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Research Interests

Applied economist with research interests in inequality and mobility, labour economics, tax and transfer policies, and housing economics.

Current Positions

2022- **Professor**, Bordeaux School of Economics, University of Bordeaux

2022- **Honorary Principal Fellow**, Melbourne Institute, University of Melbourne

Current Affiliations

Research Fellow, IZA

Fellow, Global Labor Organization and the World Inequality Lab

Past Positions

2020-22 **Principal Research Fellow** (Associate Professor), Melbourne Institute, University of Melbourne

2014-19 **Senior Research Fellow**, Melbourne Institute, University of Melbourne

2011-12 **Senior Economist**, Economic Policy Analysis (ECOPA)

2007-14 **Research Fellow**, University of Melbourne, Melbourne Institute

Education

2015 **HDR (Habilitation à Diriger des Recherches)**, University of Bordeaux, France

2006 **Ph.D. in Economics**, University of Bordeaux, France

2002 **M.Sc. in Development Economics**, University of Bordeaux, France

2000 **B. Sc. in Economics and Finance**, Toulouse School of Economics, France

Publications

Peer-reviewed journal articles

1. Fisher-Post, M., Héault, N. and Wilkins, R. (2025). [Distributional National Accounts for Australia, 1991-2018](#), *Journal of Economic Inequality*, 23, 27-42.
2. Chan, M., Héault, N., Vu, H. and Wilkins, R. (2024). [The Effect of Job Search Requirements on Family Welfare Receipt](#), *Journal of Labor Economics*, 42(3), 635-657.
3. Héault, N., Hyslop, D., Jenkins, S. P. and Wilkins, R. (2024). [Rising Top-Income Persistence in Australia: Evidence from Income Tax Data](#), *Review of Income and Wealth*, 70(1), 154-186.
4. Héault, N. and Jenkins, S. P. (2023). [Redistribution, horizontal inequity, and reranking: Direct taxation in the UK, 1977–2020](#), *Journal of Income Distribution*, Special issue in honour of Professor Peter Lambert, 32(3-4), 238-262.
5. Burkhauser, R. V., Héault, N., Jenkins, S. P. and Wilkins, R. (2023). [What accounts for the rising share of women in the top 1%](#), *Review of Income and Wealth*, 69(1), 1-33.
6. Van de Ven J. and Héault, N. (2022). [The evolution of tax implicit value judgements in the UK: 1968 to 2018](#), *Oxford Economic Papers*, 74(2), 594-609.
7. Héault, N. and Kalb, G. (2022). [Understanding the rising trend in female labour force participation](#), *Fiscal Studies*, 43, 341-363.
8. Héault, N. and Jenkins, S.P. (2022). [Redistributive effect and the progressivity of taxes and benefits: UK, 1977–2018](#), *Journal of Income Distribution*, Special issue in honour of Professor Nanak Kakwani, 31(3-4), 10-45.
9. Cameron L. et al. (2021). [Future Directions: Study Protocol for an Effectiveness-Implementation Hybrid Evaluation of a State-based Social Housing Strategy and Three Social Housing Programs](#), *Social Science Protocols*, July 2021, 1-12.
10. Creedy, J., Gemmell, N., Héault, N. and Mok, P. (2020). [Microsimulation Analysis of Optimal Income Tax Reforms: An Application to New Zealand](#), *International Tax and Public Finance*, 27(2), 409-434.
11. Héault, N. and Jenkins, S. P. (2019). [How Valid Are Synthetic Panel Estimates of Poverty Dynamics?](#), *Journal of Economic Inequality*, 17(1), 51-76.
12. Burkhauser, R. V., Héault, N., Jenkins, S. P. and Wilkins, R. (2018). [Top Incomes and Inequality in the UK: Reconciling Estimates from Household Survey and Tax Return Data](#), *Oxford Economic Papers*, 70(2), 301-326.
13. Burkhauser, R. V., Héault, N., Jenkins, S. P. and Wilkins, R. (2018). [Survey under-coverage of top incomes and estimation of inequality: what is the role of the UK's SPI adjustment?](#), *Fiscal Studies*, 39(2), 213-240.
14. van de Ven, J., Héault, N. and Azpitarte, F. (2017). [Identifying tax implicit equivalence scales](#), *Journal of Economic Inequality*, 15, 257-275.
15. Héault, N. and Ribar, D. (2017). [Food Insecurity and Homelessness in the Journeys Home Survey](#), *Journal of Housing Economics*, 37, 52-66.
16. Cobb-Clark, D.A., Héault, N., Scutella, R. and Tseng, Y.P. (2016). [What Drives How Long People Are Homeless?](#), *Journal of Urban Economics*, 91, 57-72.
17. Héault, N. (2016). [Explaining the equalising effect of panel-income changes](#), *B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy*, 16(3), 1599-1609.
18. Héault, N. and Azpitarte, F. (2016). [Understanding Changes in the Distribution and Redistribution of Income: A Unifying Decomposition Framework](#), *Review of Income and Wealth*, 62(2), 266-282.
19. Héault, N. and Kalb, G. (2016). [Intergenerational Correlation of Labor Market Outcomes](#), *Review of Economics of the Household*, 14(1), 231-249.

