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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- Assistant Professor – Aix-Marseille School of Economics, Marseille, France,   2021 - Present
- Postdoctoral Associate – New York University Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, UAE   2018 - 2021
- Postdoctoral Fellow – Princeton University, Princeton, NJ   2018

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in Politics – Princeton University, Princeton, NJ   2018
- M.A. in Politics – Princeton University, Princeton, NJ   2014
- M.Sc. in Economic History, Highest Honors – London School of Economics, London   2011
- M.A. in Economics – Science Po, Ecole Polytechnique, ENSAE, Paris   2011
- B.A. in Arabic Literature, Honors – Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales, Paris   2010
- B.A. in Social Sciences, Middle East Minor, Honors – Science Po, Paris   2009

RESEARCH

Publications

- "Can low-cost, scalable, online intervention increase youth informed political participation in electoral authoritarian contexts?" (with Guy Grossman and Horacio Larreguy), *Science Advances*.   2023

- "Institutional quality, campaign contributions, and favoritism in US federal government contracting" (with Mihály Fazekas and Johannes Wachs), *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*.   2023
  Beryl Radin Award, Public Management Research Association, 2024

- "Who Registers? Village Networks, Household Dynamics, and Voter Registration in Rural Uganda" (with Guy Grossman, Melina Platas and Jonathan Rodden), *Comparative Political Studies*.   2022

- "It Takes a Village: Peer Effects and Externalities in Technology Adoption" (with Guy Grossman, Melina Platas and Jonathan Rodden), *American Journal of Political Science*.   2020
  Best Conference Paper Award, American Political Science Association Political Networks Section, 2019

- "Partners in Crime? Corruption as a Criminal Network," *Games and Economic Behavior*.   2020

Working Papers

- "The Unequal Diffusion of Honesty and Dishonesty in Workplace Networks," Accepted at Management Science.

- "Audits and Bureaucratic Corruption: Evidence from Brazilian Municipalities" (with Renaud Bourlès, Galileu Kim and Julieta Peveri)

- "Combatting the Repression of Online Activism in Authoritarian Settings" (with Horacio Larreguy)

- "Community Formation on Networks" (with Olivier Bochet and Yves Zenou)

- "Extreme Protest Tactics Reduce Support for the Climate Movement and Climate Mitigation Policies" (with Kylie Fuller, Lucas Francou Damesin, Brent Simpson, Robb Willer and Izzy Gainsburg)

In Progress

- "Nudging for Unbiased Consumption of Political Information in Online Settings" (with Horacio Larreguy)

- "Vultures and Ideologues: Economies of Scope, Non-Aligned Status and the International Arms Trade" (with John Londregan)

Teaching

- Econometric Methods for Causal Inference   Spring 2025
Graduate, 40 students

- Formal methods in Economics   Spring 2025
Undergraduate, 40 students, in French

- The Economics of Social Networks   Fall 2024
Graduate, 15 students

- Political Game Theory   Fall 2024
Undergraduate, 10 students

- Development   Fall 2023, 2024
Undergraduate, 40 students, in French

- Topics in Advanced Microeconomics   Fall 2022, 2023
Undergraduate, 10 students

- Microeconomics of the firm   Spring 2022, 2023
Undergraduate, 150 students

Talks

Conference presentations

- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting   2016 to 2025
- European Political Science Association Annual Conference   2019, 2023 to 2025
- European Public Choice Conference   2024, 2025
- International Conference on Development Economics   2023
- Midwest Political Science Association Conference   2015 to 2017, 2021
- Center for the Study of African Economies Conference   2015, 2019
- French Political Science Association Annual Meeting   2015
- Political Networks Conference   2014, 2016, 2017, 2020
- Sunbelt Social Networks Conference   2016

Workshops

- LACEA-PEG Workshop on Political Economy, RIDGE Forum, Lima   2025
- Arne Ryde Workshop on Culture, Institutions, and Development, Lund University, Florence   2024
- Comparative Politics and Political Economy, King's College, London   2023
- Winter Experimental Social Science Institute, NYU Abu Dhabi, UAE   2020
- Frontiers of Network Science, NYU Abu Dhabi, UAE   2019
- Data Driven Development in Africa, University of Indiana, Bloomington, IN   2018
- Organizations and their effectiveness, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA   2018, 2016
- Frontiers of Network Science, NYU Abu Dhabi, UAE   2018
- Winter Experimental Social Science Institute, NYU, Florence, Italy   2017

Invited seminar presentations

- CLEAN Online Seminar, Bocconi University and LSE   2025
- Public Economics and Policy Seminar, HEC Lausanne, Switzerland   2024
- Africa Business School, University Mohamed VI Polytechnic, Rabat, Morocco   2024
- Department of Public Policy, Central European University, Vienna, Austria   2022

