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ADDRESS:

Department of Economics
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CITIZENSHIP: Morocco, Tunisia, US permanent resident.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS: Public Finance, Behavioral Economics

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

University of California, Santa Barbara	Assistant Professor - Economics	July 2018 – present
National Bureau of Economic Research	Faculty Research Fellow	May 2017 – present
University of California, Los Angeles	Assistant Professor - Economics	July 2016 – June 2018
California Center for Population Research	Faculty Affiliate	July 2016 – June 2018

VISITS

Brown University	Department of Economics	January – May 2020
University of Michigan	Office of Tax Policy Research	September 2017

EDUCATION:

UC Berkeley: PhD in Economics, 2016.
Dissertation committee: Emmanuel Saez, Alan Auerbach and Stefano DellaVigna.
Paris School of Economics: MA in Economics, 2010.
HEC – Paris: MSc in Management, 2009.

PUBLICATIONS:

1. Benzarti, Youssef and Carloni, Dorian “Who Really Benefits from Consumption Tax Cuts? Evidence from a Large VAT Cut in France.” **American Economic Journal: Economic Policy**, February 2019. NBER Working Paper No. 23848.
2. Benzarti, Youssef; Harju, Jarkko; Matikka, Tuomas “Does Mandating Social Insurance Affect Entrepreneurial Activity?” **American Economic Review: Insights**, June 2020. NBER Working Paper No. 25651.
3. Benzarti, Youssef “How Taxing Is Tax Filing? Using Revealed Preferences to Estimate Compliance Costs.” **American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Forthcoming**; NBER Working Paper No. 23903.
4. Benzarti, Youssef; Carloni, Dorian; Harju, Jarkko; Kosonen, Tuomas “What Goes Up May Not Come Down: Asymmetric Incidence of Value Added Taxes.” **Journal of Political Economy, Forthcoming**; NBER Working Paper No. 23849.

WORKING PAPERS:

5. Benzarti, Youssef; Tazhitdinova, Alisa “Do Value-Added Taxes Affect International Trade Flows? Evidence From 30 Years of Tax Reforms.” **American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Revise and Resubmit (2nd round)**; NBER Working Paper No. 26195. (April 2020).
6. Benzarti, Youssef; Harju, Jarkko “Using Payroll Taxes to Unpack the Black Box of Firm-Level Production” **Journal of the European Economic Association, Revise and Resubmit**. NBER Working Paper No. 26640. (January 2020).
7. Benzarti, Youssef; Harju, Jarkko “Can Payroll Tax Cuts Help Firms During Recessions?” **Journal of Public Economics, Revise and Resubmit**. NBER Working Paper No. 27485. (June 2020).
8. Benzarti, Youssef “Playing Hide and Seek: How Lenders Respond to Consumer Protection.” NBER Working Paper No. 26382. (January 2020).
9. Benzarti, Youssef “Should I Stay or Should I Go? The Migration Patterns of High-Skilled Workers: Evidence from Alumni Databases.” (October 2015).

OTHER ARTICLES

1. Benzarti, Youssef; Carloni, Dorian “Assessing the Incidence of Value-Added Taxes” **VoxEU**.
2. Benzarti, Youssef; Carloni, Dorian “Qui a Bénéficié de la Baisse de la TVA Dans la Restauration en 2009” **Institut des Politiques Publiques**.
3. Benzarti, Youssef “Estimating the Costs of Filing Tax Returns and the Potential Savings From Policies Aimed at Reducing These Costs” **Tax Policy and the Economy, Forthcoming**. (September 2020).

