

# Yann ALGAN

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## SHORT BIO

**Yann Algan** is the Dean of the School of Public Affairs and Professor of Economics at Sciences Po. His research focuses on Digital Economy and Public Action 3.0. He also specializes on social capital and well-being in relation to individual outcomes and economic behavior, with particular attention to the role of education, culture, and institutions. His work incorporates methods from psychology, sociology, and economics, including randomized evaluations of public policies. He is a member of the OECD High Level Expert Group on Well-Being, and is affiliated with CEPR and IZA. His awards include the Best French Young Economist (2009), and his books on trust and French society have been awarded Best French Economics Book and French Essay (2009) and Best French Economics Book, Prix Lycéen (2013). In 2010 he was awarded an ERC Starting Grant for his project “Trust”. In 2015, he received a second ERC grant, a consolidator one, for the project “Sowell” on Social Preferences, Well-Being, and Policy”

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## CONTACT

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## PERSONAL

<b>Born:</b>	3 April 1974, Paris
<b>Citizenship:</b>	French
<b>Languages:</b>	French, English

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## POSITIONS

### Main jobs

- Professor of Economics, Sciences Po Paris : 2008 – present
- Dean School of Public Affairs Sciences Po, 2015- present

### Academic affiliations

- OECD High Level Expert Group on Well-Being

- Co-director of the Research center on labor market policy (Sciences Po, Crest, Dares, Pole Emploi, Unedic, Alpha), 2012-present.
- Director of the Macroeconomic Program CEPREMAP: 2008-present
- Research fellow at CEPR: 20010-present: Labor, Public Policy and Macroeconomic Economics Program
- Research fellow at IZA: 2004-present

### **Past Position**

- Professor of Economics, Paris School of economics: 2006-2008
- Professor of Economics, Paris East University: 2004–2007
- Assistant Professor : Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne (2002-2004)

### **Visits**

- Visiting professor, Harvard University, 2008
- Visiting scholar: Massachusetts Institute of Technology MIT, 2007
- Post-PhD: University of California San Diego UCSD, 2002

### **Impact factor** (as of March 2015):

- Google citation index: h-index: 22
- Citations: 2573

## **AWARDS and GRANTS**

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### **Grants:**

- European Commission, Consolidator Grant ERC, 2015-2020, “Trust, Well Being and Public Policy”, 1,000,000 euros
- European Commission, Starting Grant ERC, 2010-2014, “Trust”, 1,000,000 euros

### **Awards:**

- 2009 : “Best French Young Economist”, Le Cercle des économistes - Le Monde
- Book Prize: Best French Economic Book, 2012 – Prix Lycéen for “La Fabrique de la Défiance...(Comment s’en sortir) », with Pierre Cahuc and André Zylberberg, Albin Michel 2012.
- Best French Economic Book, 2008, and . Best French Essay 2008 for “La société de défiance: comment le modèle social s’autodétruit”, with Pierre Cahuc, October 2007, Editions de la Rue d’Ulm, collection CEPREMAP.
- Best French Ph.D thesis, 2002
- Institut Universitaire de France, 2014-2019

## **EDUCATION**

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- Agrégation des universités en Sciences-Economiques, 2004
- Post-Ph.D, University of California San Diego, UCSD, 2002
- Ph.D in Economics, University Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, 2001
- Master in Philosophy, University Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, 1998

## RESEARCH TOPICS

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- Public economics
- Cultural Economics- Social Interactions
- Political economy
- Experimental Economics
- Labor Economics
- Social Networks
- Well-being

## RESEARCH

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## BOOKS

- Participation to the CORE Curriculum Project,
- Cultural integration of immigrants in Europe, Oxford University Press, 2012, with Alberto Bisin, Alan Manning and Thierry Verdier
- « La Fabrique de la défiance », with Pierre Cahuc and André Zylberberg, Albin Michel, 2012.
- “La société de défiance: comment le modèle social s’autodétruit”, with Pierre Cahuc, October 2007, Editions de la Rue d’Ulm, collection CEPREMAP.

## PUBLISHED PAPERS

### Political Economy, Social Interactions, Public Policy, Cultural Economics

1. “The long-term impact of social training at school entry: a randomized trial”, with Elizabeth Beasley, Richard Tremblay and Frank Vitaro, *Revise and Resubmit Science*
2. “The social impact of ethnic diversity: A randomized trial”, with Camille Hémet and David Laitin, 2015. Forthcoming *Journal of Political Economy*
3. “The superiority of economists”, with Marion Fourcade and Etienne Ollion *Journal of Economic Perspectives, 2015*
4. “Family values and Labor Regulation”, with Alberto Alesina, Paola Giuliano and Pierre Cahuc, 2015, Forthcoming *Journal of the European Economic Association*
5. “Efficient and Inefficient States”, with Pierre Cahuc and Marc Sangnier, Sciences Po 2014 (IZA top 5), Forthcoming in the *Economic Journal*
6. “Trust, Well-Being and Growth: New Evidence and Policy Implications”, with Pierre Cahuc, *Handbook of Economic Growth, Eds Aghion and Durlauf, 2014*
7. “Trust and Growth”, with Pierre Cahuc, *Annual Review of Economics, 2014*