STATISTICAL SOFTWARE

- `subgraphs`: An R package for fast enumeration of connected subgraphs
  Available at `https://github.com/rferrali/subgraphs`

- `banditr`: An R package for estimating multi-armed bandit algorithms with binary and continuous data
  Available at `https://github.com/rferrali/banditr`

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- Tafra project "SMIIG Data 2" for the monitoring of freedom of access to information at the local, regional, and national levels in Morocco
  European Commission, **€213,000**   2023

- "The Mercury Project" for the estimation of the causal impacts of disinformation in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic (co-PI)
  Social Science Research Council, **$150,000**   2022

- Tafra project "IMPACTS" for the collection and dissemination of public procurement data in Morocco   2022
  International Foundation for Electoral Systems and CEELI Institute, **$20,000**

- Tafra project "Elections 2021" for the development of a mobile app on party platforms   2021
  International Foundation for Electoral Systems, **$15,000**

- Tafra project "Elections 2021" for the development of an electoral campaign management app   2021
  Council of Europe, **$15,000**

- Tafra project "Article 27" phase II on Moroccan Freedom of Information Act   2019
  US State Department, **$150,000**

- Academic Partnership between Maxwell School of Public Affairs (Syracuse University), University Mohamed V, and Tafra
  US Embassy in Morocco, **$25,000**   2019

- Tafra project "Datafra" for the development of a mobile app enabling access to public data   2019
  European Endowment for Democracy, **€100,000**

- Tafra project for international workshop and following publication on implementation of Moroccan Freedom of Information Act
  OECD, **$10,000**; UNESCO, **$3,000**; Article 19, **$3,000**   2018

- Tafra project "Article 27" for collection, analysis, and dissemination of electoral data   2017
  Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI), US Embassy in Morocco, **$147,000**

- Graduate Dissertation Research Grant   2016
  Bobst center for Peace and Justice, Princeton University, **$1,000**

- Graduate Dissertation Research Grant   2015
  Bobst center for Peace and Justice, Princeton University, **$5,000**

- Graduate Research Award   2014
  Center for the Study of Social Organization, Princeton University, **$5,000**

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- Referee for *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Sociological Review*, *Economic Theory*, *Economic Journal*, *International Economic Review*, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Mathematical Social Science*, *World Politics*

- Program head ("responsable de formation"), undergraduate program "Cycle pluridisciplinaire d'études supérieures (CyPES) - Faire société"
  Aix-Marseille School of Economics   2023 - Present

- Coordinator, General seminar series   2023 - Present
  Aix-Marseille School of Economics

- PhD placement officer   2022 - 2023
  Aix-Marseille School of Economics

- Postdoctoral representative of the Social Science Division and Secretary of the Postdoctoral Council Steering Committee
  NYU Abu Dhabi
  2020 - 2021
- Coordinator of Research Group in Network Science
  2018 - 2021
- Member of the jury of the John Sprague award
  American Political Science Association, Political Networks Division
  2020

Thesis Supervision

- Sami Lazag – *Corruption and Collusion in Public Procurement: the Case of Indonesia*
  Master's thesis, Aix-Marseille School of Economics
  2025
- Joffrey Stary – *The Effect of Direct Democracy on Representatives' Choice: Evidence from Californian Referenda*
  Master's thesis, Aix-Marseille School of Economics
  2023

Affiliations

- American Political Science Association
  2016 - Present
- European Political Science Association
  2019 - 2020; 2023 - Present
- Association Française d'Economie du Développement
  2023 - Present
- Quantitative and Analytical Political Science Fellow, Princeton University
  2017
- Research Affiliate, Center for the Study of Social Organization, Princeton University
  2014 - 2015
- Kenneth W. Gemmill '32 Fellow in Politics, Princeton University
  2012 - 2014
- Research Affiliate, Innovations for Successful Societies, Princeton University
  2012-2013

Other Positions

- Statistical consultant – Laetitia Consulting, Casablanca, Morocco
  2015 - Present
- Board member and scientific director – Tafra NGO, Rabat, Morocco
  2017 - 2023
- Research Assistant – CSAE, department of Economics, Oxford University, Oxford, UK
  2012

Statistical Consultancy

- Nazaha's Global Initiative for Measuring Corruption
  UNDP - Global Policy Center for Governance, Sweden
  2024
- Impact of militant tactics on social movement support
  Parlons Climat, France
  2023
- Explaining Uptake of the U-Bridge Program: Network Analysis
  Social Impact, VA
  2023
- Improving quality control with machine learning
  Company X, MENA region
  2016
- Network analysis for space planning
  Politics department, Princeton University, NJ
  2015

Programming

R (expert), Python (intermediate), Full-stack web development (PHP, JavaScript; intermediate), Docker (intermediate), C++ (basic)

Languages

French (native), English (fluent), Arabic (fluent)