HONORS AND AWARDS:

2018	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Grant (\$50,800), joint with Alisa Tazhitdinova
2016	Best Paper at the Southern California Conference in Applied Microeconomics
2016	California Center for Population Research Junior Faculty Course Release Program
2016	Outstanding Doctoral Dissertations in Government Finance and Taxation Award – Honorable Mention, National Tax Association
2016	Department of Economics Graduate Student Award for Public Policy Research, UC Berkeley
2015	Center for Equitable Growth Fellowship, Doctoral Completion Fellowship
2014	Russell Sage Foundation Summer Institute in Behavioral Economics
2014	Robert D. Burch Center for Tax Policy and Public Finance Fellowship
2013	Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley
2014, 2011	Graduate Division Summer Research Grant, UC Berkeley
2011	Gateway Fellowship, UC Berkeley International House
2010	Sandler Fellowship
2010, 2011	Department Fellowship, UC Berkeley Department of Economics

INVITED PRESENTATIONS:

2020	University of Chicago – Harris, NYU – Law and Economics, University of South Carolina, NBER Tax Policy and The Economy.
2019	UC Berkeley, ENS Lyon, Southern California Conference in Applied Microeconomics
2018	University of Oregon, National Tax Association
2017	NBER Summer Institute Public Finance/Labor Studies, Columbia Law School, Cornell, Georgetown, Claremont Graduate School, Cal Poly State University, University of Victoria, University of Warwick, London School of Economics, Institute for Fiscal Studies, University College London, AEA Annual Meetings, Arizona State University, Southern California Conference in Applied Microeconomics, UCSD, UCLA Law School, UCSB.
2016	UCLA, Princeton, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, University of Toronto, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Mathematica, Paris School of Economics (PSE PSI seminar), NTA, University of Michigan, IIPF, NYU/UCLA Tax Policy Symposium
2015	U.S. Department of the Treasury, SITE Psychology and Economics (Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics), National Tax Association, Canadian Public Economics Group, Aarhus University, Bay Area Labor and Public Finance Conference, UC Berkeley Public Finance and Psychology and Economics Seminars, McMaster University
2014	Tax Systems Conference (University of Michigan and University of Oxford), Paris 2 (CRED), ENSAE (CREST).
2013	UC Berkeley Psychology and Economics Non-Lunch Seminar
2012	UC Berkeley Public Finance and Labor Economics Lunch Seminar

TEACHING:

Department of Economics, Brown University:

Graduate Public Finance – Social Insurance (Spring 2020)

Department of Economics, UCSB:

Using Big Data to Solve Economic and Social Problems (Winter 2021)

Graduate Public Finance – Taxation (Fall 2019, Winter 2021)

Graduate Behavioral Public Economics (Fall 2019, Winter 2021)

Graduate Research Seminar (Fall 2019)

Applied Micro Lunch (2019, 2020, 2021)

Undergraduate Microeconomics (Winter 2019: Average course grade*: 1.3/5; Fall 2020)

**1 is the highest score*

Department of Economics, UCLA:

Graduate Public Finance – Taxation (Spring 2017, Spring 2018. Average course grade**: 9/9, 9/9)

Facts About Inequality (Spring 2018. Average course grade**: 9/9)

Undergraduate Microeconomics (Spring 2017 average course grade**: 7.52/9)

Applied Micro Seminar (Fall 2017, Winter 2018, Spring 2018)

***9 is the highest score*

Department of Economics, UC Berkeley
Undergraduate Game Theory (Summer 2013)

MENTORING:

Graduate students: (* denotes placement)
Wookun Kim (Southern Methodist University*)
Matt Fitzgerald
Dong Ook Eun

External Referee for PhD Defense:
Santiago Garriga

Undergraduate students: (** denotes placement in PhD program)
Jen Kades (Duke**)
Sarah Gharbi (Mannheim**)
Ziao Ju (Stanford**)
Marty Chen (University of Maryland**)

SERVICE:

Department of Economics, UCSB
Undergraduate Committee (2020-2021)
Wilcox Chair Search Committee (2019-2020)
Graduate Admission Committee (2018-2019)
Academic Senate Representative (2018-2019)

Department of Economics, UCLA
Graduate Admission Committee (2017-2018)

REFEREE SERVICE:

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, Economic Journal, Economics Letters, International Tax and Public Finance, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Oxford Economic Papers, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics.

OTHER INFORMATION:

Languages: Arabic (native), English (fluent), French (fluent)
Affiliations: Adventure Cycling Association, American Economic Association, National Tax Association