

Thomas Loussouarn

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Professional Summary: PhD researcher holding three master's degrees, with over two years of experience across the multilateral system, development finance institutions and policy research, specializing in sustainable public finance and the political economy of climate change adaptation.

Professional Experience

- 2026. 09. – 2029. 08. Université Paris-Saclay – UMI SOURCE (UVSQ / IRD) and French Development Agency (AFD), Doctoral Researcher**
- **Research:** Doctoral research in economics on how institutional configurations shape the success, failure and lock-in of climate adaptation policies and their economic trajectories in North Africa, centered on agricultural water governance (fieldwork in Morocco and Tunisia)
 - **Methods:** Combining institutional economics and political economy (in-depth case studies, configurational analysis) with macroeconomic modelling of adaptation pathways
- 2026. 01. – 2026. 07. UNEP Economic and Fiscal Policy Unit, Industry and Economy Division, Intern**
- **Project Implementation:** Supported a portfolio of 4 projects across 14 countries (USD 31.5 million), contributing to 10 contracts, 3 Terms of Reference, 1 budget tracking tool, 3 monitoring reports, 1 knowledge product and 1 event
 - **Policy Research and Advocacy:** Drafted 2 blogs, 1 political economy country brief, and 1 policy brief on sustainable fiscal policy and budgeting
 - **Data Collection:** Supported data collection and analysis for SDG 12.c.1, the indicator for fossil fuel subsidies, informing the SDG report for the UN Secretary-General
- 2024. 01. – 2025. 04. Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, School of Economics, Teaching Assistant**
- **Teaching:** Led tutorials in comparative economic theory for undergraduate students in groups of 30
- 2024. 06. – 2024. 12. French Development Agency (AFD), Economic Diagnostics and Public Policy Dept., Research Intern**
- **Research:** Co-authored 1 paper on sovereign credit rating biases in emerging economies, feeding into AFD's preparatory work for the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development; produced 1 internal report on biodiversity-related financial risks and presented debt-for-nature swap findings to inform sovereign lending strategy
- 2023. 02. – 2023. 04. European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR), European Power Programme, Research Assistant**
- **Policy Research and Advocacy:** Authored 1 qualitative study on strategic export controls, integrated into ECFR's recommendations on EU trade and economic security
 - **Event Organization:** Organized meetings with diplomats on potential ECFR strategies in the context of economic warfare and Europe, and supported 1 joint AFD–UNDP dialogue on development effectiveness
- 2022. 05. – 2022. 07. Consulate General of France in Milan, Political Affairs Section, Intern**
- **Policy Research and Advocacy:** Drafted 8 sectoral reports on key industries to inform the Consulate's diplomatic strategy
 - **Government Relations:** Drafted briefs and responses to parliamentary inquiries on Franco-Italian economic relations

Education

- 2026. 09. – 2029. 08. PhD Université Paris-Saclay, Paris, Economics and Development**
- 2025. 09. – 2026. 07. MSc Graduate School of the French National Museum of Natural History (MNHN), Paris, Biodiversity, Ecology and Evolution – Society and Biodiversity Track**
- 2023. 09. – 2025. 07. MA Sciences Po Paris, Paris School of International Affairs, Paris, International Development – Environment and Sustainability Track**
- 2022. 09. – 2024. 07. MA ENS Paris-Saclay, Political Economy and Institutions – Organizations and Societies Track**
- Graduated first in a cohort of 30 students (Class Valedictorian), with a master's thesis graded 19/20
- 2021. 09. – 2022. 07. BA ENS Paris-Saclay & Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris, Economics and History**

Publications

Loussouarn, T. & Vasse, T. (2025). Sovereign Credit Ratings in Developing Economies: Regional Biases and Subjectivity Factors. AFD Research Papers, No. 349.

Loussouarn, T. (2024). Mortgage Nature? Promises and Realities of Debt-for-Nature Swaps in Emerging Economies. *Revue d'économie financière*, 156(4), 159–180.

Loussouarn, T. & Hong, M. (2026). Eligibility Is Not Enough: Lessons from Colombia's FAIA on Greening Agricultural Subsidies. *Green Fiscal Policy Network* (blog).

Loussouarn, T. & Hong, M. (2026). Greening Agricultural Support in Colombia: Evidence that Sustainability Need Not Come at the Cost of Productivity. *Green Fiscal Policy Network* (blog).

Awards

- 2026. 05. ENS Paris-Saclay Research Prize for Best Master's Thesis**

Skills

Languages French (Native), English (Fluent, C2), Italian (B2)

Data R, Stata, Microsoft Office

Others Zotero, LaTeX