8. “Teaching practices and Social Capital”, with Pierre Cahuc and Andrei Shleifer, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 5, no. 3: 189-210. 2013
9. “The State and the Civil Society in the making of Social Capital”, with Philippe Aghion and Pierre Cahuc, *Journal of European Economic Association*, vol. 9(1), p. 3-42, 2011
10. “Regulation and Distrust”, with Philippe Aghion, Pierre Cahuc and Andrei Shleifer, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, vol. 125(3), pages 1015-1049, 2010
11. “Inherited Trust and Growth”, with Pierre Cahuc, *American Economic Review*, vol. 100(5), pages 2060-92, 2010
12. “The economic situation of Immigrants and their Children in France, Germany, and the UK”, with Cristian Dustman, Albert Glitz and Alan Manning, *Economic Journal*, 2010
13. “Civic Culture and Labor Market Institutions”, with Pierre Cahuc, *American Economic Journal*, 2009: 1-55 (IZA Top 10 most reading paper 2007).
14. “The roots of low European employment: family culture?”, with Pierre Cahuc, *NBER Macroeconomic Annual*, Pissarides, C. and Frenkel, J., eds, 2007.
15. “Job protection: the Macho Hypothesis?”, with Pierre Cahuc, *Oxford Review of Economic Policy*, 2006.
16. “Public employment and Labor market performances”, with Pierre Cahuc and André Zylberberg, *Economic Policy*, vol. 17, pp. 6-60, 2002.

### **Macroeconomics: inequalities and public policies**

17. “The impact of monetary shocks under incomplete markets”, with Olivier Allais, Edouard Challe and Xavier Ragot, *Revise and Resubmit Journal of Monetary Economics*
18. “Heterogeneity in Macroeconomics”, with Olivier Allais and Wouter Den Haan, *Handbook of Computational Economics*, , Editors: Ken Judd and John Rust, 2014.
19. “Short-run effect of monetary policy under incomplete markets”, with Edouard Challe and Xavier Ragot, *Economic Theory* 2011
20. “Macroeconomic implication of Financial policy with heterogeneous agents”, with Olivier Allais and Eva Carceles-Podeva, *Review of Economic Dynamics*, 2011
21. “Monetary Policy with Heterogeneous Agents and Borrowing Constraints”, with Xavier Ragot, *Review of Economic Dynamics* 2011.
22. “Heterogeneity, Inequalities and Macroeconomics”, with Olivier Allais and Wouter Den Haan, *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*, 2011.

23. “Solving heterogeneous-agent models with parameterized cross-sectional distributions”, with Olivier Allais and Wouter Den Haan, *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*, 2008.
24. “Self-insurance and Inequality”, with Arnaud Chéron, Jean-Olivier Hairault and François Langot, *Economic Letters*, 2004.
25. “Wealth effect and Labor Market Transitions”, with A. Chéron, J.O Hairault and F. Langot, *Review of Economic Dynamics*, vol.1, pp. 112-140, 2003.
26. “Incomplete Unemployment Insurance under Aggregate Fluctuations”, with Olivier Allais, *Economics Bulletin*, 2004.
27. “How well does the Aggregate Demand - Aggregate Supply framework explain unemployment fluctuations? ”, *Economic Modelling*, vol. 19, pp. 153-177, 2002.

#### *In French*

28. “Assurance chômage : au-delà de la vision désincitative”, with Bruno Decreuse, Pierre Cahuc, François Fontaine et Solène Tanguy, *Revue française d'économie*, 2006.
29. “Epargne de précaution, assurance chômage et réseaux sociaux”, with Bruno Decreuse, Pierre Cahuc, François Fontaine et Solène Tanguy, *Revue d'économie politique*, 2005.
30. “Une évaluation quantitative du rôle assurantiel de l'épargne de précaution”, with Arnaud Chéron, Jean-Olivier Hairault et François Langot, *Annales d'Economie et de Statistique*, 2005.
31. “Epargne de précaution et recherche d'emploi”, with Antoine Terracol, *Economie et Statistiques*, 2001.

## **WORKING PAPERS**

- “The long-term impact of social training at school entry: a randomized trial”, with Elizabeth Beasley, Sylvana Côté et Richard Tremblay, 2013. *Revise and Resubmit Science*
- ‘Big Data Measures of Human Well-Being: Evidence from a Google Stress Index on US states’, with Elizabeth Beasley, Florian Guyot and Fabrice Murin, 2014
- “Cooperation in Peer-Production Economy: Experimental Evidence from Wikipedia”, with Yochai Benkler and Jérôme Hergueux, 2014.
- “The economic incentives of cultural transmission: spatial evidence from naming patterns across France”, with Thierry Mayer and Mathias Thoenig, Working Paper 2014.

## TEACHING experience

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### *Administrative tasks*

Co-head of the Sciences Po Master-PhD program *Economics and Public Policy*, joint with ENSAE and Ecole Polytechnique

### *Courses*

- Introduction to Macroeconomics: Undergrades Sciences Po (2008-)
- Advanced macroeconomics : Graduate course (Master EPP: 2008-2012)
- Evaluation of Public Policies : Graduate course (Master of Public Affairs: 2008-)
- Political Economy : Graduate course (Master EPP : 2008-)

## EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

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**Board of Editors:** *Economic Policy Panel, Annales d'Economie et de Statistiques*

**Refereeing :** *American Economic Review, American Economic Journal, Journal of European Economic Association, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Review of Economic Studies.*