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## Employment

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2021 – ...	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	<i>NHH Norwegian School of Economics Department of Economics &amp; FAIR Research center</i>
2017 – ...	ASSOCIATED SENIOR RESEARCHER	<i>Chr. Michelsen Institute</i>
2017 – 2021	ASSISTANT PROFESSOR	<i>NHH Norwegian School of Economics</i>
2012 – 2017	SENIOR RESEARCHER	<i>Chr. Michelsen Institute</i>
2011 – 2012	EXPERT IN ECONOMIC ANALYSIS	<i>Belgian Healthcare Knowledge Centre (KCE)</i>
2011 – 2012	LECTURER (CHARGÉ DE COURS)	<i>Louvain School of Management</i>

## Education

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2011	<i>Académie Louvain – Namur University – PhD in Economics, supervised by J.-P. Platteau (at Paris School of Economics in 2009–2010) Committee: G. Aldashev (Université libre de Bruxelles), M. Fafchamps (Stanford University), C. Guirkinger (Namur University), V. Rao (The World Bank)</i>
2006	<i>Economic School of Louvain - M.A. in Economics</i>
2004	<i>Namur University - B.A. in Economics</i>
2002	<i>University College Dublin, Ireland - Erasmus european exchange program</i>

## Main research grants

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2020 – 2024	<i>PI – The Research Council of Norway: Work skills for life. (with I. Almås, O. Attanasio, K. Bjorvatn, B. Caeyers, M. Fuglesang, S. Krutikova, F. Makene, I. Sandøy and L. Sekei)</i>
2021 – 2025	<i>Co-PI – The Research Council of Norway: Fiscal architecture in Tanzania. (with N. Dwenger, O.-H. Fjeldstad and I. Hoem Sjursen)</i>
2019 – 2022	<i>Co-PI – The Research Council of Norway: VAT compliance in Tanzania. (with O.-H. Fjeldstad, L. Gadenne, I. Hoem Sjursen and J. Weigel)</i>
2018 – 2021	<i>Co-PI – The Research Council of Norway: Child care for business development. (with K. Bjorvatn, S. Gulesci, D. Ferris and L. Vandewalle)</i>
2013 – 2018	<i>Co-PI – The Research Council of Norway: Women empowerment in Tanzania. (with L.I. Berge, K. Bjorvatn, L. Helgesson, T. Kida and B. Tungodden)</i>
2013 – 2016	<i>PI – The Research Council of Norway: Savings and the spread of banking in India. (with L. Vandewalle, J.M. Baland, S. Klasen, K.O. Moene and R. Somanathan)</i>
2009	<i>Marie Curie Action NIT Fellowship – Paris School of Economics Actors, Markets, and Institutions in Developing Countries</i>

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## Publications

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### 1. Journal articles:

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Increasing trust in the bank to enhance savings: Experimental evidence from India  
with R. Mehrotra and L. Vandewalle, *Economic Development & Cultural Change*, 69(2), 623–644, 2021.

Pay-for-performance reduces bypassing of health facilities: evidence from Tanzania.  
with S. Bezu, P. Binyaruka and O. Mæstad, *Social Science & Medicine*, 268 (113551), 2021.

The customer is king: Evidence on VAT compliance in Tanzania  
with O.-H. Fjeldstad, C. Kagoma, E. Mdee and I. Hoem Sjursen, *World Development*, 128, 2020.

Om foreldres investeringer i barns utvikling  
with I. Almås, O. Attanasio, B. Caeyers, P. Jervis and C. Ringdal, *Magma*, 6, 33–39, 2019.

Saving by default: Evidence from a field experiment in rural India  
with L. Vandewalle, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 10(3), 39–66, 2018.

Fertility, household Size and poverty in Nepal  
with F. Libois, *World Development*, 103, 311–322, 2018.

Elite capture through information distortion: A theoretical essay  
with J.-P. Platteau & Z. Wahhaj, *Journal of Development Economics*, 106, 250–263, 2014.

Facing misfortune: Expenditures on magico-religious powers for cure and protection in Benin  
with P. Lemay-Boucher & J. Noret, *Journal of African Economies*, 22(2), 300–322, 2013.

