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## PRIMARY RESEARCH FIELDS

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Development Economics, Financial Economics, Applied Econometrics, Ind. Organization, Firms, Africa.

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

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- Since 2015* Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Luxembourg  
*Since 2014* Research fellow, FERDI, Clermont-Ferrand, France.  
*2010-2015* Lecturer, CERDI-Université d’Auvergne, Clermont-Ferrand, France.

## EDUCATION

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- 2019** **French Qualification exam** to be Assistant Professor (Maître de Conférences) in Management.
- 2017** **French Qualification exam** to be Assistant Professor (Maître de Conférences) in Economics.
- 2014** **Ph.D. in Economics**, Centre for Studies and Researches on International Development (CERDI) – University of Auvergne, Clermont-Ferrand, France.
- 2010** **M.A** in Development Economics, Centre for Studies and Researches on International Development (CERDI) – University of Auvergne, Clermont-Ferrand, France.

## TEACHING ACTIVITIES

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*University of Luxembourg (2016-2019)*

- Population and Development (Bachelor 3<sup>rd</sup> year, 15h, 2016-19)
- Réassurance et coassurance (Bachelor 3<sup>rd</sup> year, 21h, 2018-19)

*Université de Bamako (2016-2019)*

- Finance et développement (Doctoral school, 10h, 2016)
- Économétrie avancée (Master, 17h, 2017-2019)

*Université d’Auvergne (2011-2017)*

- Problèmes économiques contemporains (Bachelor 1<sup>st</sup> year, 20h, 2015)
- Économie publique (Master, 20h, 2017)
- *Tutorials in :*
  - Introduction à l’économie (Bachelor 1<sup>st</sup> year, 15h, 2013-2015)
  - Microéconomie (Bachelor 1<sup>st</sup> year, 15h, 2010-2015)

- Macroéconomie (Bachelor 1<sup>st</sup> year, 15h, 2011)
- Optimisation dynamique (Bachelor 2<sup>nd</sup> year, 15h, 2012)
- Théorie des jeux (Bachelor 3<sup>rd</sup> year, 30h, 2012-2015)
- Introduction à l'économétrie (Bachelor 3<sup>rd</sup> year, 20h, 2013-2015)
- Econométrie sous EViews (Master, 15h, 2011-2013)
- Econométrie sous Stata (Master, 20h, 2011-2013)

## **PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

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Léon, F. (2015) "Does bank competition alleviate credit constraints in developing countries?", *Journal of Banking & Finance*, 57: 130-142.

Léon, F. (2016) "Does the expansion of regional cross-border banks affect competition in Africa? Indirect evidence", *Research in International Business and Finance*, 37: 66-77.

Léon, F. (2017) "Implications of loan portfolio concentration in Cambodia" *Economics Bulletin*, 37(1), 282-296.

Léon, F. and Weill, L. (2018) "Islamic banking development and access to credit", *Pacific-Basin Finance Journal*, 52, 54-69.

Léon, F. (2018) "Convergence of credit structure around the world", *Economic Modelling*, 68, 306-317.

Fromentin, V. and Léon, F. (2019) "Remittances and credit in developed and developing countries: A dynamic panel analysis", *Research in International Business and Finance*, 48, 310-320.

Guérineau, S. and Léon, F. (2019) "Information sharing, credit booms, and financial stability", *Journal of Financial Stability*, 40, 64-76.

Bourgain, A., Bertinelli, L. and Léon, F. (forthcoming) "Corruption and tax compliance: Evidence from small retailers in Bamako", *Applied Economics Letters*.

Léon, F. (forthcoming) "Long-term finance and entrepreneurship", *Economic Systems*.

Léon, F. and Zins, A. (forthcoming) "Regional banks and financial inclusion: Evidence from Africa" *Economic Modelling*.

Baraton, P. and Léon, F. (forthcoming) "Do banks and microfinance institutions compete? Microevidence from Madagascar", *Economic Development and Cultural Change*.

## **WORKING PAPERS**

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Léon, F. (2019) "Household credit and growth: International evidence", CREA Discussion Paper Series 2019-02.

Léon, F. (2018) "The Credit Structure Database", CREA Discussion Paper Series 2018-07.

Baraton, P. and Léon, F. (2016) "Entrepreneurship, financial constraints and sectoral migrations", CREA Discussion Paper Series 2016-09.

Léon, F. (2015) "What do we know about the role of bank competition in Africa", CERDI Working Paper 2015-16.

