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### EDUCATION

- University of California, Berkeley, U.S.A., 1978-1984  
Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics  
Ph.D., Economics, 1985.
- Freie Universität, Berlin, Germany. 1975-1976  
Economic and Political Sciences (Fachbereich 15)  
Completed course requirements for the Doctorate (Dr. rer. pol).
- Université de Liège, Belgium, 1970-1975  
Faculté de Droit et des Sciences Economiques  
Licence en Droit (law degree) with honors (distinction), 1975.

### LANGUAGES

French	reading: 1; speaking: 1; writing: 1 (native language)
English	reading: 1; speaking: 1; writing: 1 (fluent)
Spanish	reading: 1; speaking: 1; writing: 1 (fluent)
German	reading: 1; speaking: 1; writing: 1 (fluent)
Italian	reading: 2; speaking: 3; writing: 3 (good knowledge)
Arabic	reading: 5; speaking: 5; writing: 5 (basic knowledge)

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Since 1999

Senior Fellow  
University of Bonn  
Center for Development Research (Zentrum für Entwicklungsforschung)  
Walter Flex Strasse 3  
D-53113 Bonn, Germany

Since 2002

Adjunct Professor  
Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.  
Since Fall 2003, every year: McCourt School of Public Policy  
Fall 2002 & Spring 2003: Department of Government

Since 2014

Consultant, International Olympic Committee, Lausanne, Switzerland.  
Studies on the economic impact of the IOC and Sports Federations on Switzerland, 2008-2013; on the 28th Summer Universiade in Gwangju, Korea, 2015; on the World Championship of the International Modern Pentathlon Union in Berlin 2015 and Moscow 2016; and on the SportAccord Convention, Lausanne 2016.

1985 to end 2014

The World Bank,  
1818 H Street, NW. Washington, D.C. 20433  
2005 to 2014 Research Manager, Development Economics Vice Presidency  
2002 to 2005 Lead Economist, Office of the Senior VP and Chief Economist  
1999 to 2001 Senior Economist, Ukraine and Slovakia  
1997 to 1998 Senior Economist, Croatia and Hungary (Macro & Public Finance)  
1993 to 1997 Senior Country Economist for Hungary  
1990 to 1993 Senior Economist, Albania (first World Bank loan) and Poland  
1988 to 1990 Economist. Work on Poland, Morocco, Cameroon, Jordan, Kenya, Côte d'Ivoire; Seminars at Arab Monetary Fund (Abu Dhabi)  
1985 to 1988 Consultant for the Research Department, Operations Evaluation and other Departments

September 1998 to August 1999

University of Bonn, Centre for Development Research (ZEF), Germany  
Senior Fellow (Responsible for the Program on Governance of ZEF)

February 1987 - February 1988

Government of Ecuador, Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería, Quito  
Adviser to the Minister (agricultural, trade and macroeconomic policies)

October 1987 - February 1988

Consultant  
Agricultural Development Services Ltd, Singapore. Consultant

May - June 1987

The World Bank, Operations Evaluation Department  
Consultant (Review of World Bank Conditionality in Agricultural Policy)

February - April 1987

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations, Rome  
Consultant, Policy Analysis Division

November - December 1988

International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Rome  
Consultant, Evaluation of the Minya Agricultural Development Project, Egypt

May 1985 - February 1988

The World Bank, Research Project RPO 673-64 (Anne Krueger)  
Consultant (Study on Agricultural Policies & Exchange Rates in Egypt)

September 1985 - October 1986

Associates for International Resources and Development, Inc. Medford, MA  
Manager of the Washington, D.C. Office, and Economist  
Missions & reports on Mali and Madagascar

July 1984 and December 1985

International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington D.C.  
Consultant, food and agricultural policy in Egypt.

September - October 1984

Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR)  
Contribution to the CGIAR Impact Study

September 1981 - June 1983

University of California, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics,  
USAID-financed Egypt Agricultural Development Systems Project.  
Postgraduate Research Associate (including one-year stay in Egypt)

Spring, Fall and Winter Semesters, 1979-1980

University of California,  
Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Berkeley.  
Teaching Associate, Microeconomics

September 1976 - September 1978

International Labour Organization (ILO), United Nations, Geneva  
Associate Expert, Centro Inter-Americano de Administración del Trabajo (CIAT),  
Lima. Labor economics projects in Peru, Panamá, Chile, Colombia & Mexico

September 1972 - June 1973

Université de Liège, Faculté de Droit et des Sciences Économiques,  
Teaching Assistant in Economics