Leçons de l'expérience de décentralisation en Inde, dans l'État du Kerala  
*Mondes en Développement*, de boeck, vol. 34 (133), p.83–99, 2006.

### 2. Book contributions

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Natural resources, political discourse and citizen mobilization, with L. I. Berge and K. Dupuy,  
in *Governing Petroleum Resources: Prospects and Challenges for Tanzania*  
O.-H. Fjeldstad, D. Mmari and K. Dupuy (eds.), Jamana Printers Limited, Tanzania, 2019.

Reducing early pregnancy in low-income countries: A literature review and new evidence  
with L. I. Berge, K. Bjorvatn, A. Mohammed and B. Tungodden,  
in S. Anderson, L. Beaman, and J.-P. Platteau (eds.), *Towards Gender Equity in Development*,  
Oxford University Press, United-Kingdom, 141–166, 2018.

L'ONG va-t-elle réussir là où l'État échoue ?

Compte-rendu critique de l'approche décentralisée de l'aide au développement  
in *ONG et acteurs locaux : l'ultime alternative ?*, M. Rémon (Ed.), PUN, 2009.

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### 3. Working papers

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Adverse selection into competition: Evidence from a large-scale experiment in Tanzania  
*with I. Almås, L.I.O. Berge, K. Bjorvatn and B. Tungodden, NHH working paper, 2020.*

The Effect of Gender-Targeted Transfers: Experimental Evidence From India  
*with I. Almås and L. Vandewalle, CEPR DP 15218, 2020.*

Does Wealth Reduce Support for Redistribution? Evidence from an Ethiopian Housing Lottery  
*with A. G. Andersen, S. Franklin, T. Getahun, A. Kotsadam, and E. Villanger, NHH Working paper, 2020.*

Having a Daughter Reduces Male Violence Against a Partner.  
NHH Working paper, 2020. (R&R JEBO)

Access to Formal Banking and Household Finances: Experimental Evidence from India.  
*with L. Vandewalle, 2017, CMI Working Paper 2017:1. (R&R Economic Journal)*

### 4. Other publications

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Switching From Cash to Account-Based Transfers triggers Savings Among the Poor  
*with Lore Vandewalle, VOX Column, 11 May 2015, [www.voxeu.org/article/triggering-savings-among-poor](http://www.voxeu.org/article/triggering-savings-among-poor).*

Can Bank Account-Based Payments Boost Savings?  
*with Lore Vandewalle, Ideas For India Column, 6 April 2015, [www.ideasforindia.in/article.aspx?article\\_id=1434](http://www.ideasforindia.in/article.aspx?article_id=1434).*

### Fieldwork

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- 2018 – ... Uganda: Childcare and business development  
(collaboration with BRAC to investigate the childcare effects on women's labor supply)
- 2017 – ... Tanzania: VAT compliance  
(collaboration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority to investigate tax compliance)
- 2015 – ... Tanzania: Impact evaluation of Performance based financing in the health sector  
(large-scale surveys of mother/children, health facilities and health workers)
- 2013 – ... Tanzania: Entrepreneurship and health among young women.  
(leading projects on the transition from secondary schools to the labour market)
- 2013 – 2017 India: Microfinance and mobile banking.  
(leading panel surveys and financial diaries in Chhattisgarh)
- 2006 Cotonou, Benin: Savings, credit, insurance & intra-household behaviour.  
(panel surveys of urban households)
- 2003 Thiruvananthapuram, India: Decentralisation in Kerala  
Guest Student at the Center for Development Studies
- 2003 Philippines: Meetings with NGOs under the supervision of the Fondation Universitaire pour la Coopération Internationale au Développement

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## Miscellaneous

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Award	Chr. Michelsens prize for excellent development research (2020).
Affiliated to	FAIR & The Choice Lab at NHH Norwegian School of Economics The European Development Research Network – Associate Member.
Languages	French – native, English – fluent, Norwegian (bokmål) – B1/B2.
Softwares	Stata, R, latex, MS office, ...
Referee for	American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Annals of Public and Cooperative Economics, Development & Change, Economic Development & Cultural Change, Health Policy and Planning, Journal of African Economies, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of Public Economics, Labour Economics, Management Science, Oxford Economic Papers, The Scandinavian Journal of Economics, World Development.

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