20. Héault, N. and Johnson, G. (2016). [Homelessness in Australia: Service Reform and Research in the 21st Century](#), *European Journal of Homelessness*, 10(3), 127-144.
21. Héault, N., Kalb, G. and Zakirova, R. (2015). [A Study into the Persistence of Living in a Jobless Household](#), *The Economic Record*, 91(293), 209-232.
22. Creedy, J. and Héault, N. (2015). [Decomposing Inequality Changes: Allowing for Leisure in the Evaluation of Tax and Transfer Policy Effects](#), *Fiscal Studies*, 36(2), 157-180.
23. Héault, N. and Azpitarte, F. (2015). [Recent Trends in Income Redistribution in Australia: Can Changes in the Tax-Benefit System Account for the Decline in Redistribution?](#), *The Economic Record*, 91(292), 38-53.
Winner of the 2015 Economic Record Best Paper Prize.
24. Héault, N. and Zakirova, R. (2015) [Returns to Education: Accounting for Enrolment and Completion Effects](#), *Education Economics*, 23(1), 84-100.
25. Buddelmeyer, H., Héault, N., Kalb, G. and van Zijl de Jong, M. (2012). [Linking a Dynamic CGE Model and a Microsimulation Model: Climate Change Mitigation Policies and Income Distribution in Australia](#), *International Journal of Microsimulation*, 5(2), 40-58.
26. Héault, N., Kostenko, W., Marks, G. and Zakirova, R. (2012). [The Effects of Macroeconomic Conditions on the Education and Employment Outcomes of Youth](#), *Australian Journal of Labour Economics*, 1(15), 17-36.
27. Creedy, J. and Héault, N. (2012). [Welfare-Improving Income Tax Reforms: A Microsimulation Analysis](#), *Oxford Economic Papers*, 64(1), 128-150.
28. Creedy, J., Héault, N. and Kalb, G., (2011). [Tax Policy Design and The Role of a Tax-Free Threshold](#), *Public Finance and Management*, 11 (4), 338-364.
29. Creedy, J., Héault, N. and Kalb, G., (2011). [Measuring Welfare Changes in Behavioural Microsimulation Modelling: Accounting for the Random Utility Component](#), *Journal of Applied Economics*, 14(1), 5-34.
30. Héault, N. (2010). [Sequential Linking of Computable General Equilibrium and Microsimulation Models: A Comparison of Behavioural and Reweighting Techniques](#), *International Journal of Microsimulation*, 3(1), 35-42.
31. Creedy, J., Héault, N. and Kalb, G., (2009). [Abolishing the Tax-Free Threshold in Australia: Simulating Alternative Reforms](#), *Fiscal Studies*, 30(2), 219-246.
32. Héault, N. (2007). [Trade Liberalisation, Poverty and Inequality in South Africa: A CGE-Microsimulation analysis](#), *The Economic Record*, 83(262), 317-328.
33. Héault, N. (2006). [Building and Linking a Microsimulation Model to a CGE Model for South Africa](#), *South African Journal of Economics*, 74(1), 34-58.

Published in French peer-reviewed journals

34. Héault, N. (2009). Les apports de la micro-simulation aux modèles d'équilibre général : application au cas de l'Afrique du Sud [The Contribution of Microsimulation to General-Equilibrium Models: an Application to South Africa] *Economie et Prévision*, 187(1), 123-135.
35. Héault, N. (2008). L'impact de la libéralisation commerciale sur la pauvreté et les inégalités dans les provinces sud-africaines [The Poverty and Inequality Impacts of Trade Liberalisation across South African Provinces] *Economie Appliquée*, 3, 132-156.

Book

Héault, N. (2016). [Libéralisation commerciale, pauvreté et inégalités en Afrique du Sud](#) [Trade Liberalisation, Poverty and Inequality in South Africa], Editions Universitaires Européennes, Saarbrücken, 316 p.

Book Chapters

Héault, N. and Thrulow, J. (2010). South Africa, pp. 331-356 in Anderson, K., Cockburn, J. and Martin, W. (eds), *Agricultural Price Distortions, Inequality and Poverty*, World Bank, Washington D.C.

Héault, N. (2009). Labour Supply Modelling in Sequential Computable General Equilibrium-Microsimulation Models, pp. 3-11 in Baily, R.O. (eds), *Emerging Topics in Macroeconomics*, Nova Science Publishers, New York.

