# Jean-François Maystadt

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**Profile:** Development economist working on conflict, climate and migration, with strong interests in political economy, environmental and health economics

## Experience

## Research Associate & Professor October 2020 - Present Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique - FNRS & UCLouvain Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium Associate Professor 2014 - Present

- University of Lancaster, Economics Department, 2014 Present
- University of Antwerp, Institute of Development Policy, 2018 2020

Invited Lecturer 2024 - Present

- Sciences Po, Paris
- Course: The Economics of Conflict (with Mathieu Couttenier)

### Post-Doctoral Researcher

2010 - 2014

- KULeuven, Center for Institutions and Economic Performance, 2012 2014
- IFPRI, International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington DC, 2010 2014

Research Fellow 2005 - 2009

FNRS Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique & UCLouvain

Economic Adviser 2003 - 2005

Economic and Financial Affairs, UNICE

#### EDUCATION

#### **UCLouvain** Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium October 2005 - August 2010 PhD in Economics

- Supervised by Jacques Thisse (UCLouvain, CORE)
- Thesis title: Conflict and Forced Migration

## **London School of Economics**

2002 - 2003MSc Local Economic Development Distinction

UCLouvain & Carlos III (Erasmus, Madrid) 1998 - 2002

B.A. Economics "Grande Distinction"

#### Publications

# Google Scholar (28 October 2025): 4,005 citations (2,831 since 2020); H-index: 24

# Most cited Publications (5)

- Mach, Kraan, Adger, Buhaug, Burke, Fearon, Field, Hendrix, Maystadt, O'Loughin et al. 2019. Climate as a risk factor for armed conflict. Nature 571: 193-197. [776 citations, not in ABS but IF: 64.8]
- Marchiori, Maystadt and Schumacher. 2012. Weather Variations and Migration in Sub-Saharan Africa. Journal of Environmental Economics and Management 63(3):355-374. [598 citations, ABS 3]
- Maystadt and Ecker. 2014. Extreme Weather and Civil War: Does Drought Fuel Conflict in Somalia through Livestock Price Shocks? American J. of Agri. Econo. 96(4): 1157-1182. [495 citations, ABS 3]
- Maystadt and Verwimp. 2014. Winners and Losers Among a Refugee-Hosting Population. *Economic* Development and Cultural Change 62(4): 769-809. [327 citations, ABS 3]
- Maystadt, De Luca, Sekeris and Ulimwengu. 2014. Mineral resources and conflicts in the DRC: A case of Ecological Fallacy. Oxford Econ. Papers 66: 721-749. [165 citations, ABS 3]

## Articles in Refereed Journals

## 2025

- Angelini, L. , L. Bertinelli, R. Comertpay, and J.-F. Maystadt (forthcoming). The impact of foreign media on political mobilisation during the Arab Spring. *World Development* [ABS 3]
- Bertinelli, L, R Comertpay, and J-F Maystadt. Ethnic diversity and conflict in sub-Saharan Africa: Evidence from refugee-hosting areas. *Journal of Development Economics* 172: 103393 [ABS 3]
- Jiang D., Zhuo J., Chen S., et al. (2025). Climate change expected to increase conflict risks over the next decades across sub-Saharan Africa. *The Innovation Geoscience* 3:100139.
- Bousquet J., A. Gasten, M. Kadigo, J-F Maystadt, and C. Salemi. Does perceived labor market competition increase prejudice between refugees and their local hosts? Evidence from Uganda and Ethiopia. **Journal of Development Economics**, 175, 103481. [ABS 3]

