

Arnaud Lefranc

Curriculum Vitae

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Current position

2010–now Professor of Economics, CY Cergy Paris Université
(PREX 2 since 2018)

2007–now Research fellow, THEMA (UMR 8184, CNRS and CY Cergy Paris Université)

2026–now Research associate, INED (UR9 - Démographie économique)

2011–now Research fellow, IZA, Bonn

Education

2004 *Agrégation de l'enseignement supérieur en sciences économiques*
(French national competition for university professorship)

1995–2000 PhD in Economics, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris and European
Doctoral Programme in Quantitative Economics

1994–1995 M.Phil in Economics, London School of Economics and Political Science

1991–1994 MA in Economics, Université Paris I and Ecoles des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales,
Paris

1991–1996 Ecole Normale Supérieure, Ulm, Paris

Research interests

Inequality, Family economics, Labor economics, Public economics

Past positions

- 2020–2023 Founder and Chair, EUTOPIA Science and Innovation Postdoctoral Program, EUTOPIA European University Alliance
- 2017–2022 Vice President for International Research Development, CY Cergy Paris Université
- 2016–2022 Director, CY Institute of Advanced Studies, CY Cergy Paris Université
- 2010–2013 Founder and Director, Center of excellence "Labex MME-DII" (Mathematical and Economic Modelling of Dynamics, Uncertainty and Interactions)
- 2007–2011 Director, THEMA research center (UMR 8184, CNRS and CY Cergy Paris Université)
- 2006–2010 Associate Professor (PR2), Université de Cergy Pontoise
- 2005–2007 Research Fellow, Robert Schuman Center for Advanced Studies, European University Institute
- 2004–2005 Associate Professor (PR2), Université Pierre Mendès-France, Grenoble
- 2000–2004 Assistant Professor, Université de Cergy-Pontoise

Honors and visiting positions

Honors

- 2018 *Chevalier de l'Ordre des Palmes académiques*
- 2009–2014 Junior Fellow, *Institut Universitaire de France* (French University Institute)

Visiting positions and fellowships

- 2024, 2012 Visiting Professor, Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan (3 months each stay)
- 2023, 2019, 2018 Visiting researcher, University of Verona, Italy (short stays)
- 2005–2007 Jean Monnet Fellowship, European University Institute, Italy
- 1998–1999 Fulbright visiting scholar, Industrial Relations Section, Princeton University, USA and Fulbright Fellowship Program
- 1996–1999 Dissertation Fellowship, French Ministry of Education

Publications

Work in progress

Francesco Andreoli, Markus Jäntti, and Arnaud Lefranc. Does comprehensive compulsory schooling equalize opportunities? Quasi-natural experience evidence from Sweden. *in progress*.

Tista Kundu and Arnaud Lefranc. Inequality of earnings opportunity in India: The role of caste. *working paper CSH Delhi*, 2022.

Francesco Andreoli, Hélène Le Forner, Arnaud Lefranc, and Alain Trannoy. Inequality of opportunity revisited: Unobserved family circumstances and long-term income opportunities in Sweden. *mimeo*, 2023.