Magazine Article

Pathways to growth: the reform imperative, *Insights, 16* (November 2014), 5-13 (with Cobb-Clark, D., Broadway, B., Bubonya, M., Buddelmeyer, H., Chigavazira, A., Hahn, M., Jensen, P., Li, J., Marks, G., Peyton, K., Robinson, T., Ryan, C., and Tsiaplias, S.).

Papers in progress

Héault, N. and Jenkins, S. P., "[Assessing the statistical significance of inequality differences: the problem of heavy tails](#)".

Héault, N. and Jenkins, S. P., "[The t-statistic approach to inference for inequality indices: the issue of grouping variability](#)".

Héault, N., Kollmann, T. and Thomson, R., "[Persuading voters with partisan TV news: a natural experiment using spatial reception data](#)".

Alinaghi, N., Héault, N. and Jenkins, S. P., "Top income mobility in New Zealand".

Academic Conference, Workshop and Seminar Presentations (full details [here](#))

European Economic Association Congress, Italy 2008, France 2025; ECINEQ - Society for the Study of Economic Inequality Meeting, Luxembourg 2015, USA 2017, 2025, France 2019, 2023; Seminar, Bolzano Free University, Italy, 2025; Congress of the AFSE, France 2008, 2010, 2024; Workshop on administrative unemployment law, University of Bordeaux, France, 2024; HOPE seminar, Bordeaux School of Economics, France, 2024; ESPE – European Society for Population Economics Conference, Denmark 2013, Portugal 2014, Belgium 2018, Serbia 2023; 2nd Australian Workshop on Public Finance, Australia 2022; ACE – Australian Conference of Economists, Australia 2007, 2010, 2022; World Inequality Conference, France 2021; General Conference of the International Microsimulation Association, Canada 2009, Luxembourg 2015 and virtual 2021; Seminar, GREThA/LAREFI, University of Bordeaux, France 2015, 2016, 2018, 2021; Seminar, TREE, University of Pau and Pays de l'Adour, France, 2018, 2019, 2021; A-LIFE Conference, Australia 2021 (virtual); EALE SOLE AASLE World Conference, Germany 2020 (virtual); Australian Gender Economics Workshop, Australia 2020; Modelling tax policy and compliance workshop, Exeter, UK, 2019; Seminar, Swinburne University, Australia 2018; Tax-Transfer Microsimulation Models: International Benchmarking Workshop, Victoria University, New Zealand 2018; New directions in microsimulation, NATSEM and Commonwealth Treasury workshop, University of Canberra, Australia 2018; ESPRIT's Interdisciplinary Seminar Series, Australia 2018; Seminar, Monash University, Australia 2017; Meeting of the Association for Public Economic Theory, France 2017; International Research Meeting in Business and Management, France 2017; Inequality and Living Standards in the Long Run, Australia 2017; Longitudinal Data Conference, Australia 2016; European Research Conference on Homelessness, Denmark, 2016; 22nd Panel Data Conference, Australia 2016; Australian Labour Market Research Workshop, Australia 2015; Seminar, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University, Australia 2005, 2015; ENHR – European Network for Housing Research Conference, Portugal 2015; EALE – European Association of Labour Economists

Conference, Italy 2013, Slovenia 2014; Seminar, GREThA, University of Bordeaux, France 2008, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2014; Seminar, LAREFI, University of Bordeaux, France 2008, 2009, 2013, 2014; Workshop on Homelessness and Housing Insecurity, Australia 2014; Essex Microsimulation Workshop, UK, 2010; IZA & OECD workshop, France 2010; IZA seminar, Germany, 2010; Toulouse School of Economics, France 2009; The Economics of Intergenerational Mobility Conference, Australia 2009; XXIV AIEL Conference of Labour Economics, Italy, 2009; CIRPÉE, Laval University, Canada, 2009; Institute for Employment Research, Germany, 2008; World Bank Conference on Agricultural Price Distortions, Inequality and Poverty, USA, 2007; Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD), France 2006 ; The next generation: Building a bridge between microsimulation, life-cycle, and macroeconomic models, Australia 2005; Labour Econometrics Workshop, Australia 2005; PhD seminar, University of Bordeaux, France 2004.

Non-Academic Presentations

Observatoire BSE des tendances économiques, Bordeaux, France, 2023; Department of Communities and Justice, Sydney, Australia 2021; Australian Fabians, Melbourne, 2018; New Zealand Treasury, Wellington, New Zealand, 2016; European Commission, Brussels, Belgium, 2012; Ministry of Commerce, Brazzaville, Republic of Congo, 2012; Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR), Canberra, Australia 2008 and 2009; Longitudinal Survey of Australian Youth Policy Forum, Melbourne, Australia 2009

Competitive Grants and Research Projects

Faculty Research Grant, University of Melbourne (2018, AU\$17,000): The effect of job search requirements on welfare receipt: Evidence from a natural experiment.