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

### Books

*Growth and Empowerment. Making Development Happen*, with Nick Stern and H. Rogers. The MIT Press, 2005 <http://mitpress.mit.edu/catalog/item/default.asp?sid=E5E77B42-1D62-4B7E-AB0B-8627D949F472&ttype=2&tid=10501>

*Governance, Decentralization and Reform in China, India and Russia*, editor and author of several chapters. Kluwer Academic Publishers. Dordrecht/Boston/London, 2000

*Public Finance Reform during the Transition. The Experience of Hungary*. A World Bank Publication, Editor (with Lajos Bokros) and author of several chapters, 1998

*Trade, Exchange Rates and Agricultural Pricing Policies in Egypt*, two volumes, A World Bank Publication, Washington, 1989.

### Papers

Most papers are downloadable at <http://econpapers.repec.org> and [https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Jean-Jacques\\_Dethier](https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Jean-Jacques_Dethier)

A Brief History of Development, Development Policy and Development Aid, paper presented at a seminar at the Zentrum für Entwicklungsforschung (ZEF), University of Bonn on July 2, 2015

The economic impact of international sports organisations in Switzerland 2008-2013, AISTS, International Olympic Committee, Lausanne, <http://www.aists.org/impactstudy>, April 2015 (Joint author)

Infrastructure in Africa. in: *Oxford Handbook of Africa and Economics: Policies and Practices*, Célestin Monga and Justin Lin, editors, Oxford University Press, 2014

Regulation, Renegotiation and Capital Structure: Theory and Evidence from Latin American Transport Concessions, with A. Moore and S. Straub. *Journal of Regulatory Economics*, vol. 45:209-232, April 2014.

Coping with Urban Fiscal Stress around the World, Paper presented at a Brown University Conference, Providence, November 1-2, 2013. Policy Research Working Paper No. 6693. World Bank, Washington, DC, 2013.

Sustainable Cities, Paper presented at a Conference on Global Sustainable Finance, Karlsruhe, July 5, 2013 and at the Associazione per lo sviluppo dell'industria nel Mezzogiorno (Svimez), Rome, July 8, 2013

Firms Operating under Electricity Constraints in Developing Countries, with P. Alby and S. Straub, *World Bank Economic Review*, 2013, vol. 27(1): 109-132

The World Bank and Governance: The Bank's Efforts to Help Developing Countries Build State Capacity, with Alain de Janvry. Policy Research Working Paper No. 6275. World Bank, Washington, DC: November 2012.

The Great Recession and the Future of Cities. with C. Morrill. Policy Research Working Paper No. 6256. World Bank, Washington, DC. October 2012.

Infrastructure in Developing Countries: An Overview of Some Economic Issues, with A. Moore, Discussion Paper on Development Policy No. 165, University of Bonn, Center for Development Research [ZEF], April 2012 <http://www.zef.de/discussionpapers.html>

Explaining Enterprise Performance in Developing Countries with Business Climate Survey Data, with M. Hirn & S. Straub, World Bank Research Observer, 2011, vol 26 (2): 258-309

Agriculture and Development. A Brief Review of the Literature, with A. Effenberger, Economic Systems, 36 (2012) 175–205 [www.elsevier.com/locate/ecosys](http://www.elsevier.com/locate/ecosys)

Fiscal Competition in Developing Countries. A Survey of the Theoretical and Empirical Literature, with T. Madiès, Journal of International Commerce, Economics and Policy, Volume: 3, Issue: 2 (June 2012) <http://www.worldscinet.com/jicep/>

Development Economics and the International Development Association, with C. Denizer and A. Gelb, 2011, Policy Research Working Paper 5541, World Bank, Washington DC

Universal Minimum Old Age Pensions: Their Impact on Poverty and Fiscal Cost in 18 Latin American Countries, with P. Pestieau and R. Ali, Revista Económica del Rosario Vol. 14. No. 2 (2011). 37- 65, Bogotá, Colombia

Aid Effectiveness: What can we know? What should we do? What may we hope? Paper presented at a seminar at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington D.C., March 12, 2008

Social security: what can developing countries learn from the experience of developed countries? [www.ifpri.org/2020chinaconference/index.htm](http://www.ifpri.org/2020chinaconference/index.htm); published in *The Poorest and Hungry. Assessments, Analyses and Actions*, edited by J. von Braun, R. Vargas and R. Pandya-Lorch, International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington, DC, 2009

Decentralisation and Poverty Reduction: Exploring the Linkages, Paper presented at the OECD Workshop on Decentralisation and Poverty Reduction organized by the OECD, Paris, September 2004 <http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/47/48/33772210.pdf>

Institutional Arrangements for Public Debt Management, with E. Currie and E. Togo, World Bank Policy Research Working Paper No. 3021, April 2003, World Bank

Corruption in the Seven Low Income Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States, paper prepared for a conference on the CIS-7, Lucerne, January 21, 2003. <http://www.cis7.org/>

The Effectiveness of Decentralization in Hungary and Slovakia, in: *Managing Fiscal Decentralization*, Ehtisham Ahmad and Vito Tanzi editors, London: Routledge, 2002. Also at <http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/seminar/2000/fiscal/index.htm>

Governance and Poverty, Quarterly Journal of International Agriculture, Vol. 38, No.4, pp. 293-314, December 1999.

