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Political Economy | Institutions | Conflicts and Peacebuilding | Climate Change Adaptation

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, Bordeaux School of Economics, France 2022-present

Political economy, conflict and peacebuilding; applied empirical research on Latin America.

Supervisors: Mathieu Clément (BxSE), Éric Rougier (BxSE)

Visiting fellow: NOVAFRICA (sponsor: Victoire Girard), Portugal

M.Sc. in Development Economics, University Clermont-Auvergne, France 2020-2022

Major: sustainable development

Erasmus: University of Göttingen, Germany

B.Sc. in Economics, University of Montpellier, France 2016-2019

JOB MARKET PAPER

This is our Legacy: Youth Exposure to Repression and Trust in Institutions (2025).

Available as a working paper at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=4804803>

Abstract. This paper examines how exposure to political repression during youth affects long-term trust in public institutions in Chile, drawing on the impressionable years hypothesis (IYH). Focusing on the 1973 coup and the ensuing 17-year dictatorship, I exploit variation in proximity to pre-1970 military bases as a proxy for local repression intensity. The results indicate that individuals who were in their critical period (ages 17-25) at the time of the 1973 coup exhibit significantly lower trust in the *Carabineros* (national police) decades later, with similarly negative effects observed for those who were 10-16 at the time. By contrast, trust in representative institutions (the government and the presidency) is not significantly affected, indicating institution-specific legacies. I also consider potential channels such as migration history, university attendance, and residence in the capital, finding no evidence that these factors moderate the results. Overall, the findings show that early-life exposure to repression can durably erode institutional trust, underscoring the long shadow of political violence on democratic consolidation.

PUBLICATIONS

Prevalence and factors associated with the adoption of heat-adaptive behaviors among residents of a French southern region, with Marlène Guillon *Journal of Environmental Psychology*, 109(102883), 2026.

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jenvp.2025.102883>

What drives adaptive behaviours during heatwaves? A systematic review with a meta-analysis, with Marlène Guillon. *Climate Policy*, 24(8), 2024.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/14693062.2024.2388225>

ONGOING WORK

***Reunited?* Post-conflict attitudes toward former FARC**, with Thibaut Plassot-Sansans.

Grassroots Institutions and Selective Violence: Evidence from Communal Action Boards in Colombia.

Understanding Individual Adaptation to Arboviral Diseases Risk: A Systematic Review of Behavioural Determinants of Prevention and Meta-Analysis for non-tropical countries, with Elisa Delor and Marlène Guillon.

Fear of Crime in Latin America's secondary cities: a mixed methods approach, with Matthieu Clément and Thibaut Plassot-Sansans.

Fear beyond the metropolis: Insecurity imaginaries and perceptions of security policies in Latin America's secondary cities, with Matthieu Clément, Sébastien Cuenot, Thibaut Plassot-Sansans and Eric Rougier.

RECENT ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, University of Bordeaux
Mathematical Tools & Inferential Statistics 2024
Computer Science 2023

Research Assistant, University of Montpellier 2022

CONFERENCES

BxSE Doctoral Seminars, Bordeaux, France 2026
Workshop on Ibero-American Development, Göttingen, Germany 2025
EEA 2025, Bordeaux, France 2025
Nova SBE PhD Research Group, Lisbon, Portugal 2025
2nd WAP Conference, Bordeaux, France 2025
IT18 Winter School, Canazei, Italy 2025
BxSE Doctoral Seminars, Bordeaux, France 2024
WAPLAC Workshop #1, San José, Costa Rica 2024
AFEDEV Doctoral Days, Paris, France 2024
45th JESF Conference, Bordeaux, France 2023
BxSE Doctoral Seminars, Bordeaux, France 2023

PEER REVIEW EXPERIENCE

Journal of Environmental Psychology, Frontiers in Psychiatry

RESEARCH FUNDING

IdEx "Investments for the Future" fund & Grand Programme de Recherche HOPE,
University of Bordeaux / French State 2022–2026

University of Bordeaux Graduate Research Support (UBGRS),
Research visit funding (NOVAFRICA, Nova SBE, Lisbon) 2025

CHANGES Doctoral Research Grant,
University of Bordeaux – doctoral research support grant 2023

LANGUAGES

French (Mother tongue), English (Proficient), Spanish (Conversational)

REFERENCES

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