Academic publications

- [1] Arnaud Lefranc. Quelques éléments de comparaison des taux de chômage français et américain. *Economie et Statistique*, 301(1):61–72, 1997.
- [2] Arnaud Lefranc. Salaires relatifs et chômage: Une analyse comparative France/Etats-Unis. *Revue Economique*, 48(5):1041, Sep 1997.
- [3] Daniel Cohen, Arnaud Lefranc, and Gilles Saint-Paul. French unemployment: A transatlantic perspective. *Economic Policy*, 12(25):265–292, Oct 1997.
- [4] Arnaud Lefranc. On the sensitivity of returns to seniority to the measurement of earnings. *International Journal of Manpower*, 24(7):789–811, Nov 2003.
- [5] Nadia Alibay and Arnaud Lefranc. Les effets de l'activation des dépenses d'indemnisation chômage. *Revue française d'économie*, 18(2):55–110, 2003.
- [6] J.E. Roemer, R. Aaberge, U. Colombino, J. Fritzell, S.P. Jenkins, A. Lefranc, I. Marx, M. Page, E. Pommer, J. Ruiz-Castillo, M.J. San Segundo, T. Tranaes, A. Trannoy, G. Wagner, and I. Zubiri. To what extent do fiscal regimes equalize opportunities for income acquisition among citizens? *Journal of Public Economics*, 87(3-4):539–565, 2003.
- [7] Arnaud Lefranc, Nicolas Pistolesi, and Alain Trannoy. Le revenu selon l'origine sociale. *Economie et Statistique*, 371(1):49–88, 2004.
- [8] Arnaud Lefranc and Alain Trannoy. Intergenerational earnings mobility in France : Is France more mobile than the US ? *Annales d'Economie et de Statistique*, 2005.
- [9] Arnaud Lefranc and Cyrille Hagneré. Etendue et conséquences des erreurs de mesure dans les données individuelles d'enquête : une évaluation à partir des données appariées des enquêtes emploi et revenus fiscaux. *Economie & Prévision*, 174(3):131–154, 2006.
- [10] Arnaud Lefranc. La clé de l'énigme ou une nouvelle pièce du puzzle ? Comment on Stephen Bazen : "Do minimum wages have a negative impact on employment in the United States ? ". *Economie publique : Etudes et recherches*, (17), April 2007.
- [11] Arnaud Lefranc, Nicolas Pistolesi, and Alain Trannoy. Inégalité de milieu d'origine et destin salarial en France, 1977-1993. *Revue d'économie politique*, 117(1):91–117, 2007.
- [12] Arnaud Lefranc, Nicolas Pistolesi, and Alain Trannoy. Inequality of opportunities vs. inequality of outcomes: Are western societies all alike? *Review of Income and Wealth*, 54(4):513–546, Dec 2008.
- [13] Arnaud Lefranc, Nicolas Pistolesi, and Alain Trannoy. Equality of opportunity and luck: Definitions and testable conditions, with an application to income in France. *Journal of Public Economics*, 93(11-12):1189–1207, Dec 2009.
- [14] Arnaud Lefranc, Fumiaki Ojima, and Takashi Yoshida. The intergenerational transmission of income and education: A comparison of Japan and France. In *Quality and Inequality of Education*, pages 229–253. Springer Netherlands, 2010.
- [15] Arnaud Lefranc. Unequal opportunities and ethnic origin: The labor market outcomes of second-generation immigrants in France. *American Behavioral Scientist*, 53(12):1851–1882, Aug 2010.

- [16] Arnaud Lefranc, Nicolas Pistoiesi, and Alain Trannoy. Measuring circumstances: Franks or ranks, does it matter? *Research on Economic Inequality*, 19:131–156, 2011.
- [17] Christelle Dumas and Arnaud Lefranc. Early schooling and later outcomes : Evidence from pre-school extension in France. In *From parents to children: the intergenerational transmission of advantage*. Russel Sage Foundation, May 2012.
- [18] Arnaud Lefranc, Fumiaki Ojima, and Takashi Yoshida. Intergenerational earnings mobility in Japan among sons and daughters: levels and trends. *Journal of Population Economics*, 27(1):91–134, Feb 2013.
- [19] Arnaud Lefranc and Alain Trannoy. Equality of opportunity, moral hazard and the timing of luck. *Social Choice and Welfare*, 49(3):469–497, December 2017.
- [20] Arnaud Lefranc. Intergenerational earnings persistence and economic inequality in the long run: Evidence from French cohorts, 1931-75. *Economica*, 85(340):808–845, 2018.
- [21] Francesco Andreoli, Tarjei Havnes, and Arnaud Lefranc. Robust inequality of opportunity comparisons: Theory and application to early childhood policy evaluation. *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 101(2):355–369, 2019.
- [22] Christelle Dumas and Arnaud Lefranc. "Sex in Marriage is a Divine Gift"? Evidence on the quantity-quality trade-off from the Manila contraceptive ban. *World Bank Economic Review*, 33(1):259–285, 2019.
- [23] Francesco Andreoli, Arnaud Lefranc, and Vincenzo Prete. Rising educational attainment and opportunity equalization: Evidence from France. In *Research on Economic Inequality*, pages 123–149. Nov 2020.
- [24] Nicolas Frémeaux and Arnaud Lefranc. Assortative mating and earnings inequality in France. *Review of Income and Wealth*, 66(4):757–783, December 2020.
- [25] Nicolas Frémeaux, SeEun Jung, and Arnaud Lefranc. Assortative mating and earnings inequality in South Korea. *Journal of Economic Inequality*, September 2023.
- [26] Francesco Andreoli, Arnaud Lefranc, and Vincenzo Prete. Preschool Duration, Family Background and Long-Term Outcomes: Evidence From the Expansion of *École Maternelle* in France. *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, page obes.70038, January 2026.

