

# EVA TÈNE

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## EDUCATION

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- Ph.D. in Economics & Biology, *magna cum laude*** *Sept. 2018 - Nov. 2021*  
Toulouse School of Economics, University of Toulouse III, Toulouse, France  
*Economic track: Development Economics, Political Economics, Behavioral & Experimental Economics, Evolutionary Biology/Anthropology*  
Jury Members: Anke Becker, Seema Jayachandran, Karen Macours, Jean-Luc Probst, Wolfram Schlenker  
Thesis Committee: Sylvain Chabé-Ferret, Arnaud Reynaud, Mohamed Saleh
- Visiting Scholar** *Spring 2020*  
Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.
- Master of Science in Economics, *with honors*** *2013 - 2015*  
Toulouse School of Economics, Toulouse, France

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Development Economics (Social Inequalities, Social Norms, Behavior, Gender), Environmental Economics, Public Policy Evaluation, Interdisciplinary Research

## REFERENCES

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| <b>Prof. Arnaud Reynaud</b><br>Toulouse School of Economics<br>arnaud.reynaud@tse-fr.eu | <b>Prof. Sylvain Chabé-Ferret</b><br>Toulouse School of Economics<br>sylvain.chabe-ferret@tse-fr.eu | <b>Prof. Juho Härkönen</b><br>European Univ. Institute<br>sule.alan@eui.eu | <b>Carl Bernadac</b><br>French Development Agency<br>bernadacc@afr.fr |
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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy** Since January 2026  
*Research Fellow, Department of Statistical Sciences*
- ERC Project POPCLIMA: understanding the links between climate change and demographic dynamics
- French Development Agency, Paris, France** Sept 2024-Dec 2025 (16 months)  
*Research Officer, Research Department*
- Coordination of and participation in research projects on climate change, inequality, and social protection
  - Administrative follow-up, ensuring the monitoring of project timelines and budgets
  - Preparation and dissemination of working papers and policy briefs
  - Planning and coordination of meetings and seminars
- European University Institute, Florence, Italy** Sept 2021-August 2024 (3 years)  
*Max Weber Postdoctoral Researcher, EUI, Economic Department (2021-2023)*  
*Part-time Assistant Professor, EUI, Economic Department (2022-2023)*  
*CIVICA Postdoctoral Researcher, EUI & LEAP Bocconi University (2023-2024)*
- Inequality, Welfare & Social Justice Cluster
- OECD, Paris, France** March-August 2021 (6 months)  
*Consultant, Data processing and analysis*
- Statistical analysis of Malaysia's business sector

**Toulouse School of Economics, Toulouse, France**

Sept 2017-August 2018 (12 months)

*Statistical Engineer, Data processing and analysis*

- Evaluation of the impacts of environmental policies on water quality: data collection, statistical analysis

**National Institute for Agricultural Research, Toulouse, France**

Dec 2016-August 2017 (9 months)

*Statistical Engineer, Data processing and analysis*

- Data processing in QGIS and assignment to control/treatment groups for an RCT (pre-program phase)
- Classification of recipients of the Common Agricultural Policy subsidies in France using statistical methods
- Creation of a typology of farm profiles using MCA and *k*-means clustering methods

**EduCARE India NGO, Rajasthan, India**

May-July 2016 (3 months)

*Project Manager in Field Research*

- Participation in a socio-anthropological qualitative survey with local women, examining their daily work, social roles, and community perceptions of women's labor
- Participation in a sustainable development project, building a photovoltaic system to provide green energy for local housing

**Energy Regulatory Commission, Paris, France**

April 2015-April 2016 (12 months)

*6-month Internship and Project Manager*

- Study on the incentive regulation of energy network operators' service quality & cost of electric losses

## TEACHING

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**2019** Microeconomics (Undergraduate Students), Toulouse School of Economics

**2022** Cultural & Institutional Economics (Ph.D. Students), European University Institute

## REFEREE ACTIVITIES

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*Economic Journal, Quarterly Journal of Economics*