#### 2024

- Al-Malk A., J-F Maystadt and M Navarro Paniagua. International migration, Remittances and remaining households: Evidence from a trade embargo. *Journal of Demographic Economics* 90 (3): 412-433. [Not in ABS, IF: 1.3]
- Xie, Hao, Ding et al. The impacts of climate change on conflict risk: a review focusing on causal pathways. *Environ. Res. Commun.* 6 112002 [Not in ABS, IF: 2.5]
- Chen, Ding, Buil-Gil, Hao, Maystadt, Fu, Dong, Gao, Zhuo and Jiang. 2024. The impact of COVID-19 lockdown on fraud in the UK. *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications* 11: 1676 [Not in ABS but IF: 3.5]
- Al-Malk A., J-F Maystadt, M Zanardi. The gravity of distance: Evidence from a trade embargo. *Journal of Economic Geography*, 25(2): 175-189. [ABS 4]
- El-Enbaby, Hollingsworth, Maystadt and Singhal., Cash transfers and mental health in Egypt. *Economics and Human Biology* 54: 101396[ABS 2]
- Maystadt JF, A. Mishra, V. Mueller, and M. Smoldt. Policy responses to forced displacement and environmental degradation in Africa. *Annual Review of Resource Economics* (8): 1-22 [ABS 2]
- Oymak and Maystadt. Can refugees improve native children's health? Evidence from Turkey. *Journal of Demographic Economics* 90(3): 521-551. [Not in ABS, IF: 1.3]
- Ecker O., A. Al-Malk and J.-F. Maystadt. Civil Conflict, Cash transfers, and Child Nutrition in Yemen. 2024. Economic Development and Cultural Change 72(4): 1567-2100 [ABS 3]
- Beshir, H. and J.-F. Maystadt. 2024. Price shocks and human capital: Timing matters. *Economic Development* and Cultural Change 72(4): 1567-1583 [ABS 3]

## 2023

• Kadigo, M. and J.-F. Maystadt. 2023. How to cope with a Refugee Shock? Evidence from Uganda. *World Development* 169, 106293. [ABS 3]

## 2022

• Hao, Ding, Xie, Fu, Qian, Ide, Maystadt, Chen, Ge and Jiang. 2022. Varying climatic-social-geographical patterns shape the conflict risk at regional and global scales. *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications* 9, 276 [Not in ABS but IF: 3.5]

#### 2021

- Maystadt and Migali. 2021. The intergenerational transmission of health across 7 generations: Evidence from China, 1789-1906. *Journal of Health Economics* 79(15): 102493. [ABS 3]
- Stoop, Hirvonen, and Maystadt. 2021. Institutional mistrust and child vaccination coverage in Africa. *BMJ Global Health*. 6:e004595 [not in ABS but IF: 8.1]
- Beine, Bertinelli, Comertpay, Litina, and Maystadt. 2021. A gravity analysis of refuge mobility using mobile phone data. *Journal of Development Economics*. 150(14): 102618. [ABS 3]

## 2020

- Mach, Adger, Buhaug, Burke, Fearon, Field, Hendrix, Kraan, Maystadt, O'Loughlin. 2020. Directions for Research on Climate and Conflict. *Earth's Future* 8(7): 3-7. [not in ABS but IF: 8.8]
- Maystadt, Mueller, Van Den Hoek and van Weezel. 2020. Vegetation changes attributable to refugees in Africa coincide with agricultural deforestation. *Environmental Research Letters* 15(4): 044008. [not in ABS but IF: 7.8]

• Beshir and Maystadt. 2020. In utero seasonal food insecurity and cognitive development: Evidence on gender imbalances from Ethiopia, *Journal of African Economies* 29(4):412-431. [ABS 2]

#### 2019

- Mach, Kraan, Adger, Buhaug, Burke, Fearon, Field, Hendrix, Maystadt, O'Loughin et al. 2019. Climate as a risk factor for armed conflict. *Nature* 571: 193-197. [not in ABS but IF: 64.8]
- Dagnelie, Mayda and Maystadt. 2019. Labor market integration of refugees to the U.S.: Do entrepreneurs in the network help? *European Economic Review* 111: 257-272. [ABS 3]
- Maystadt, Hirvonen, Mabiso, and Vandercasteelen. 2019. Impacts of Hosting Forced Migrants in Poor Countries. Annual Review of Resource Economics 11: 439-459. [ABS 2]
- Maystadt and Duranton. 2019. The Development Push of Refugees: Evidence from Tanzania. *Journal of Economic Geography*, 19(2): 299-334. [ABS 4]
- Maystadt and Salihu 2019. The political economy of intergovernmental transfers: Evidence from Nigeria. *Journal* of *Economic Geography*. 19(5): 1119-1142. [ABS 4]

