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## Employment

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2023 – ...	PROFESSOR	<i>NHH Norwegian School of Economics Department of Economics &amp; FAIR Research center</i>
2017 – ...	ASSOCIATED SENIOR RESEARCHER	<i>Chr. Michelsen Institute</i>
2021 – 2023	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	<i>NHH Norwegian School of Economics</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. Guirkingier (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 projects

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2023 – 2026	<i>Co-PI – NIH: The Causal Effects of Income Volatility and Income Risk. (with L. Carvalho, H. Schofield and D. de Walque)</i>
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 – 2022	<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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Wealth and charitable giving ? Evidence from an Ethiopian lottery

with A. Kotsadam, *Journal of Development Economics*, Vol. 167, 103250, 2024.

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,

*Journal of Public Economics*, Vol.224, 104939, 2023.

Access to Banking, Savings and Consumption Smoothing in Rural India

with L. Vandewalle, *Journal of Public Economics*, Vol. 223, 104900, 2023.

Material resources and well-being – Evidence from an Ethiopian housing lottery

with A. G. Andersen and A. Kotsadam, *Journal of Health Economics*, 83, 102619, 2022.

Long Term Effects of Payment for Performance on Maternal and Child Health Outcomes – Evidence from Tanzania

with P. Binyaruka, J. Borghi, S. Lange, O. Mæstad and I. Mayumana, *BMJ Global Health*, 6:e006409, 2021.

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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On the Doorstep of Adulthood: Empowering Economic and Fertility Choices of Young Women  
*with L.I.O. Berge, K. Bjorvatn, F. Makene L. H. Sekei and B. Tungodden, NHH working paper, 2022.*

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.*

Childcare, labor supply, and business development: Experimental evidence from Uganda  
*with K. Bjorvatn, D. Ferris, S. Gulesci, A. Nasgowitz and L. Vandewalle, CEPR working paper, 2022.*

Cash against Covid: Evidence from Uganda  
*with K. Bjorvatn, D. Ferris, S. Gulesci, A. Nasgowitz and L. Vandewalle, mimeo.*

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

Does having a daughter make men less violent against women?  
mimeo 2020.

### 4. Other publications

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The impact of subsidized childcare on household income: Evidence from Uganda  
*with K. Bjorvatn, D. Ferris, S. Gulesci, A. Nasgowitz and L. Vandewalle, VoxDev articles, 18 August 2022,*

Switching From Cash to Account-Based Transfers triggers Savings Among the Poor  
*with Lore Vandewalle, VOX Column, 11 May 2015,*

Can Bank Account-Based Payments Boost Savings?  
*with Lore Vandewalle, Ideas For India Column, 6 April 2015,*

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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. The TaxCapDev network.
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, The Economic Journal, Health Policy and Planning, Journal of African Economies, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Labour Economics, Management Science, Oxford Economic Papers, The Review of Economic Studies, The Scandinavian Journal of Economics, World Development.

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