11th June 2007; (14) Seminar at Paris 1 Sorbonne, workshop on collective model (C. Sofer); (13) Presentation on the Polish tax-benefit system, Praxis center, Tallinn, Estonia, 24th March 2006; (12) German Science Foundation conference, Bonn, 6th October 2005; (11) Invited discussant of the session Labor Markets (chairman: J. Pisani-Ferry) at French Economic Society (AFSE), 15th September 2005; (10) IZA/SOLE Transatlantic Meeting, Buch Ammersee, 30th June-1st July 2005; (9) Meeting of the Social Situation Observatory, Tarki, Budapest, 18th April 2005; (8) Conference of the Global Development Network, Dakar, 23-26th January 2005; workshop on Labor Market Policies; (7) Invited discussant at the IZA Prize Conference "Frontiers in Labor Economics", Berlin, 24th October 2004; (6) Invited presentation at the European Commission, DG Research, Brussels, 27th September 2004, on the Micro Analysis of the European Social Agenda; (5) Invited presentation at the workshop on the Economics of the Family (Ekert-Jaffé organizer), INED, Paris, December 2003; (4) Invited presentation at the workshop on the Economics of the Family (Browning, Chiappori and Weiss organizers), Centre for Applied Microeconometrics, University of Copenhagen, 25-26th August 2003; (3) Invited expert for a debate on French tax-credit at OFCE ("Table ronde sur la Prime pour l'emploi"), Paris, 16th June 2003; (2) Presentation at the conference on the French experience of tax-benefit microsimulation, CNAF, Paris, 17th October 2002; (1) Summer school of the Universitat de les Illes Balears, June 2001.

Event organization

<i>July 2006</i>	Organization of a session on 'the optimality of tax-benefit systems in Europe' at the WPEG conference, University of Kent.
<i>May 2006</i>	Co-organizer of the IZA-World Bank conference 'Employment and Development', Berlin, Axica center (with S. Scarpetta, R. Holzmann and K.F.Zimmermann).
<i>Oct. 2005</i>	Organizer of the IZA/CHILD/ZEW/CV Starr Center workshop 'Interaction within the Family: Collective Approach and Bargaining Models', Turin (with G. Violante, D. Del Boca and D. Beninger).
<i>Dec. 2005</i>	Co-organizer of the ESPRU/CHILD workshop 'Discrete Choice Labour Supply Models', Galway (with Eoghan Garvey and C. O'Donoghue).
<i>2007-08</i>	Responsible of the seminar at UCD School of economics.
<i>2005-06</i>	Responsible of the IZA internal seminar.

PhD supervision

- Starting Sept. 08* Claire Keane: "Taxation and the labour market".
- Starting Sept. 08* Karina Doorley: "Three essays on inequality, poverty and institutions: in-work transfers and the working poor, poverty among single mothers, the gender wage gap in Europe".
- Starting Sept. 07* Prudence Kwenda: "Three essays on inequality and poverty in developing countries: informality, intra-household inequality and multi-dimensional poverty analysis".

MA supervision

- 2007-8* Karina Doorley: "Working poor in Ireland and the impact of alternative in-work transfers".
- 2006-7* Prudence Kwenda: "Poverty analysis on data from Zimbabwe".

Academic duties

- 2007 – 2008* Convener of the MA programme in Economics at UCD

University lectures

- 2008* Applied public economics (MA/PhD), at the University of Bonn
- 2006-09* Economics of human behavior (3rd year), Public economics (3rd year), Development economics (Master), Advanced microeconomic (PhD), at University College Dublin
- 2006* Two-week program on Labor economics (PhD), at AERC, Nairobi.
- 2003-4* Module on Family Economics (MA level), at ENSAE
- 2001-2* Lecture in Economic policy (international students) at ESCP-EAP, Paris.

Occasional lectures

- Dec. 2007* Lecture on family economics, Behavioral seminar, Geary Institute
- Oct. 2007* Lecture on household modeling, Warsaw university

Tutorials

- 2002-04* Teaching assistant in Econometrics, Macro- and Microeconomics (3rd year and MA), University of Cergy-Pontoise;
- 2000-01* Teaching assistant in Firm theory (3rd year), University Paris II (Panthéon-Assas); in Macroeconomics (1st year), University Paris I (Panthéon-Sorbonne).

Research funding and international networks

As Principal Investigator

- 2009* Flagship award of the Combat Poverty Institute on 'Working poor and in-work transfer policies' (€40 K) – 1 year project
- 2008-09* Award of the Irish Research Council in Human and Social Sciences on 'Optimal tax and social preferences in Ireland' (€50 K.) – 2 year project
- 2007-08* Flagship award of the Combat Poverty Institute on 'Child poverty: new measures, comparisons and policy implications tax' (€40 K) – 1 year project
- 2006-07* SIMPL II (labor supply and taxation in Poland), co-organized with M. Myck (DIW) , L. Morawski and M. Socha (University of Warsaw); financed by Polish Ministries of Social Affairs, Labor and Finance (€100 K.) – 1 year project
- 2005-06* SIMPL (design of a tax-benefit microsimulation model for Poland), co-organized with M. Myck (DIW, University of Warsaw); financed by Polish Ministries of Social Affairs, Labor and Finance (€45 K.) – 1 year project

As Associate Investigator

- 2008-09* Award of the Irish Research Council in Human and Social Sciences on 'Inequalities and the New Economy', coordinated by Brian Nolan (€200 K.): 'Optimal tax and social preferences in Ireland'

2007-09	'Distributive and efficiency concerns in tax-benefit policy design: empirical evidences, technical development and normative evaluations' funded by the ANR (French national agency for research), in collaboration with T. Piketty, A. Spadaro and P.Y. Geoffard (€100 K).
2006-08	ICUE (Improving the Capacity and Usability of EUROMOD): a EU-funded project (DG research); coordinated by O. Lelkes at the European Center, Vienna..
2005-08	AIMAP (Accurate Income Measurement for the Assessment of Public Policies): a 3-year EU-funded STREP project within FP6 (€1.5 M); coordinated by H. Sutherland at the University of Essex.
2004-2005	Member of the project "Guaranteed Income, a fundamental step in social policy in Europe", a CHILD project financed by Compagnia di San Paolo, coordinated by U. Colombino, University of Turin.
2002-2004	MICRESA (Micro-level analysis of the European Social Agenda), funded by the EC's IHP program (€1.15 M.); coordinated by H. Sutherland at the University of Cambridge.
1999-2002	EUROMOD (a 15-country Europe-wide benefit-tax model), funded by the EC's TSER program (1.18 M. Ecu); coordinated by H. Sutherland at the University of Cambridge.
2001	Member of the project "Welfare analysis of fiscal and social security reforms in Europe: does the representation of family decision process matter?", financed by the EU, General Directorate for Employment and Social Affairs, grant VS/2000/0778; coordinated by F. Laisney at the ZEW, Germany.

L a n g u a g e s

English:	fluent
French:	native
German:	basic, but improving!