#### 2018

• Dagnelie, De Luca and Maystadt. 2018. Violence, Selection and Infant Mortality in Congo. *Journal of Health Economics* 59: 153-177. [ABS 3]

## 2017

- Jiliang and Maystadt. 2017. The impact of weather variations on maize yields and household income: Income diversification as adaptation in China. *Global Environmental Change* 42: 93-106. [ABS 3]
- Marchiori, Maystadt and Schumacher. 2017. Is climate-induced income variability a driver of migration? A macro-economic perspective. *Migration & Development* 6(1): 33-59.

#### 2016

• Maystadt, Mueller and Sebastian 2016. Environmental Migration and labor markets in Nepal. *Journal of the Association of Resource and Environmental Economists* 3(2): 417-452. [ABS 3]

#### 2015

• Maystadt, Calderone and You. 2015. Local Warming and Violent Conflict in North and South Sudan. *Journal of Economic Geography* 15: 649-671. [ABS 4]

## 2014

- Maystadt and Ecker. 2014. Extreme Weather and Civil War: Does Drought Fuel Conflict in Somalia through Livestock Price Shocks? *American J. of Agri. Econo.* 96(4): 1157-1182. [ABS 3]
- Maystadt, De Luca, Sekeris and Ulimwengu. 2014. Mineral resources and conflicts in the DRC: A case of Ecological Fallacy. *Oxford Econ. Papers* 66: 721-749. [ABS 3]
- Maystadt, Trinh Tan and Breisinger. 2014. Does Food Security Matter for Transition in Arab Countries. Food Policy 46: 106-115.[ABS 3]
- Maystadt and Verwimp. 2014. Winners and Losers Among a Refugee-Hosting Population. *Economic Development and Cultural Change* 62(4): 769-809. [ABS 3]

# 2012

• Marchiori, Maystadt and Schumacher. 2012. Weather Variations and Migration in Sub-Saharan Africa. *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management* 63(3):355-374. [ABS 3]

## Works in progress

- O. Dagnelie, A.-M. Mayda, and J.-F. Maystadt. Refugees, Child Health and Malaria Transmission in Africa. CEPR DP
- A. Levai and J-F Maystadt. Refugee Induced Border Controls and the Stock Market: Evidence from the Schengen Area (under review)
- J. Bousquet and J-F Maystadt. The impact of giving working rights to refugees on their hosts in Jordan.
- J-F Maystadt, Kampui Tsang, Jo Van Biesebroeck, N. Warrinier. Sanctions and Shields: The Impact of US Sanctions on Chinese Firms.

- J-F Maystadt, Kampui Tsang, Jo Van Biesebroeck, N. Warrinier. Tracing Effects of Sanctions through the Value Chain: Evidence from the US Cotton Ban.
- M. Alfano, M. Clarr, J. Marques Pereira, J-F Maystadt. Strategic Drones.
- J. Bousquet, A. Gasten, Jan Von Der Goltz, M. Kadigo, J-F Maystadt, and K. Schuettler. Effect of refugee inflows on labor market outcomes among hosts. A comparative case study.
- A.-M. Mayda, J.-F. Maystadt, and C. Oymak. The political impact of refugees in Africa.
- Maystadt, Peracchi, Sargsyan, You. Understanding migration within countries: A global perspective.
- Bertinelli, Graus, Maystadt, Peracchi. Roads and food security in Sub-Saharan Africa.

