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Professional Summary

Data & Analytics Executive with 20+ years of experience creating innovative research programs and building multidisciplinary teams to draw data-driven recommendations and strategically support the organization's mission.

I enjoy finding rigorous yet pragmatic ways to make sense of complex questions. My focus has remained the same throughout my career as an econometrician and professor of economics, then central banker and think-tanker: finding the best approaches to draw insights from data and inform smart decisions.

Currently, I lead and manage highly skilled teams in international finance, health, and regional economics. I aim to leverage machine learning tools, standard econometrics, and analytical reasoning to gain actionable insights on a broad range of topics such as ESG, Tech, inequalities and diversity, and public health risks.

Progressive leader | Results-oriented | Knowledge-driven | Strategic Thinker
Problem-solver | Effective Communicator | Expert | Public Speaker

Work History

Milken Institute – Think-Tank – Santa Monica, California, USA

2014 to Current

Head | Research

Manage the research department and lead the Institute's data-driven efforts to influence global policy issues on International Finance, Health, and Regional Economics such as Tech, ESG, Health and Labor market inequalities:

- Re-build the Research Department (new strategic direction, new research agenda, and new multidisciplinary team)
- Implement data-driven research agenda 📌 secured new sponsorships
- Manage concurrent projects from design to delivery to internal and external clients
- Conceptualize data visualization tools to communicate effectively on the work produced
- Establish connections with stakeholders from the private sector and regulators, ensuring industry trends inform Research and vice versa.

Head | International Finance Research

Managed the International Finance team and led the Institute's data-driven efforts to influence international finance policy issues (systemic risk, financial stability, macroprudential policies, capital flows, G20 Topics).

- Created the International Finance research (strategy, research agenda, and team)
- Managed concurrent projects from design to delivery to internal and external clients
- Developed a program on systemic risk and macroprudential policies combining analytical work and convenings 📌 secured new sponsorships
- Revamped the Global Opportunity Index, MI flagship global index 📌 secured new sponsorships
- Established connections with stakeholders from the private sector and regulators, ensuring industry trends inform Research and vice versa.

Expert, Taskforce on International Financial Architecture For Stability

Lead discussions and policy recommendations on Tech, macroprudential policy, and ESG

Banque de France - Central Bank of France – Paris, France

2010 to 2014

Division Deputy Head and Senior Research Economist

Managed a team of economists (PhD) and analysts (MA) to deliver economic analysis, research, and policy recommendations on potential growth-related issues and structural reforms (fiscal and public policies, labor market, goods and services market...) within the OECD countries:

- Prepared BdF's policy stance on structural reform issues
- Prepared reports and speeches for high-level international meetings (G7, G20, IMF, OECD, etc.)
- Monitored and forecasted economic developments in OECD countries
- Strengthened the quality and quantity of the division research output

Division Deputy Head and Senior Research Economist

Managed a team of economists (PhD) and analysts (MA) to deliver economic analysis, research, and policy recommendations on global policy issues (global imbalances, international trade and financial flows, exchange rates and competitiveness, global liquidity, international policy coordination, cross-border spillovers, and commodities).

- Prepared BdF's policy stance on international finance issues
- Prepared reports and speeches for high-level international meetings (G7, G20, IMF, etc.)
- Developed and implemented analytical models to monitor trends on key global policy and macroeconomic performance issues.
- Led and participated in cross-institutional/international task forces on banking and IMF external balance assessment
- Organized international conferences / Published in highly ranked peer-reviewed economic journals

University of Cincinnati – Cincinnati, OH, USA

2003 to 2010

Tenured Professor

Specialized in international finance, macroeconomics, and econometric modeling (exchange rates, inflation, unemployment, stationarity, time series econometrics, bootstrapping, etc.)

- Published in highly ranked academic journals, presented at international conferences, obtained several research grants
- Taught undergraduate and graduate classes in time series econometrics, forecasting, and open macroeconomics, directed graduate dissertations,
- Chaired and participated in several committees, including the TAFT Research Center, fundraising, Research and student grants, and sponsorship of educational activities
- Organized national economics conferences.

Education

PhD, Economics, University of Houston, Houston TX, USA

MSc, Econometrics, Toulouse School of Economics, Toulouse, France

Certified Kickboxer Trainer,

Women's Institute for Leadership Development in Higher Education (selected)