General audience publications

- [G1] Fondation Saint-Simon (dir.). *Pour une nouvelle république sociale*. Calmann-Lévy, Paris, 1997.
- [G2] Olivier Galland (dir.). *La France des inégalités. Réalités et perceptions*. Presses Universitaires de Paris Sorbonne, Paris, 2016.
- [G3] Didier Desponds (dir.). *Pour en finir avec l'égalité des chances : Refonder la justice sociale*. Atlante, Paris, 2011.

Unpublished work

Arnaud Lefranc. Labor Market Dynamics and Wage Losses of Displaced Workers in France and the United States. William Davidson Institute Working Papers Series 2003-614, William Davidson Institute at the University of Michigan, September 2003.

Arnaud Lefranc and Alain Trannoy. Intergenerational earnings mobility : Evidence from three generations. *mimeo THEMA*, 2006.

Francesco Andreoli and Arnaud Lefranc. Equalization of opportunities: Definitions, implementable conditions and application to early-childhood policy evaluation. *IZA Discussion Paper 8503*, 2014.

Grants and funded projects

Research grants

- 2018-2023 ANR grant, FAMINEQ project (Family and inequality), co-principal investigator (400k€, with Olivier Donni, ANR-17-CE41-0007)
- 2018-2021 NORFACE - ERA-NET DIAL grant, IMChild project (The impact of childhood circumstances on individual outcomes over the life-course), National project coordinator (300k€, ANR-17-DIAL-0002)
- 2009-2013 ANR grant, TRANSINEQ project (Intergenerational transmission of inequality), principal investigator (150k€, , ANR-08-JCJC-0098)
- 2009-2010 Russel Sage Foundation grant, CRITA project (Comparative research on the intergenerational transmission of advantage – 30k€)
 - 2004 Grant from the French Ministry of Health, research on income inequality in Europe
 - 2003 Grant from the French Ministry of Labor, research on active labor market policies
 - 2002 Grant from Commissariat général au Plan, project on intergenerational mobility and equality of opportunity in France

Institutional projects

- 2021-2026 MSCA Cofund EUTOPIA-Science and Innovation Postdoctoral Fellowships, EU grant 945380. Total budget: 11.1M€, EU contribution: 5.5M€
Project aimed at funding and supporting the career development of 76 early-career fellows across the six universities of the EUTOPIA Alliance.
- 2021-2022 Horizon 2020 EUTOPIA-TRAIN, Transformation of Research and Innovation, EU grant 101017419. EU contribution: 2M€
Project aimed supporting joint research and innovation development across the six universities of the EUTOPIA Alliance.
- 2017-2022 Initiative of Excellence CY Initiative (ISITE), grant ANR-16-IDEX-0008. Endowment : 42.3M€
- 2012-2020 Center of Excellence MME-DII, Modèles mathématiques et économiques de la dynamique, de l'incertitude et des interactions, grant ANR-11-LABX-0023. Initial endowment: 4.5M€, final: 6.2 M€