## PUBLICATIONS & WORKING PAPERS

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### **On the Historical Roots of Gender Norms: Evidence from Matrilineal Societies in Sub-Saharan Africa**

This paper examines the historical origins and contemporary consequences of matrilineal kinship systems in Sub-Saharan Africa. Using agroclimatic variation and data on 500,000 women, the paper shows that matrilineal societies were more common in areas suited to extensive hoe agriculture without animal husbandry—resources that confer greater benefits to daughters relative to sons—and are associated with greater empowerment and property ownership among women today, despite lower education levels and rural status. The findings suggest that geography shaped culture, and culture strengthened the effects of geography.

Eva Tène — Accepted for publication in *The World Bank Economic Review*, 2026

### **Restoring the Dynamism of Malaysia's Business Sector**

Kosuke Suzuki, Eva Tène, and co-authors — *OECD*, 2022

### **Water Quality, Policy Diffusion Effects and Farmers' Behavior**

Sylvain Chabé-Ferret, Arnaud Reynaud, and Eva Tène — *TSE Working Paper*

### **The Impact of Organic Farming on Productivity and Biodiversity: Evidence from a Natural Experiment**

Sylvain Chabé-Ferret, Marine Coinon, Arnaud Reynaud, and Eva Tène — *TSE Working Paper*

### **Energy Transition, Poverty and the Mitigating Role of Social Protection: A Systematic Literature Review**

Franziska Gassmann, Alexander Hunns, Cecilia Poggi, and Eva Tène — *AFD Working Paper*

### **Weather Shocks and Child Well-Being: Evidence from Indonesia**

Eva Tène — *Work in Progress*

### **Family Structures and Child Well-Being in the Democratic Republic of Congo**

Catherine Guirkinger, Paola Villar, and Eva Tène — *Work in Progress*

## CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND RESEARCH MISSIONS

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**2019** Toulouse School of Economics Workshop (France), NAERE Conference (Copenhagen, Denmark), AERE Conference (Lake Tahoe, U.S.), LAGV Conference (Aix-en-Provence, France), EAERE Conference (Manchester, U.K.), EAERE Summer School (Venice, Italy), EEA Conference (Manchester, U.K.)

**2020** Department of Human Evolutionary Biology Workshop, Harvard University (Cambridge, U.S.), Sustainable Development Doctoral Society Workshop, Columbia University (New York, U.S.), ASREC Virtual Graduate Student Workshop (Orange, U.S.), Toulouse School of Economics Workshop (France)

**2021-2022** Applied Microeconomic Working Group, EUI (Italy), Inequality, Welfare and Social Justice Working Group, EUI (Italy), Lund University Seminar (Sweden, Online seminar), June Conference, EUI (Italy)

**2022** Co-organizer of the Interdisciplinary Workshop *Causality Across the Social Sciences*, EUI (Italy)

**2023-2024** German Institute for Economic Research Environment Seminar (Berlin, Germany), June Conference, EUI (Italy), CEPR Development Economics - PSE Annual Symposium (France)

**2025** AFD Mission, collaboration with researchers, institutional partners, and the Department of Climate Change of Vietnam (Hanoi, Vietnam)

## SCOLARSHIP AND FUNDING

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**2023** CIVICA Fellowship Postdoctoral Grant  
**2021** Max Weber Fellowship Postdoctoral Two-Year Grant  
**2019** EAERE Summer School Second Best Paper Prize  
**2018** Ph.D. Grant from Occitanie Region and INRAE

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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| <b>Document production software</b>    | Microsoft Office Word, Excel, PowerPoint, $\LaTeX$ |
| <b>Statistical software and others</b> | R, QGIS, Stata                                     |
| <b>Survey software</b>                 | Qualtrics                                          |

## LANGUAGES

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French (native), English (fluent), Italian (B1), Spanish (B1)