## Other Publications

- J. Bousquet, A. Gasten, M. Kadigo, J-F Maystadt, C. Salemi. 2025. How do labour market fears shape attitudes toward refugees? Published on 16.06.25. Click on VoxDev
- Maystadt, Peracchi, Sargsyan, You. 2024. Understanding migration within countries: A global perspective. In: CGIAR Policy Brief, p. 1-13
- Hernandez, Ecker, Läderach and Maystadt. 2023. Forced Migration Fragility, Resilience, and Policy Responses. Chapter 7 in International Food Policy Research Institute. 2023. 2023 Global Food Policy Report: Rethinking Food Crisis Responses. Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute.
- Guichard, L., J. Machado and J.-F. Maystadt. 2022. The Location of Asylum Seekers in Europe Before and After Russia's Invasion of Ukraine. CESifo Forum 23 (4): 21-27.
- Guichard, L., J. Machado and J.-F. Maystadt. 2022. Refugies ukrainiens: un besoin de coordination renforce. Regards Economiques 170, April 2022.
- Guichard, L., J. Machado and J.-F. Maystadt. 2022. The Ukrainian Exodus Calls for Better Coordination in the European Asylum Policy. LISER Policy Brief 04, April 2022.
- Beine, M., L. Bertinelli, R. Comertpay, A. Litina, and J.-F. Maystadt. 2019. Refugee mobility. Evidence from Phone Data in Turkey. In A.A. Salah, A. Pentland, B. Lepri, and E. Letouzé. (Eds) Guide to Mobile Data Analytics in refugee Scenarios. Springer. pages 433-449.
- Verwimp, Ph. and Maystadt, J.-F. . 2015. Forced Displacement and Refugees in Sub-Saharan Africa. World Bank Working Paper 7517. (peer-reviewed)
- Maystadt, J.-F. and C. Breisinger. 2015. The EU refugee crisis: the tip of a global iceberg. IFPRI Policy Brief. (peer-reviewed)
- Calderone, M., D. Headey, and J.-F. Maystadt. 2014. "Resilience to Climate-Induced Conflict in the Horn of Africa." (chapter 8) In Resilience for Food and Nutrition Security, edited by S. Fan, R. Pandya-Lorch, and S. Yosef, 65-73. Washington, DC: IFPRI (peer-reviewed)
- Mabiso, A., J.-F. Maystadt, J. Vandercasteelen, and K. Hirvonen. 2014. "Resilience for Food Security in Refugee-Hosting Communities" In Resilience for Food and Nutrition Security, edited by S. Fan, R. Pandya-Lorch, and S. Yosef, 45-52. Washington, DC: IFPRI. (peer-reviewed)
- Breisinger, C., O. Ecker, J.-F. Maystadt, J.-F. Trinh Tan, P. Al-Riffai, K. Bouzar, A. Sma, and M. Abdelgadir. 2014. (chapter 2) "Food Security Policies for Building Resilience to Conflict" In Resilience for Food and Nutrition Security, edited by S. Fan, R. Pandya-Lorch, and S. Yosef, 37-44. Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute. (peer-reviewed)
- Breisinger, C., O. Ecker, J.-F. Maystadt, J.-F. Trinh Tan, P. Al-Riffai, K. Bouzar, A. Sma, and M. Abdelgadir. 2014. How to Build Resilience to Conflict. The Role of Food Security. IFPRI Monograph. Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute. (peer-reviewed)
- Naude N., J.-F. Maystadt, A. de Brauw, R. Lucas, F. Gubert, F. Wouterse, H. de Haas (2013) The development potential of migration. WCAO Thematic Research Note 04. April 2013.
- Maystadt, J.-F. and V. Mueller. 2012. Environmental Migrants: A Myth? IFPRI Research Brief 18.
- Maystadt J.-F. 2004. Micro-finance au Nord: Un effet de mode importé du Sud ? Mondes en Developpement 32(126), 69-82. (peer-reviewed, prior to PhD)
- Maystadt J.-F. 2004 La Micro-finance peut-elle fonctionner au Nord? Apprentissage Sud-Nord, ed. Luc Pire, 175 pages. (Book, prior to PhD)

Academic services: Recruitment 2015-2016, Recruitment 2017-2018, Recruitment 2020-2021, MSc Economics Director 2017-2018, Job Market placement Officer-2021-2024 (UCLouvain); MSc Economics Director 2023-Now (UCLouvain) Teaching (Antwerp): Design and methodology in development research (2018-2020); Quantitative units: Working with data (2018-2020); Quantitative units: Regression analysis and inference (2018-2020); Trade Policy: poverty impact and policy implications (2018-2020); International migration and development (2018-now); International economics (2018-2020)

