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Current position

Teaching and research assistant (ATER) **Marseille**
Aix-Marseille School of Economics (AMSE) *2017-2018*

PhD candidate **Marseille**
Aix-Marseille School of Economics (AMSE) *2014-Present*

Advisor: Thibault Gajdos

Title: Non take-up of social benefits

Research Interests: Econometrics, Public policy, Social choice, poverty and inequality

Education

Master in Econometrics, (Honors) **Marseille**
Aix-Marseille School of Economics *2013–2014*

Engineer in Applied Statistics and Economics, (Honors) **Algiers**
Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Statistique et d'Économie Appliquée (ENSSEA) *2008–2013*

Teaching

Econometrics **2017 - 2018**
Teaching Assistance, Master *Aix-Marseille School of Economics*

Microeconomics **2017 - 2018**
Teaching Assistance, Undergraduate (BA) *Aix-Marseille University*

Working papers & research projects

Non-take up to means-tested benefits - a literature review **Working paper**
Ilia Gouaref, Aix-Marseille University

The impact of the RSA's non take-up on poverty **Working paper**
Ilia Gouaref, Aix-Marseille University

Non take-up on the RSA: estimation using SILC data **Work in progress**
Ilia Gouaref, Aix-Marseille University

Welfare Participation and Social Networks **Work in progress**
Joint with Edwin Fourier-Nicolai, Aix-Marseille University

Research Events

Communications.....

Africa Meeting of the Econometric Society

Econometric Society African Region

Welfare program efficiency under non take-up: Evidence from the RSA

Algiers

July 29th - July 1st 2017

EUROMOD Course

ISER, The University of Essex

Non take-up of means-tested benefits in Europe

Colchester

March 29th - April 1st 2017

AMSE Ph.D Seminar

Aix Marseille School of Economics

Estimating Non-Take-Up of Social Assistance in France

Marseille

March 21st 2017

ASSET annual meeting

Association of Southern European Economic Theorists

The impact of the RSA's non take-up on poverty

Granada

November 12th - 14th 2015

AMSE Ph.D Seminar

Aix Marseille School of Economics

Non take-up on the RSA: Estimation using SILC data

Marseille

June 2nd 2015

Workshop *L'accès aux droits et le non-recours en questions*

Caisse National d'allocations familiales

Les coûts macro-economiques du non-recours au RSA

Paris

Decembre 9th 2014

Organisation.....

16th Journées Louis-Andrée-Gérard-Varet (LAGV)

Aix-Marseille University (AMSE)

Aix-en-Provence

June 12th - 13th 2017

15th Journées Louis-Andrée-Gérard-Varet (LAGV)

Aix-Marseille University (AMSE)

Aix-en-Provence

June 13th - 14th 2016

3rd International Conference Economic Philosophy

GREQAM

Aix-en-Provence

June 15th - 16th 2016

Languages and Computer skills

Languages: Arabic (Native), French (Native), English (Fluent)

Mathematical packages: R, STATA, SPSS, EXCEL, LimeSurvey

Office Support: \LaTeX , Microsoft Office

Databases: GSOEP(DE), EU-SILC (Europe), EUROMOD(Europe)

References

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Abstract

Working paper: The impact of the RSA's non take-up on poverty

Abstract:

The Revenu de Solidarité active (RSA) is a major welfare program in France however according to Domingo and Pucci (2011) 50% of the eligibles do not take it. In this paper we estimate the impact of non take-up on the target efficiency and anti-poverty performance of the RSA. We follow a methodology proposed by Matsaganis et al. (2009) powered by a statistical test inspired by non parametric bootstrapping to compare income distributions in two states: a complete take-up case where all eligibles to the RSA receive the amount they are entitled to and an incomplete take-up case where a part of the eligibles do not take the benefits. Our study using a French microsimulation provides by Landais et al. (2011) shows a significant negative impact of non take-up in both anti-poverty performance and horizontal target efficiency. We also observe a small increase of inequality among the poor with non take-up. JEL I38

Key words: Non take-up, Poverty, Inequality, Target Efficiency, Means-Tested Benefits

Work in progress: Non take-up on the RSA: estimation using SILC data

Abstract: The interest in non take-up of social benefit has increased during the last years in France as it is a relevant subject for social policy analysis. However such a phenomenon, by definition unobservable, rises many difficulties in terms of estimations. Identifying the non claimant to a benefit requires detailed and reliable databases with information on the individual incomes and household structure. In this paper we try to estimate the non take-up rate of a French means tested benefit the RSA -Revenu de solidarité active- using the European Union Statistics on Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC). We also aim to determine the characteristics of the non claimants and evaluate the effect of non take-up on poverty and inequality. We expect to find a high non take-up rate and significant results showing that non take-up creates disparities between individuals supposed to be treated equally by the public system.

Work in progress: Welfare Participation and Social Networks (*Joint with Edwin Fourier-Nicolai*)

Abstract:

About 50% of individuals who are eligible to social assistance do not claim the benefit they are entitled to. We examine the role of informal transfers on welfare participation. Individuals are embedded within a fixed social network which may provide financial support to the network members they care about. Decision to participate depends on private transfers flowing from the network and on social stigma associated to participation. The social stigma is assumed to be a fixed cost common to all individuals while informal transfers depend on both the wealth of the receiver and of the network. Using the German SOEP data, we estimate the structural model and the effect of private transfers on welfare participation. We provide micro-foundations and estimates for crowding-out in the context of social assistance.

Key words: welfare participation, social networks, informal transfers, altruism