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CURRENT POSITION

- PhD student in economics at UCL (Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium)
- Member of CORE (Center for Operations Research and Econometrics)
- Member of ECORE
- FNRS Research Fellow

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- New Economic Geography
- Development Economics
- Economics of conflict
- Microfinance

PhD THESIS

IMPEDIMENTS TO DEVELOPMENT IN THE LIGHT OF THE NEW ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY

Under the supervision of Professor Jacques Thisse

My research project seeks to shed light on development issues with the means of recent theoretical and empirical advancements in the field of the New Economic Geography. Assessing the impact of external factors on the geographic distribution of economic agents, the following development issues will be approached:

- The relationship between spatial disparities and conflict
- The impact of a refugee camp on the economic geography of a host country
- The impact of transport on the geographical distribution of heterogeneous workers or firms
- The effect of external shocks (e.g. decrease, epidemic, etc) on the spatial distribution of population

PUBLICATIONS

Before entering into the Doctoral School (Sep'06)

- J.-F. Maystadt (2004), *La Micro-finance peut-elle fonctionner au Nord ? Apprentissage Sud-Nord*, ed. Luc Pire, 175 pages.
- J.-F. Maystadt (2004), « Micro-finance au Nord: Un effet de mode importé du Sud ? », dans *Mondes en développement*, Tome 32, n°126, 69-82.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- *Does Inequality make us rebel? A renewed theoretical model applied to South Mexico*

Paper presented at the UCL Doctoral Workshop in May 2006 and January 2007 as well as at the Winter School on Polarization and Conflict held in Cordoba (Spain) in November 2006. Currently under submission for a CORE Discussion Paper

- *The impact of a refugee camp on the economic geography of the host country*
- *The impact of environmental damage on migration*
- *A new indicator of perceived inequality : Does space matter to study the role of relative deprivation in contentious situations?*

EDUCATION

- Sep' 02 – Sep 03 **London School of Economics (LSE)**
MSc Local Economic Development (Distinction, highest grade of the MSc)
- Sep' 00 – Sep' 02 **University of Louvain-la-Neuve (UCL, Belgium)**
B.Sc Economics (“Grande Distinction”)
- Dissertation: “Potential Contribution of the Institutions of Micro-finance and Cooperative Banks to the Financing of Micro and Small Enterprises. Application to the Spanish Case” (**Roger Vanthournout Award 2003** and selected for the Fortis Award 2002)
- Feb' 02 – Jun' 02 **University Carlos III (Erasmus Program, Madrid)**
- Sep' 98 – Jun' 00 **Business College ICHEC (Bruxelles), Commercial Studies**
- Sep' 97 – Jun' 98 **Euro-Program:** King's School (22 weeks, Beckenham) and Jeroen Bosch Institute (9 weeks, The Netherlands)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Mar' 04 – Now **Adviser, Economic and Financial Affairs, UNICE** (Union of Industrial and Employers' Confederations of Europe, now called Business Europe)
- Macroeconomic issues (Stability and Growth Pact, Economic outlook, Macroeconomic Dialogue, ...), Financial Perspectives 2007-2013, Regional Policy (Structural Funds, Cohesion funds, ...), etc
 - Participation to seminars, panel discussion (“inflation differentials”), press conferences, negotiations, etc
 - Publications : UNICE Economic Outlook Autumn 2004 (20 October 2004) and Spring 2005 as well as several position papers. Available at www.unice.org
- Sep' 03 – April 04 **Internship at the European Commission**
DG External Relations, Directorate Latin America
Unit G: Horizontal Matters
- Coordinator of and participation to the publication “The European Union, Latin America and the Caribbean. A strategic partnership”, the European Commission, 2004, available at http://europa.eu.int/comm/world/lac-guadal/00_index.htm
 - Set up the website in social cohesion:
http://europa.eu.int/comm/external_relations/la/sc/sc_en/index_en.htm

SKILLS

- Languages:**
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| French | Mother Tongue |
| English | Fluent (written/spoken) – IELTS: 7.0 (before living in UK) |
| Spanish | Fluent (written/spoken) – Intermediate |
| Dutch | Certificate of Dutch as a Foreign Language: Intermediate Level Proficiency (1998) |
- Computing:** Good knowledge of Microsoft office (Excel, Word, Outlook and Powerpoint), TSP, STATA econometric programs, Latex user, self-taught internet user

EXTRA ACTIVITIES

- Nov'05 **Member of “Conseil d'Administration de l'ADEL (Association des économistes de Louvain)”** whose mission is to build closer ties between students in economics and non-academic economists notably through the networking of alumni, the organisation of training sessions and events, ...
- Jan'05 **Chairman of « Conseil d'Administration de l'ASBL “Espace Valentin” »** whose mission is to preserve the site of “Château Mondron” (located at Jumet-Hamendes), undertake social activities in collaboration with local inhabitants, and re-structure the services of urgent catering for homeless people.
- Jul' 01 – Aug' 01 **International Volunteer Workcamp in Mexico**
- Aug' 00 **Training-period for Bartex company, Belgium**
- Jul' 00 **International Volunteer Workcamp in Greenland**