Teaching (Lancaster): Applied Economics (2d year, 2014-2022); Development Economics (2014-2018); World Economic Forum (MSc, 2016-2018), Growth in Emerging Economies (MSc, 2014-2016), Research Skills for Economists (PhD, 2014-2016), Research Skills for Economists (MSc, 2017-2019, 2022-Now), Human capital (PhD, 2022-Now) Teaching (KULeuven): Invited lectures for Advanced Development Economics for PhD and MSc students (2013-2015), Doctoral Workshop for MSc and PhD (2013-2015)

Teaching (UCLouvain): Data Analysis (2021-Now))

Teaching (Sciences Po): Invited lectures for Economics of Conflict (2024-Now))

Regular Refereeing: Afr. Affairs; Agri. Econ.; Agri. and Resource Econ. Rev.; American Economic J.: Applied Econ.; Applied Geo.; American Economic J.: Econ. Policy; Am. J. of Agri. Econ.; Applied Geo.; BMJ Open; Bulletin of Econ. Research; Climate & Dev.; Econ. Dev. and Cult. Change; Ecological Econ.; Economic J.; Educ. Econ.; Env. & Dev. Econ.; Env. & Resource Econ.; European J. of Dev. Research; European Econ. Rev.; European J of Dev. Research; Food Policy; Food Security; Geosciences; Global Env. Change; Health Econ.; humanities and social sciences communications; Int. Migration; Int. Migration Rev.; IZA J. of Dev. & Migration; J. of Association of Resource and Env. Econ.; J. Afr. Econ.; J. of Conflict Resolution; J. of Dem. Econ.; J. of Development Economics; J. of Dev. Studies; J. of Econ. Geography; J. of Env. Econ. and Manag.; J. of Human Capital; J. of Int. Dev.; J. of Peace Research; J. of Refugee Studies; J. of Urban Econ.; Labor Econ.; Migration Studies; Nature Climate Change; Peace Econ., Peace Sc. & Public Policy; PNAS Nexus; Pop. & Env.; Pop. Health; Public Choice; Quarterly J of Econ., Rev. of Agr., Food and Env. Studies; Rev. of Dev. Econ.; Scand. J. of Econ.; Social Sc. and Medecine; World Development

#### Post-doc mentee

- Silvia Peracchi (Oct 2023 Now, UCLouvain);
- Ella Sargsyan (Oct 2024 Now, UCLouvain);

#### PhD supervision

- Muhammad Salihu (December 2017, Lancaster University);
- Habtamu Beshir (March 2019, Lancaster University);
- Afnan Al-Malk (August 2022, Lancaster University);
- Hendrik Scheewel (September 2023, UCLouvain);
- Julie Bousquet (December 2023, KULeuven);
- Cansu Oymak (May 2025, Lancaster);
- Mark Kadigo (on-going, Antwerp);
- Hoda El-Enbaby (on-going, Lancaster University);
- Wondatir Gebre (on-going, Lancaster University);
- Laura Angelini (on-going, UCLouvain);
- Margaux Clarr (on-going, UCLouvain);
- Kam Pui Tsang (on going, joint with KULeuven)

## PhD comittees

- Stijn Van Weezel, 2015 PhD in Economics at Royal Holloway;
- Andrea Guariso, 2015 PhD in Economics at KU Leuven;
- Joachim Vandercasteelen, 2016 PhD in Economics at KU Leuven;
- Hannah Pieters, 2017 PhD in Economics at KU Leuven;
- Lara Cockx 2018 PhD in Economics at KU Leuven;
- Seneshaw Tamru Beyene 2019 PhD in Economics at KU Leuven;
- Figo Lau, 2019 PhD in Economics at Royal Holloway;
- Andreas Eberhard Ruiz-Larrea 2019 PhD in Economics at Sussex University;
- Anwar Seid Adem 2020 PhD in Economics at Lancaster University;
- Yu Sun 2021 PhD in Economics at UCLouvain (chair);
- Atsiya Pius Amos 2022 PhD in Economics at York University;
- Keiti Kondi 2022 PhD in Economics at UCLouvain;

