

# JULIA MINK

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## APPOINTMENTS

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Assistant Professor at University of Bonn Fall 2022  
Postdoctoral Researcher at [INRAE](#) November 2021 - June 2022

## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. in Economics, Sciences Po October 2021  
Supervisors: [Olivier Allais](#) and [Etienne Wasmer](#)  
including a visit at University of California, Berkeley (Fall 2019)  
Master in Economics and Public Policy, Sciences Po, *Summa Cum Laude* August 2016  
Bachelor of Arts, Sciences Po, *Cum Laude* August 2013  
including an exchange at University of Warwick (2012/2013)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Applied microeconomics, health and environmental economics, human capital formation, spatial economics.

## PUBLICATIONS

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**The long-run effects of war on health: Evidence from World War II in France** with Olivier Allais and Guy Fagherazzi, *Social Science & Medicine*, 2021 - [doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2021.113812](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2021.113812)

**Associations between early-life food deprivation during World War II and risk of hypertension and type 2 diabetes at adulthood** with Marie-Christine Boutron-Ruault, Marie-Aline Charles, Olivier Allais and Guy Fagherazzi, *Scientific Reports*, 2020 - [doi.org/10.1038/s41598-020-62576-w](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-020-62576-w)

**Changes in food purchases at retirement in France** with Olivier Allais and Pascal Leroy, *Food Policy*, 2020 - [doi.org/10.1016/j.foodpol.2019.101806](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foodpol.2019.101806)

## WORKING PAPERS

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### JOB MARKET PAPER

#### Putting a price tag on air pollution: the social healthcare costs of air pollution in France

I estimate the causal effects of air pollution on healthcare costs in France by combining administrative data on healthcare reimbursements with reanalysis data on air pollution concentrations and weather conditions. I adopt an instrumental variable approach where I exploit daily postcode-level variation in nitrogen dioxide, ground-level ozone and particulate matter concentrations induced by variation in wind speed. I explore effect heterogeneity by patient and location characteristics and by medical speciality.

This study presents evidence for substantial healthcare costs caused by exposure to pollution levels that are predominantly situated below current European legal limits. The effects are several orders of magnitude larger than those estimated in the previous literature, suggesting that the healthcare costs of air pollution have been severely underestimated. I find significant heterogeneity of effects across location and patient characteristics, indicating that air pollution reduction policies have the potential to reduce health inequalities. Full text available [here](#).

### **Broken homes and empty pantries: The impact of partnership dissolution on household economic resources**

This study investigates the impact of a couple's break-up on the economic resources of the household by studying changes in income and food purchases around the time of separation in a panel of French households. I estimate a household fixed effects model to account for unobserved time-invariant household characteristics while controlling for additional time-varying covariates. Household income and food purchases decrease suddenly and significantly at the time of separation and remain lower than pre-separation levels for several years after the break-up. The decrease in food purchases appears to translate into a slight decrease in the female partner's body mass index (BMI). The share of unhealthy food purchases increases shortly before, during and after separation, indicating that the composition of food purchases changes as well. The decline in food purchases and BMI mainly affects households in the lowest pre-separation income tercile, suggesting that these changes are due to insufficiency of financial resources. Full text available [here](#).

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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### **Health outcomes of residential agricultural pesticide exposure: Causal modelling from observational data**

with Olivier Allais, Philippe Caillou and Michèle Sébag

The goal of this study is to rigorously assess the adverse impact of residential pesticide diffusion on residents living close to agricultural lands, exposed to pesticides via spray drift and volatilising beyond the treated areas. This population is largely absent in studies to date. We exploit sensitive health data in combination with newly available data on pesticide pollution. For the sake of a clear focus, we will rely on the body of knowledge relating the exposure to some molecules at precise stages of the pregnancy, to the impaired development of specific cognitive and biological systems. Accordingly, the study will focus on the short and medium-term pesticide impact on newborns and children. We use quasi-experimental methods and new machine learning approaches for causal inference to face the main challenges of non-linearity of the effects, high dimensionality of the potential causes (cocktail effect), data incompleteness, and hidden confounding factors. The innovative value of the study is twofold. In terms of application, we aim to assess the pesticide risk on health at birth and in childhood, a current major health and societal issue. In terms of methodology, we aim to build a general methodology applicable to the analysis of industrial risks, handling spatio-temporal data with their limitations, and rigorously establishing the nature and amounts of risks incurred – offering an alternative to waiting until lethal risk become undeniable.

