

## **Clemence TRICAUD (November 2019)**

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### DOCTORAL STUDIES

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2016-present Ph.D Economics, Department of Economics-CREST, Ecole Polytechnique

### References

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### PRIOR EDUCATION

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2015-2016 M.S Economics, Ecole Polytechnique-ENSAE-ENS Paris Saclay-HEC-Paris Sud

2014-2015 M.S Quantitative Economics and Finance (QEF), Ecole Polytechnique

2011-2015 HEC School of Management, Paris

### VISITING POSITIONS

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Aug-Dec. 2018 Affiliate of the Department of Economics, Harvard University (sponsor: Alberto Alesina)

Aug-Dec. 2017 Visiting Fellow, Harvard University (sponsor: Vincent Pons)

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Public Economics, Political Economy, Urban Economics, Applied Microeconomics

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Fall 2018 Ec 2412a Political Economics and Ec 1018 Cultural Economics, Teaching Assistant for Prof. Alberto Alesina

Spring 2017/8 MiE Political Economy, Teaching Assistant for Prof. Pierre Boyer

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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Referee for: *Review of Economics and Statistics*

## PUBLICATIONS

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**“Expressive Voting and its Cost: Evidence from Runoffs with Two or Three candidates”, (with Vincent Pons), *Econometrica* 86, no. 5 (September 2018)**

In French parliamentary and local elections, candidates ranked first and second in the first round automatically qualify for the second round, while a third candidate qualifies only when selected by more than 12.5 percent of registered citizens. Using a fuzzy RDD around this threshold, we find that the third candidate’s presence substantially increases the share of registered citizens who vote for any candidate and reduces the vote share of the top two candidates. It disproportionately harms the candidate ideologically closest to the third and causes her defeat in one fifth of the races. Additional evidence suggests that these results are driven by voters who value voting expressively over voting strategically for the top-two candidate they dislike the least to ensure her victory; and by third candidates who, absent party-level agreements leading to their dropping out, value the benefits associated with competing in the second round more than influencing its outcome.

## WORKING PAPERS

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**“Better Alone? Evidence on the Costs of Intermunicipal Cooperation”, 2019 ([Job Market Paper](#))**

What is the optimal jurisdiction size? While central governments tend to encourage intermunicipal cooperation in order to achieve economies of scale, municipalities are often reluctant to integrate. Exploiting a 2010 reform in France that forced non-integrated municipalities to enter an intermunicipal community, this paper provides causal evidence that resistance is driven by local costs of integration. Using a difference-in-differences strategy, I first find that municipalities forced to integrate experienced a 12.4 percent increase in the number of building permits delivered, raising congestion in urban municipalities. Second, I find that rural municipalities experienced a decrease in the number of public service facilities located within their territory, increasing the distance to public services for their residents. Additional results suggest that these costs are sufficiently high to offset the benefits of integration in terms of better access to public transport and higher fiscal revenues. These findings shed new light on the factors explaining municipalities' resistance while stressing the consequences of changing the scale of decision making.

**“Rankings Matter Even When They Shouldn't: Bandwagon Effects in Two-Round Elections”, (with Vincent Pons), *Harvard Business School Working Paper, No. 19-026, September 2018***

To predict others’ behavior and make their own choices, voters and candidates can rely on information provided by polls and past election results. We isolate the impact of candidates’ rankings using an RDD in French local and parliamentary two-round elections, where up to 3 or 4 candidates can qualify for the second round. Candidates who barely ranked first in the first round are more likely to run in the second round (5.6pp), win (5.8pp), and win conditionally on running (2.9 to 5.9pp), than those who barely ranked second. The effects are even larger for ranking second instead of third (23.5, 9.9, and 6.9 to 12.2pp), and ranking third instead of fourth also increases candidates’ second round outcomes (14.6, 2.2, and 3.0 to

5.0pp). These results are largest when the candidates have the same political orientation (making coordination relatively more important and desirable), but they remain strong when two candidates only qualify for the second round (and there is no need for coordination), suggesting that bandwagon effect is an important driver of voter behavior and election outcomes.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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“Effects of Campaign Spending Rules on Candidate Selection and Election Outcomes”, 2019 (with Nikolaj Broberg and Vincent Pons)

“Can Direct Contacts Improve Information and Access to Local Public Services?”, 2017 (with Vincent Pons)

## POLICY REPORT

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“Expressive Voting and Its Costs.” (with Vincent Pons and Vestal McIntyre), IPP Policy Brief, N°40, Institut des Politiques Publiques, May 2019.

## INVITED SEMINARS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- 2019 Political Economy and Culture Lunch – Harvard University; Urban Economic Association Meeting – Philadelphia; PEARL Workshop – Rennes; Collège de France Innovation Lab seminar – Paris; Workshop in Political Economy and Public Economics – Munich; Transatlantic Theory Workshop – Nuffield College, Oxford; Applied Economics Lunch Seminar – PSE, Paris; ECHOPPE Workshop – Sciences Po, Paris; LIEPP seminar – Sciences Po, Paris; EUI Econometrics/Applied Micro Research Workshop – Florence; Workshop on Political Economy – Ecole Polytechnique, Paris; Political Economy Research Workshop – Harvard University.
- 2018 Sciences Po Lunch Seminar – Paris; Workshop on Political Economy – Ecole Polytechnique, Paris; NBER Political Economy Program Meeting – Boston; AFSE Meeting – Paris; LAGV 2018 – Aix-en-Provence; Barcelona GSE Summer Forum; CSDI Seminar – Vanderbilt University; Political Economy and Culture Lunch – Harvard University; Political Economy Research Workshop – Harvard University.
- 2017 Cevipof Political Behaviour Seminar – Paris; IAST-Sciences Po Conference – Paris; D-TEA – Paris; Political Economy Workshop – Rotterdam, The Netherlands; Brussels PECO – Brussels, Belgium; PET Conference – Paris; Political Economy and Culture Lunch – Harvard University; Political Economy Research Workshop – Harvard University; Research Workshop in American Politics – Harvard University; Economics Seminar – Maryland University; Brown Bag Seminar – Rice University; Political Science Seminar – Texas A&M University.
- 2016 APSA Annual Meeting – Philadelphia, USA

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

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- 2019 Honorable Mention – Urban Economics Association best student papers
- 2016-2019 Full Ph.D scholarship – Ecole Polytechnique (Allocation Labex ECODEC)
- 2015 AX Prize for the Master Thesis “Does Political Offer Shape Electoral Outcomes?”

## LANGUAGES

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Languages French (native), English (fluent), Spanish (good)