- Adam Levai 2022 PhD in Economics at UCLouvain;
- Daniele Verdini 2023 PhD in Economics at UCLouvain (chair);
- Fernando Martin Espejo 2023 PhD in Economics at KULeuven
- Yannik Schenk 2023 PhD in Economics at UCLouvain;
- Xi Lin 2023 PhD in Economics at York University;
- Niranjana Prasad 2024 PhD in Economics at UCLouvain (chair);
- Marion Richard 2024 PhD in Economics at UCLouvain;
- Dahab Aglan 2025 PhD in Economics at Royal Holloway;
- Cecilia Nardi 2025 PhD in Economics at Sapienza University;
- Jing Rong Zeng (Rosa) 2025 PhD in Economics at UCLouvain;

Habilitation a Diriger la recherche (HDR): Antoine Leblois, U. de Montpellier

Program examination: University of Manchester for four MSc in Development (Oct 2015-Dec 2017)

Jury member: FNRS McKinsey Scientific Award (2023)

Scientific comite member: 14th Annual International Conference on Immigration in OECD Countries Grant reviewer for: World Bank, International Food Policy Research Institute, Swiss National Science Foundation, Austrian Academy of Science.

# Grant Applications, Awards and membership

## Grants and awards

- WB grant: "Skilled-Worker Visas for Refugee Talents: An Impact Evaluation" (co-PI)
- FNRS and FNR 4-years grant: PDR "ROAD Road tO sustAinable Development" (co-PI)
- Global KULeuven-UCLeuven PhD fellowship (co-PI, 4-years PhD fellowship)
- World Bank: Understanding refugee integration in Malaysia
- Fafo-World Bank grant on "Global questions on forced displacement and jobs: The impact of Forced Displacement on Labor Markets in Host Communities" (PI)
- CRP2 Activity 39 "Policy Options for Reducing Poverty and Vulnerability in Conflict-prone countries" (Co-PI)
- IFAD grant on "Vulnerability to conflict in Arab countries" (Co-PI)
- IFPRI Post-Doctoral Strategic Innovation Funds (PI)
- One-year ARC fellowship "Geographical Mobility of Factors"
- Four-year FNRS PhD fellowship
- Roger Vanthournout Award 2003 for B.A. dissertation

#### Memberships

- European Economic Development Network member
- Household in Conflict Network member
- European Economic Association member
- American Economic Association member

Invited Seminars: Centre d'Études et de Recherches sur le Développement International (CERDI, June 2025); Koc University (Istanbul, April 2025); Royal Holloway (Jan 2025); University of Reading (Nov 2024); NUST Economics seminar (Norwegian University of Science and Technology, April 2023), BETA seminar (University of Strasbourg, April 2023), ADE seminar (Sep 2022), CEREC seminar (Saint Louis, June 2022); COMPAS seminar (University of Oxford, February 2020), Globalization and Development (University of Goettingen, February 2020), Luxembourg University (CREA, November 2017), Caen University (September 2016), LICOS Anniversary Event (KU Leuven, December 2017), Geneva Graduate Institute (29 September 2016), US State Department, World Bank/KNOMAD/UNHCR Methodological Workshop on Impacts of Refugees and IDPs on Host Communities (November 2015), University of Namur (June 2014), University of Lancaster (January 2014). *Prior 2014*: Sussex University, Wageningen University, IFPRI, KU Leuven, University of Namur, DIW Berlin, University of Luxembourg, IDS Institute of Development Studies, UCL-CORE, CRED Center for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters, UCL-ECRU, Economic Development Initiatives (EDI, Bukoba, Tanzania), London School of Economics