Conferences and seminars

Organization

- 2024 Committee member, 1st conference of the Association Française des Économistes de la Population, Paris, May
- 2023 Co-organizer, conference in honor of Alain Trannoy, Cergy, December
- 2021 Committee member, conference "Genes, Social Mobility, and Inequalities across the Life-Course", July

2011-2024 Regular member of the organization committee, Thematic Winter School "Inequality and Social Welfare Theory", Alba di Canazei, Italy, in partnership with the University of Verona, Italy

Presentations and invitations

- 2024 Annual congress of the European Association of Labour Economists, Bergen, Norway; Annual congress of the AFEPOP, Aubervilliers, France; Workshop "Wealth Inequality, Social Mobility, and Equality of Opportunity", WU, Vienna; Invited seminars : CEPS - ENS Paris Saclay, University Musashi - Tokyo, University Hitotsubashi - Tokyo
- 2023 Workshop "Family economics and human capital", organized by Y. Brilli, University Ca Foscari, Venezia, Italy; 10th ECINEQ congress, Society for the Study of Economic Inequality, Aix-en-Provence, France; Annual congress of the European Society for Population Economics, Belgrade, Serbia; Invited seminar, Department of Economics, Università degli studi di Verona , Italy
- 2022 Invited seminar, Department of Economics, Université de Fribourg, Switzerland
- 2021 Conference "Genes, Social Mobility, and Inequalities across the Life-Course", LMU Munich, Germany
- 2020 Policy Webinar "Equality of opportunity: What role for educational policies?", organized by CEPS & EconPol
- 2018 Conference "Inequalities and Preference for Redistribution", EHESS and Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan
- 2016 Annual congress of the European Society for Population Economics, Berlin, Germany
- 2015 LISER seminar, Luxembourg; Econometric Society World Congress, Montreal; Biennial congress of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ), Luxembourg; AMSE seminar, Marseille
- 2014 Annual congress of the LACEA / LAMES, Sao Paulo, Brazil; Annual congress of the European Association of Labour Economics, Ljubljana, Slovenia; Biennial congress of the International Association for Research on Income and Wealth (IARIW), Rotterdam, The Netherlands; World congress of the International Sociological Association, Tokyo, Japan; Equalitas workshop "Inequality, opportunities, and intergenerational transmission of advantage", Barcelona, Spain
- 2013 Biennial congress of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ), Bari, Italy; Applied economics seminar, Paris School of Economics, Paris; Annual congress of the European Society for Population Economics, Aarhus, Denmark; Midwest International Economics and Development Conference, annual meeting, Madison (WI); Winter School "Inequality and Social Welfare Theory (IT8)", Università di Verona, Alba di Canazei
- 2012 Université du Maine, laboratoire GAINS; ECSR/EQUALSOC Conference: Economic change, Quality of life and Social cohesion, Stockholm, Sweden; Econometric Society European Meeting, Malaga, Spain; Center for Economic Studies, KULeuven, Leuven, Belgium; Public Economics Seminar (UCL, KUL, ULB, Gent, FUNDP), Université catholique de Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium; Winter School "Inequality and Social Welfare Theory (IT7)", Università di Verona, Alba di Canazei