Léon, F. (2014) "Measuring competition in banking: A critical review of methods", CERDI Working Paper 2014-12.

## REPORTS & BACKGROUND PAPERS

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Guérineau, S., Guillaumont-Jeanneney, S. and Léon, F. (2015), "Viabilité budgétaire et renforcement de la surveillance multilatérale au sein de la CEMAC ", Ferdi-CEMAC, July 2015.

## BLOGS & MEDIAS

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Ozyurt, S., Jacolin, L. and Léon, F. "Comprendre les liens entre politique de change et développement durable dans les pays à faible revenu", <http://theconversation.com>, 09/04/2019.

Léon, F. "Pourquoi la microfinance n'a pas éradiqué la pauvreté?", <http://theconversation.com>, 18/12/2018

Baraton, P. and Léon, F. "La concurrence croissante entre banques et institutions de microfinance", <http://theconversation.com>, 18/11/2018

Baraton, P. and Léon, F. "Interaction croissante ", D'Lëtzebuenger Land, 03/08/2018

Léon, F. "The role of regional banking groups in fostering banking competition", Development Finance Agenda (DEFA), Vol. 4(3), 2018, 4-5.

Guérineau, S. and Léon, F. "Information sharing, credit booms and financial stability", MWW4A Africa Finance Forum Blog, 11/10/2016.

Léon, F. and Weill, L., "Islamic banking development and access to credit", MWW4A Africa Finance Forum Blog, 22/02/2016.

Léon, F. "How does the expansion of regional cross-border banks affect bank competition in Africa" , MWW4A Africa Finance Forum Blog, 01/06/2015.

## DATABASES

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The Credit Structure Database (CSD) reports credit to GDP by types of borrowers (households vs. firms) for 143 countries and by maturity (short-term vs. long-term) for 85 countries over the period 1995-2014.

## CONFERENCES – SEMINARS – WORKSHOPS

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2019 Séminaire FIRE at ClerMa (Clermont); 36<sup>th</sup> JMA (Casablanca, Morocco); AFSE Conference (Orléans)

2018 8<sup>th</sup> International workshop on Microfinance (Oslo, Norway); *FEBS* conference (Rome, Italy)

2017 OCP-U. Manchester-Ferdi conference on macroprudential regulation in low-income countries (Paris, France); DIAL Conference on Economic Development (Paris, France); 34<sup>th</sup> JMA (Le Mans, France); 34<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Money, Banking and Finance (Nanterre, France), Séminaire doctoral – Université de Nanterre (Nanterre, France), Seminar FERDI-Banque de France (Paris, France)

2016 33<sup>rd</sup> JMA (Besançon, France); International Conference on Money, Banking and Finance (Rome, Italy); International Development Economics Conference (Clermont Ferrand, France); IMAEF (Corfu, Greece); AFSE Conference (Nancy, France); DIW Workshop on Finance and Development (Berlin, Germany); Financial volatility in low-income countries – part 2 (Clermont Ferrand, France)

2015 Seminar FERDI-Banque de France (Paris, France) ; Financial volatility in low-income countries – part 1 (Clermont Ferrand, France)

- 2014* 31<sup>st</sup> JMA (Clermont-Ferrand, France); 31<sup>st</sup> International Symposium on Money, Banking and Finance (Lyon, France); 3<sup>rd</sup> Paris Financial Management Conference (Paris, France); ADRES Annual Conference (Paris, France); LaRGE/BOFIT Workshop on banking in emerging countries (Strasbourg, France)
- 2013* CInST Banking workshop (Moscow, Russia)
- 2012* 29<sup>th</sup> JMA (Brest, France); AFSE Conference (Paris, France), Global Development Finance Conference (Cape Town, South Africa)

## **REFEREING ACTIVITY**

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African Development Review, Applied Economics (3), China Economic Review, Economics Bulletin, Economic System, Emerging Markets Review (2), Emerging Markets Finance and Trade, Financial History Review, International Economics; Journal of Banking & Finance (2), Open Economic Review, Oxford Development Studies, Research in International Business and Finance (3); Région & Développement (2), Revue Économique, Revue d'Économie du Développement (3), Revue Française d'Économie.

## **AWARDS AND GRANTS**

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2015-2017: **DFID-ESRC Growth Research Program**: "Financial volatility, macroprudential regulation and economic growth in LICs" (PI: Richard Agénor)  
2010-2014: **PhD Scholarship**, French Government  
2010: **Best Master thesis** in Economics, Université Clermont Auvergne