Does democracy facilitate the economic transition? An empirical study of Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, with H. Ghanem and E. Zoli, Journal for Institutional Innovation, Development and Transition, vol. 3, pp.15-30, 1999. Also World Bank Policy Research Paper No. 2194

Governance and Economic Performance: A Survey, University of Bonn, Germany. ZEF Discussion Paper on Development Policy No.5, April 1999. <http://www.zef.de>

Taxing Capital Income in Hungary and the European Union, with C. John, World Bank Policy Research Working Paper No. 1903, March 1998

Constitutional Rights and The Reform of Social Entitlements in Hungary, with T. Shapiro, Paper presented at the 29th National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Seattle, November 22, 1997.

Price Interventions in Agriculture in Egypt, 1960-85, in: The Political Economy of Agricultural Pricing Policies. Case Studies, edited by A. Krueger, M. Schiff and A. Valdès, Johns Hopkins University Press. 1991.

Poland. "Agroindustry . A Review of Recent Developments in Six Major Agro-industrial Sectors in Poland (with J. Fry and D. Vermilya), November 1993.

Poland. "Recommendations to improve Agricultural Marketing and the Operations of the Agencja Rynku Rolnego," (with J. Fry), November 1993.

Albania. Agriculture Sector Adjustment Credit, Report No. P-6065-ALB, June 1993.

Albania. An Agricultural Strategy. Report of the European Community and the World Bank, September 1992.

Poland. Agriculture Sector Adjustment Loan, Report No. P-5685-POL, December 1992.  
Albania. Critical Imports Project, Report No. P-5805-ALB, June 1992.

Privatization and Restructuring of the Agricultural Marketing and Processing Sector. (with M. Debatisse and H. Henry), in: Poland. Supporting Volumes for the Agriculture Sector Adjustment Loan, edited by J.J. Dethier, 1992.

Successful Agricultural Projects (Morocco Doukkala Irrigation; Sudan Rahad Irrigation; Thailand Agricultural Credit; Burma Pegu Yome Forestry. India Gujarat Community Forestry)", case studies for a seminar on agricultural projects, May 1990.

L'impact de la politique d'ajustement sur les secteurs des céréales et de l'élevage au Maroc, (in French) with O. Aloui et A. Houmy, November 1989.

Welfare Costs and Benefits of Maize Price Stabilization Policy in Kenya. March 1989.

Structural Adjustment and Agriculture, Finance and Development, vol. 26-4, Dec. 1989.

The Language of Food: P.L.480 in Egypt, with Kathy Funk, MERIP Middle East Report, vol. 17, No.2, March-April 1987.

Macroeconomic Adjustment Policies and Income Distribution in Developing Countries, United Nations Food and Nutrition Bulletin, vol.9, No.1, 1987.  
<http://www.unu.edu/unupress/food/8F091e/8F091E02.htm>

Technological Innovation in Agriculture - The Political Economy of its Rate and Bias, with Alain de Janvry, Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) Study Paper No. 1. Washington, September 1985.

Macroeconomic Effects of Alternative Price Policies in Egypt, with H. Esfahani. Working Paper No.188, Giannini Foundation, University of California. Berkeley, September 1981.

Food Supply and Agricultural Policy in Egypt. 1940-1980, Working Paper No. 13, USAID Agricultural Development Systems, Cairo, Egypt, May 1981.

Agricultural Prices in Egypt. Issues, Policies and Perspectives, (Arabic translation). Paper presented at an FAO conference on agriculture in Egypt, Cairo, April 1987.

Incentive System and Economic Policy Reform in Mali. Report for the World Bank. Associates for International Resources and Development, Somerville, MA., Oct 1986.