Conferences and workshops: 17th AFD-World Bank International Conference on Migration and Development (Bologna, Jan 2025); 2024 Households in Conflict Network (HiCN, Berlin, October 2024); 14th international conference on "Economics of global interactions" (Bari, September 2024); Summer Workshop on the Economics of Inter-Group Relations and Integration (London, July 2024); WIDER Development Conference on securing the future generations (Maputo, May 2024); 15th Migration and Development Conference (Lisboa, Sep 2022); 2e Workshop TREE-UPPA -Développement et environnement (Bayonne, June 2022); The puzzle of peace, UNU-WIDER Conference (Helsinki, May 2022); Scientific EUDN Conference (Amsterdam, October 2021); HiCN workshop (Goettingen, October 2021); 14th Migration and Development Conference (Luxembourg, September 2021); 11th International Conference on Economics of Global Interactions (Bari, September 2021); HiCN workshop (Paris, October 2019); 12th Migration and Development Conference (Madrid, June 2019); LICOS workshop on migration, urbanisation and development (Leuven, May 2019); CSAE Conference (Oxford, March 2019), Workshop on the "Political Economy of Migration" (Lyon, February 2019), Conference on the Impacts of Refugees in Hosting Economies (USC, Los Angeles, September 2018), "Climate-Conflict" workshop (Stanford, December 2017), NEUDC Conference 2017 (Tufts, Boston, November 2017), European Economic Association Annual Conference (Lisbon, August 2017), Refugee Studies Centre "Beyond crisis" (Oxford, March 2017), Bocconi University (November 2016), UNESCWA/AUB Conference (Lebanon, September 2016); Royal Economic Society Annual Conference (Brighton, March 2016), International Conference on Migration and Development (Washington DC. June 2015 and Oxford, July 2014), IFPRI 2020 Conference (May 2014), Workshop on "Quantitative Research on Environmental Migration (Paris, April 2014), RES Workshop (London, January 2014). Prior 2014: HiCN Workshop (Berkeley, November 2013, Yale, Brighton), CSAE Conference (2013, 2011, 2009), CTA Brussels Briefing, European Development Day, TAMNEAC Meeting (Brighton), IAAE Triennial Conference (Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil), CCAFS Science Workshop (Copenhagen), Midwest International Economic Development Conference (Minnesota and Wisconsin), IFPRI-UNESCWA conference (Lebanon), IFPRI-IFAD workshop (Italy), Conference on the Economics of Adaptation to Climate Change in Low-Income Countries (Georges Washington University), IFPRI-University of Ghana Conference (Accra), ESPE 2010 (Germany), Royal Economic Society Fifth PhD Presentation Meeting (London UK), XXXIV Simposio de la Asociacion Espanola de Economia (Valencia), International Conference on New Economic Geography (Germany), IAP-Day (Brussels), Journées Doctorales de l'ADRES (Toulouse), Winter School on Polarization and Conflict, Cordoba (Cordoba).

Visits: Georgetown University/ US State Department (April 2017), US State Department, IREEP (Institut de recherche Empirique en Economie Politique) at Cotonou (Benin, February 2014), Center for the Study of Forced Migration (CSFM) of the University of Dar el Salaam (Tanzania, May-June-July 2008)

Media and policy dialogue: La Libre Afrique: "Comment la crise climatique contribute au recrutement des enfants dans les conflits armés" (20 August 2024); VoxTalk "The impact of refugees on community health" (Dec 2023); Interview "Les eclaireurs" on "La premiere" (Belgian radio); UNESCWA expert group meeting (Amman); Nature paper featured on several Belgian newspapers or online news (La Libre, Le Vif, RTBF, De Morgen, Het Laaste Nieuws, VRT, De Standaard, RTL, Metro) and other online news (La Vanguardia, Science daily, etc); Interview in Science&Vie (Feb 2019): "La migration: La science sínvite dans le debat"; "Congres: Les Migrations, aujourdhui et demain" (organised by "entrepreneurs pour entrepreneurs" and "BNP-Paribas-Fortis", Brussels); Center for Security and Defense Studies, Royal Higher Institute for Defense (Brussels); IFPRI 2020 Conference (Addis); IFPRI-UNESCWA Conference (Beirut): IFPRI-University of Ghana Conference European Development Day (Accra); CTA Brussels Briefing (Brussels); Be.Troplive: Symposium on Pastoralism (Brussels)