- 2011 Annual congress of the European Association of Labour Economists, Paphos, Cyprus; Annual congress of the European Society for Population Economics, Hangzhou, China; Workshop on Pre-school, school and beyond: Improving social mobility through education, ISER, University of Essex; Society of Labor Economists, 16th annual meeting, Vancouver, Canada; Winter School "Inequality and Social Welfare Theory (IT6)", Università di Verona, Alba di Canazei
- 2010 Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan; Keio University, Tokyo, Japan; World congress of the International Sociological Association, Göteborg, Sweden; Annual congress of the European Society for Population Economics, Essen, Germany; Universidade do Minho, Braga, Portugal; International workshop on Comparative Research on the Intergenerational Transmission of Economic Advantage, Russell Sage Foundation, London; International workshop on Comparative Research on the Intergenerational Transmission of Economic Advantage, Russell Sage Foundation, New York
- 2009 ISER, University of Essex; Université de Rennes; Università di Bari; Winter School "Inequality and Social Welfare Theory (IT4)", Università di Verona, Alba di Canazei
- 2008 Center for European and Eurasian Studies, University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), Conference of the European Excellence Network EQUALSOC, Berlin; Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches Internationales (CERI), Sciences-Po, Paris
- 2007 Conference "Measuring discrimination", Paris; Annual meeting of the EQUALSOC network of excellence, Dijon; Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan; Center for the Study of Social Stratification and Inequality (CSSI), Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan; Workshop "The quality of education and its relationship to inequality in modern societies", European University Institute, Florence
- 2006 Workshop "Equality of opportunity in education and employment : French and American perspectives", French-American foundation, New York; Università degli studi di Verona, Italy; European Forum seminar, European University Institute, Florence, Italy; European Association of Labour Economists annual conference, Prague; CEPR summer school on the economics of education, Padova, Italy; General seminar, Robert Schuman Center, European University Institute, Florence, Italy
- 2004 Econometric Society European Meeting, Madrid; Fourgeaud seminar, French ministry of Finance, Paris; Journées de Microéconomie Appliquée, Lille; French Economics Association, annual congress, Paris
- 2003 Research conference on "Microeconomic Analysis of Labor Reallocation" (IZA, Upjohn Institute for Employment Research and William Davidson Institute), Kalamazoo; European Society for Population Economics, New-York; Journées de Microéconomie Appliquée, Montpellier
- 2002 University Paris-Dauphine "Public Economics" seminar; European Economic Association Annual Congress, Venice; Conference on "Personal Economics", AFSE, Lyon; Conference on "The Econometrics of Wages", ULB-AEA, Brussels
- 2000 Econometric Society World Congress, Seattle; Young Econometricians Meetings, Marseille
- 1999 European Economic Association Annual Congress, Santiago di Compostella, Spain
- 1998 Princeton University, Labor seminar; Canadian Economic Association Annual Congress, Quebec
- 1997 Fourgeaud seminar, French ministry of Finance, Paris; Séminaire "Jeunes en Macroéconomie", CEPREMAP; Economic Policy 25th Panel Meeting, Munich; European Doctoral Program Annual Jamboree, Louvain-la-Neuve

1996 French Economic Association Annual Congress, Paris; Conference on "International labor market comparisons", INSEE, Paris

Teaching

[Courses marked with an asterisk were taught in English.

CYU: CY Cergy Paris Univ.; UPMF: Univ. Pierre Mendes-France, Grenoble; UCP: Univ. Cergy-Pontoise]

- Graduate Inequality* - CYU, 2024-now
Econometrics of discrete choice models - CYU, 2023-now
Family and inequality* (reading course) - UCP, 2012-2013
Econometrics of individual and panel data* - UCP, 2008-2018
Stata* - UCP, 2009, 2011, 2013
Introductory econometrics - UPMF, 2004-2008
Labor economics* - UCP, 2000-2004 & 2011-2016
Economics of inequality - UCP, 2000-2004
Growth theory - UCP, 2000-2004
- Undergraduate Introduction to game theory - CY Tech engineering school, CYU, 2023-
Contemporary economic issues* - SciencesPo Saint-Germain en Laye, 2015-2017
Introductory seminar : inequality and poverty - SciencesPo Saint-Germain en Laye, 2014-2016
Introduction to quantitative methods - SciencesPo Saint-Germain en Laye, 2014-2017
Economics of human capital: education and the family* - Doshisha University, Spring 2012
International trade - UCP, 2007-2008
Introduction to economic analysis - UPMF, 2004-2005
Macroeconomics - UCP, 2000-2004 & 2007-2009; UPMF, 2004-2005
Labor economics - UCP, 2000-2004