The Political Economy of Agricultural Pricing Policies in Madagascar, with J.D. Stryker. Associates for International Resources and Development, Somerville, MA., December 1985

Impact de la stratégie d'autosuffisance en riz à Madagascar, with J.D. Stryker (in French) Associates for International Resources and Development, Somerville, MA., October 1985

The Political Economy of Food Prices in Egypt. Ph.D. Dissertation, University of California. Berkeley, February 1985. [Computable General Equilibrium model of Egypt to estimate the impact of food price increases on incomes and welfare]

## ACTIVITIES

- Member of the Editorial Board, The World Bank Economic Review (Professional journal published by Oxford University Press, one of the top journals on economic development, with an impact factor of 1.12, ranked 41/200 in Economics, ISI Journal Citation Reports)
- Guest Lectures, Courses and Conference Presentations :
  - Fourth European Congress on World and Global History, École Nationale Supérieure Paris, 4-7 September 2014.
  - Conference on the African Economy, organized by OUP, Peking University, Beijing, China, December 6-8, 2013.
  - Conference on The Return of Urban Fiscal Crisis: Alternatives to Bankruptcy, Brown University, Providence, RI, November 1-2, 2013.
  - Conference on Asia. Urban Spaces and Global Sustainability, Wilson Center, Washington DC, July 29, 2013  
<http://wilsoncenter.org/event/asia-urban-spaces-the-local-environment-and-global-sustainability>
  - Conference on Global Sustainable Finance, Karlsruhe, July 4-5, 2013

- Seminar at the Associazione per lo sviluppo dell'industria nel Mezzogiorno (Svimez), Rome, July 8, 2013
- Seminar at the Università degli Studi (Roma Tre). Dipartimento di Architettura / Area Ricerca, Rome, July 8, 2013
- Workshop on Infrastructure and Procurement, Toulouse School of Economics, France, March 14-15, 2013.
- Conference on Multilateral Banks and Policy Research, Corporación Andina de Fomento, Caracas, February 25, 2013.
- Conference on Using History to Inform Development Policy. The Role of Archives, organized by the World Bank, Washington, DC Oct 25-26, 2012.
- Urban Research and Knowledge Symposium, Barcelona, Oct 8-10, 2012.
- Graduate School of Business and Public Policy (GSBPP), Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA. Lecture. September 24-25, 2012.
- Business History Conference, March 29-31, Philadelphia, Discussant of US Housing Policy paper by Alexander J. Field
- University of Bonn, Center for Development Research (ZEF), Bonn, Germany, Lectures on Development Economics, January 2011 and Jan 2012.
- 81<sup>st</sup> Southern Economic Association Conference, Washington DC, November 19-21, 2011. Presentation at session on Development and Emerging markets using the World Bank and IMF Archives
- Conference on Infrastructure, Procurement, and Corruption, Toulouse School of Economics, France, May 5-6, 2011.
- University of California, Berkeley, Conference on Agriculture for Development, October 1-2, 2010.
- International Conference on Infrastructure Economics and Development, Toulouse School of Economics, France, January 14-15, 2010.
- Scuola Superiore di Studi Universitari e di perfezionamento Sant'Anna, Pisa, Italy. Development Economics Course, November 2009.
- Graduate Conference on Development, Munk Center, University of Toronto, Toronto, April 2007 and April 2009.
- International Development Days, conferences organized by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters (CME), Fredericton, NB, May 2007 and Vancouver, May 2008.
- International Conference on Taking Action for World Poverty and Hunger, Beijing, October 17-19, 2007.
- Conference on Publishing for Impact for non-profit publishers, June 4-6, 2007, Westin Grand Hotel, Washington, DC
- International Consortium on Governmental Financial Management, Washington, DC, Institutions for Public Debt Management. Recent Trends in OECD Countries, June 5, 2002
- School of Nutrition, Tufts University, Medford, MA, seminar on international policy, October 2000
- Cox School of Business, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, seminar on Economic Issues in Eastern and Western Europe, January 2000
- University of Kiel, Department of Agricultural Economics, Germany, seminar on Governance, May 1999
- US Department of State, Foreign Service Institute, Arlington, VA., lecture on transition economies, March 1996

- Fonds National de la Recherche Scientifique (National Foundation for Scientific Research), Brussels, Belgium. Scientific Collaborator (Program No.2-4512-79) of the University of Liège. October 1979 - December 1983
- Premier Prix de Conservatoire, Declamation and Dramatic Arts, Conservatoire Royal de Musique de Liège. Liège, Belgium. 1972
- Teacher, Alliance Française (Dramatic Art, Diction, Declamation) in primary schools and high schools in Belgium (Liège, Seraing, Ferrières), 1972-1975
- Amateur Theater (Actor, Director, Producer), Athénée Royal de Liège and Université de Liège, 1967-1974.

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