### **Reactive or proactive? Capturing adaptation to climate change using machine learning and behavioral theories**

with Fabien Forge

We study the determinants of climate change adaptation using both machine learning and economic theory. For farmers, crop choice is one of the most effective and cheapest way of mitigating the effects

of climate change. Yet it is unclear whether farmers adapt in reaction to past weather realisations or in anticipation of climate change. We attempt to answer this question by testing two theories: one in which farmers are only backward looking and a second in which they are also forward looking. Since these two behavioural models do not leave in the same parameter space, we follow Fudenberg et al. (2020) and measure how ‘complete’ each theory is by comparing their predictive performance to a predictive upper bound defined using machine learning.

### **Air pollution and choice of place of residence**

with Olivier Allais and Antoine Nebout

We investigate whether individual preferences such as attitudes towards risk, time and ambiguity are correlated with an individual’s exposure to air pollution through her choice of residence and how this impacts health outcomes. For this, we add a module with questions concerning individual preferences for the new wave of data collection of the French cohort study CONSTANCES. This project is currently at the data collection stage.

## GRANTS

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2021 - DataIA, Project HORAPEST, 2021-2024.  
2019 - ANR, Project BeHealth, 2020-2023.  
2019 - Sciences Po department of Economics mobility grant.  
2017 - ANR, Project AlimaSSenS [ANR-14-CE20-0003-01].  
2016 - Strategic Research Initiative NutriPerso from University Paris-Saclay.  
2016 - INRA, Meta-programme DID’it.

## SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

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### **2022**

*Academic job market job talks:*

Hertie School, Toulouse School of Economics, ESSEC Business School, Université du Québec à Montréal Business School, Université de Montréal, Bank of Spain, Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management at Cornell University, Exeter Business School, Durham Business School, University of Bonn, University of Oklahoma, Sao Paulo School of Economics, Institute for Fiscal Studies, New York University in Abu Dhabi

*Other:*

DataIA Conference, University of Saclay, FR  
9th IZA Workshop: Environment, Health and Labor Markets

### **2021**

Spring Meeting of Young Economists  
EuHEA Seminar Series Fall 2021  
European Winter Meetings of the Econometric Society  
Sciences Po Doctoral Seminar

### **2020**

Sciences Po Doctoral Seminar, Paris, FR  
Workshop INNOV, Toulouse, FR

### **2019**

UC Berkeley Development Lunch Seminar, Berkeley, US  
UC Berkeley Environment, Resource and Energy Economics Seminar, Berkeley, US

Italian Congress of Econometrics and Empirical Economics, Lecce, IT  
Sciences Po Doctoral seminar, Paris, FR

**2018**

Sciences Po Doctoral Seminar, Paris, FR  
Health and Food Economics Workshop, Toulouse, FR  
LIEPP doctoral seminar, Paris, FR

**2017**

INRAE Seminar, Ivry-sur-Seine, FR

REFEREEING ACTIVITIES

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*Food Policy, Journal of the European Economic Association*

TEACHING AND WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Public Economics** - Lecturer *Fall 2020, 2021*  
Sciences Po School of Public Affairs, Graduate course

**Trade and International Finance** - Teaching assistant *Spring 2021*  
Sciences Po, Undergraduate course, Professor Philippe Martin

**Perspectives in Economics and Sociology** - Teaching assistant  
Sciences Po, Undergraduate course, Professors Roberto Galbiati and Mirna Safi

**Principles of micro- and macroeconomics** - Coordinator & Teaching Assisant *Fall 2020, 2019*  
Coordination between tutors, professors, administration, teaching assistance, Sciences Po, Undergraduate course, Professors Yann Algan, Kerstin Holzheu and Jeanne Commault

**The Economics of the Media: A Global Perspective** - Teaching assistant *Fall 2018*  
Sciences Po, Graduate course, Professor Julia Cagé

**Principles of micro- and macroeconomics** - Graduate Student Instructor *Fall 2018, 2017*  
Sciences Po, Undergraduate course, Professors Yann Algan and Guillaume Plantin

LANGUAGES AND PROGRAMMING SKILLS

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German (native), English (fluent), French (fluent), Portuguese (work proficiency), Chinese (beginner)  
Stata, R, Python, SAS