Faculty Research Grant, University of Melbourne (2013-14, AU\$15,000): Decomposing changes in progressivity and redistributive effects, with an application to Australia for the 1995-2010 period.

The World Bank (2012, US\$90,000): Policy recommendations to improve the tax regime of micro-enterprises in the OHADA region.

University of Corsica (2012, €60,000): Development of a computable general equilibrium model of the Corsican economy.

European Commission (2011-12, €200,000): Evaluation of the net fiscal impact of the Economic Partnership Agreement with the European Union in Central Africa.

Faculty Research Grant, University of Melbourne (2011, AU\$15,000): Decomposing changes in inequality and social welfare, with an application to Australia for the 2000-05 period.

Early Career Researcher Grant, University of Melbourne (2008, AU\$12,000): Labour Supply Modelling in CGE-Microsimulation Models.

Consultancies

2019-23 New South Wales government, Australia: Evaluation of a set of NSW Government's policies which aims to transform the state's social housing system.

2016-22 Perpetual, Australia: Production of the quarterly updates of the Household Expenditure Measures (HEM).

2018-21 Australian Commonwealth Treasury: Joint project with the Commonwealth Treasury designed to impute expenditure data onto the Treasury's tax and transfer microsimulation model to allow for simulation of indirect tax reforms.

2018 Perpetual, Australia: Development and update of the Household Expenditure Measures (HEM).

2017 Perpetual, Australia: Extension of the Household Expenditure Measures (HEM).

2016 New Zealand Treasury: Building a module to allow the computation of welfare changes in the New Zealand Treasury's microsimulation model.

2008-14 Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (Australia): 6 12-month projects.

2013 New Zealand Treasury: Providing assistance in the estimation of the structural labour supply models underlying the New Zealand Treasury's microsimulation model.

2010-11 National Centre for Vocational Education Research (Australia): 2 12-month projects.

2008 The Australian newspaper: Project designed to investigate recent changes in the Australian tax and transfer system.

2008 Garnaut Climate Change Review (Australia): Assessing the distributional effects of climate change and mitigation policies in Australia.

2007 Australian Labor Party (ALP): Project to assess the ALP's alternatives for extensions to the child care benefit and child care tax rebate.

2003 Groupe d'échange et de recherche technologiques (France): Report on the OECD conference entitled "How Are Globalisation and Poverty Interacting, and What Can Governments Do About It?".

Teaching

2023- Director, Master of Public Policy Analysis (M2 APP [Analyse des Politiques Publiques](#)), University of Bordeaux

2022- Labor Economics and Labor Market Policies, Master 2, University of Bordeaux

2018, 2019 [Introductory Econometrics](#), BSc in Economics (Year 2), University of Melbourne

2016 [Managerial Economics](#), Master of Enterprise, Melbourne Business School, University of Melbourne

Guest lectures

2020, 2021 [Inequalities: Causes and Consequences](#), Undergraduate university breadth subject, University of Melbourne

2018, 2020, 2021 [Economics For Public Policy](#), Master of Public Policy and Management and Master of Social Policy, University of Melbourne

2006-07 Master of Development Economics, University of Bordeaux

Tutoring, BSc in Economics, University of Bordeaux: 2023 Microeconomics, 2005-06 General economic issues, 2023, 2005-06 Microeconomics, 2003-05 Monetary economics, 2002-03 Mathematics

Editorial Responsibilities

2023- Editorial board member, [International Journal of Microsimulation](#)

2018-22 Co-editor, [Australian Economic Review](#)

Referee Activities (Verified on [Web of Science](#))

84 papers reviewed for 49 journals including *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *European Economic Review*, *Quantitative Economics*, *Demography* and *World Development*.

Other Professional Services

2024- Member of the Public Policy Evaluation Commission (CEPP), Région Nouvelle-Aquitaine.

2023-24 Member of the steering committee, Evaluation of the delivery process for identity documents, Chambre régionale des comptes, Nouvelle Aquitaine

2022 Member of the local organising committee for the Western Economic Association International (WEAI) international conference

2021-22 Member of the Melbourne Institute Executive Council

2020-21 Member of the Faculty Research & Industry Committee, University of Melbourne

2014-20 Member of the Faculty Staff Diversity and Inclusion Committee, University of Melbourne

2018 Member of the Melbourne Institute Seminars, Professional Development and Social Committee

2018 Organiser, Melbourne Institute brown bag seminars

2017 Member of the Faculty Content Advisory Committee, University of Melbourne

2011 Organiser, Microeometrics workshop, University of Melbourne