Student supervision and committees

- PhD Eben-Ezer Dorcelly (in progress), Stéphane Benvesiste (defended 2021, reviewer), Hélène Le Forner (defended 2019, supervisor), Tista Kundu (defended 2019, supervisor), Esther Delesalle (defended 2018, supervisor), Geoffrey Teyssier (defended 2017, reviewer), Marie Baguet (defended 2017, supervisor), Celine Lecavelier (defended 2017, supervisor), François Kesimal (defended 2015, reviewer), Seeun Jung (defended 2014, reviewer), Nicolas Frémeaux (defended 2013, reviewer), Sophie Dantan (defended 2013, supervisor), Francesco Andreoli (defended 2012, supervisor), Camila Niño (defended 2012, committee member), Eliane Badaoui (defended 2010, committee member), Nicolas Pistolesi (defended 2006, co-supervisor), Nadia Alibay (defended 2005, co-supervisor)
- Habilitation Stefania Marcassa (defended 2024, committee member), Eliane El Badaoui (defended 2024, committee member), Clément Bosquet (defended 2019, supervisor), Marta Menendez (defended 2018, reviewer), Jean Pinquet (defended 2010, supervisor)

Refereeing activities

American Behavioral Scientist, Annales d'Economie et Statistique, Bulletin of Economic Research, Economics and Philosophy, Economic Journal, Economic Modelling, Economics and Philosophy, Economics Bulletin, , Economie et Statistique, Economie Publique, European Economic Review, European Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Inequality, Journal of Economics and Behavioral Organization, Journal of Family and Economic Issues, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Population Economics, Labour, Labour Economics, Macroeconomic Dynamics, Review of Income and Wealth, Revue Economique, Revue d'Economie Politique, Review of Economics and Statistics, Social Choice and Welfare, World Bank Economic Review, World Development

University and miscellaneous services

- 2024- Member of the steering Committee, Association Française des Economistes de la Population
- 2019-2023 Founder and director of the EUTOPIA Science and Innovation Postdoctoral Program
Creation of a multidisciplinary postdoctoral program common to the six universities of the EUTOPIA European University Alliance, hiring 76 fellows over 5 years with a budget of 11M€.
- 2020-2023 Member of the Management Board, EUTOPIA European University
- 2020-2022 Founder and director of the EUTOPIA Young Leaders Academy
Creation of a leadership and scholarly exchange program gathering leading early to mid-career stage professors from the six universities of the EUTOPIA European University Alliance.
- 2018-2022 Co-lead EU projects EUTOPIA TRAIN (Horizon Europe) and EUTOPIA 2050 (Erasmus, WP3), EUTOPIA European University
- 2017-2022 Scientific coordinator, CY Initiative d'Excellence, I-SITE, Investissements d'Avenir
Design of CY Initiative research development strategy and direction of six internal calls for projects. Budget : 25M€; 400 projects evaluated; 150 funded.
- 2016-2022 Director, CY Institute of Advanced Studies, CY Cergy Paris Université
- 2016-2020 Elected member of the Academic Council (Research commission), CY Cergy Paris Université
- 2016-2020 Appointed member of the Evaluation and Hiring Committee (CEVA), Institut National d'Etudes Démographiques (INED)
- 2015-2017 Member of the project committee, CY Initiative d'Excellence, I-SITE, Investissements d'Avenir
- 2013-2018 Member of the steering committee, Sciences Po Saint-Germain en Laye
- 2009-2016 Elected member of the Administration Council, CY Cergy Paris Université
- 2010-2013 Founder and Director, Center of excellence "Labex MME-DII" (Mathematical and Economic Modelling of Dynamics, Uncertainty and Interactions)
<http://labex-mme-dii.u-cergy.fr>
- 2007-2011 Director, THEMA research center (UMR 8184, CNRS and CY Cergy Paris Université)
- 2008-2009 Dean of doctoral studies for Economics and Mathematics, interim, CY Cergy Paris Université
- 2005 Member of the examination committee for the entrance competition to Ecole Normale Supérieure (ENS Ulm and ENS Cachan)
- 2001-2004 Member of the laboratory council, THEMA research center
- since 2001 Member of various hiring committees - CY Cergy Paris Université, 2001-4, 2007-now; Aix-Marseille School of Economics, 2013; Université Paris 2, 2013, 2014 and 2021.