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ACADEMIC POSITIONS **Postdoctoral Research Associate** 2026–ongoing
Keough School of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame, and AIM for Scale

EDUCATION **Ph.D. in Economics**, Paris School of Economics & 2026
Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, France
Advisor: Prof. Karen Macours

Visiting Ph.D. Student, Northwestern University, USA 2024
Global Poverty Research Lab

M.Res. in Public Policy and Development, Paris 2021
School of Economics, France

M.Sc. in Economics and Social Sciences, Università 2016
Bocconi, Italy
Advisor: Prof. Eliana La Ferrara

B.Sc. in Economics and Social Sciences, Università 2013
Bocconi, Italy
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REFERENCES **Karen Macours** **Sylvie Lambert**
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WORKING PAPERS **Color-Blind to the Obvious: Salience, Misperception, and Varietal Adoption in Uganda.** AEARCTR-0010070.

Economic, Cultural and Taste-based Constraints to the Scaling of Climate-resilient Biofortified Maize among Diverse Smallholder Populations in Guatemala with Karen Macours and Jess Rudder. *IDB Working Paper Series; 1763*, 2025. Link. AEARCTR-0013101.

You Reap What (You Think) You Sow? Misperceptions of Improved Maize Varieties in Ethiopia. PSE Working Paper, 2022.

Large-Scale Roll-Out and Impacts of Biofortified Crop Varieties in Uganda with Karen Macours and Julius Okello.

Landscape-Level Ecological Effects of Breeding for SPVD and Dual-Purpose Sweet Potato Varieties in Uganda with Karen Macours and Julius Okello.

Biodiversity and Sweetpotato Breeding in Uganda with Karen Macours and Julius Okello.

PUBLICATIONS &
REPORTS

Studying Inclusive Innovation with the Right Data: An Empirical Illustration from Ethiopia with Solomon Alemu, Frédéric Kosmowski, James Stevenson, Lemi Taye, and Karen Macours. *Agricultural Systems*, Volume 219, 103988, 2024. [Link](#)

Shining a Brighter Light: Comprehensive Evidence on Adoption and Diffusion of CGIAR-Related Innovations in Ethiopia with Frédéric Kosmowski, Solomon Alemu, James Stevenson, and Karen Macours. Rome: Standing Panel on Impact Assessment (SPIA), 2020. [Link](#)

Effective Rural Development: IFAD's Evidence-Based Approach to Managing for Results with Tim Balint, Daniel Higgins, Silvana Scalzo, and Paul Winters. *IFAD Research Series*, 2018. [Link](#)

Impact Assessment: Livestock and Pasture Development Project (LPDP), Tajikistan with Romina Cavatassi. *IFAD Research Series*, 2018. [Link](#)

Impact Assessment: Community-Based Forestry Development Project in Southern States (DECOFOS), Mexico with Romina Cavatassi, Federica Alfani, and Adriana Paolantonio. *IFAD Research Series*, 2018. [Link](#)

Disbursement Performance of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD): An In-Depth Analysis of Drivers and Trends with Tim Balint, Daniel Higgins, Silvana Scalzo, and Paul Winters. *IFAD Research Series*, 2017. [Link](#)

PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE

CGIAR — Standing Panel on Impact Assessment (SPIA), Paris 2019–2020
Pre-Doctoral Fellow

- Co-authored reports on CGIAR innovation uptake and diffusion.
- Contributed to the design of nationally representative surveys (LSMS-ISA: ESS4 and UNPS 2019/20).

International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Rome 2016–2019
Research Analyst, Research and Impact Assessment Division (RIA)

	- Designed and conducted impact evaluations across IFAD’s rural development portfolio, including fieldwork, sampling strategy, survey design and programming, qualitative and quantitative data collection, data analysis, and report writing. - Contributed to the development and harmonization of survey tools and workflows to ensure consistent reporting on key indicators and alignment with theory of change frameworks. - Produced technical reports and policy briefs on disbursement performance to inform strategic decision-making and resource allocation.	
	Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) , Rome	2014
	<i>Research Intern, From Protection to Production (PtoP), Agricultural Development Economics Division (ESA)</i>	
	Conducted literature reviews and data analysis.	
TEACHING	Paris School of Economics Econometrics for Impact Evaluation (Master in Public Policy and Development)	
GRANTS AND AWARDS	J-PAL — PROSA (Sondeo y Arranque Program)	USD 148,000
	IDB Gender and Diversity Lab — Climate Change and its Nexus with Gender and Diversity	USD 100,000
	CGIAR — SPIA	USD 20,000
	PSE Development Grant	EUR 8,000
	CEPREMAP	EUR 5,000
	PSE Development Grant	EUR 5,000
	Merit-based full scholarship (5 years), B.Sc. and M.Sc., Università Bocconi	
PRESENTATIONS	STEG Annual Conference	2026
	OXDEV, Oxford University	2025
	AFEDev — 6th Africa Evidence to Action Conference (E2A)	2023
	CSAE Conference on Economic Development in Africa, Oxford University	2022
	SPIA Webinar Series	2022
	CFDS Seminar, Paris School of Economics	2022
	20th Nordic Conference in Development Economics	2022
	IFAD Conference — “Jobs, Innovation and Rural Value Chains in the Context of Climate Transition”	2022
	31st Virtual ICAE — International Conference of Agricultural Economists	2021
REFEREING	<i>Food Policy, Journal of Development Economics</i>	
SKILLS	Languages: English (fluent), Italian (native), Spanish (working knowledge), French (basic) Technical: Stata, R, SurveyCTO, Survey Solutions, Overleaf, Power BI	