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ROMAIN HOUSSA

PERSONAL

Date and place of Birth: 27 February 1974, Cotonou (Benin)
 Marital Status: Married, two children
 Citizenship: Benin and Belgium
 Home Address: Waversebaan 147, B-3001 Heverlee (Belgium).

UNIVERSITY DEGREES

PhD. in Economics, KU Leuven (Belgium), 2008
 Dissertation: **Macroeconomic Fluctuations in Developing Countries.**
Advisor: Prof. Dr. Hans Dewachter; **Co-Advisor:** Prof. Dr. Paul De Grauwe
M.Sc., Economics, KU Leuven, Major: Monetary Economics. Distinction, 2002.
Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies (M.Sc.), Université de Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.
 Major: Applied and International Macroeconomics. Distinction, 2001. **Best Student Price.**
Maîtrise es Sciences Economiques, Université Nationale du Bénin. Distinction, 1999.

MAIN RESEARCH TOPICS

Applied Macroeconomics; International Macroeconomics; Monetary Economics; Development Economics

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PERMANENT POSITIONS

Professor of Economics, University of Namur, July 2016-present
 Associate Professor of Economics, University of Namur, July 2010-July 2016
 Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Namur, September 2008-July 2010
 Post-doctoral researcher, KU Leuven, May-September 2008
 Research Assistant, International Economics, KU Leuven, 2002-2008

TEMPORARY POSITIONS

Resource Person (Advising researchers), African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) Nov. 2020
 Program director, Specialized master in international and development economics, UNamur, 2019-
 Academic Coordinator, ACROPOLIS-BeFinD project; 2014-2018
 Institutional Capacity Building Program ARES-UAC (Belgium-Benin), PAR1, 2013-present
 Visiting Professor, KULeuven; 2008-present
 Visiting Professor, IREEP (Benin); 2011-present
 Consultant, Now-casting Economics Limited, 2011-2012
 Consultant; United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Feb-Nov.2007, 2021
 Visiting Scholar, Research Department, International Monetary Fund, July-Aug. 2006
 Internship, Research Department, National Bank of Benin, September-November 2004
 Visiting Researcher, CSAE, University of Oxford, April-June 2004
 Consultant, PTCL, Ouagadougou, July-September 2001

TEACHING

Undergraduate: Globalization and International Economic Policy: Critical Questions; Economic Growth 2008-present; Economics of European Integration 2007-2008; University of Namur

Graduate: Economic Fluctuations and Foundations of Macro Policy; Fluctuation and Development; 2008-present; Globalization and Macroeconomic Policies 2010-Present; Global Commodity Markets (2019); Advanced Monetary Economics 2012-present; University of Namur; International Economics 2011-present (IREEP, Benin)

GRADUATE STUDENT PhD DISSERTATION ADVISING

Student Name, my role, year of PhD Defense

Michael Meyer (University of Pretoria), co-promotor, expected 2024
 Hippolyte OUMTOGO (Université Ouaga II), co-promotor, expected 2023
 Kala Brigitte HEMA (Université Ouaga II), co-promotor, expected 2023
 Atté Mélanie Ahoba (UCLouvain), external reader, expected March 2021
 Modeste Dayé, promotor, defense in November 2020
 Jolan Mohimont, promotor, defense in June 2019
 Olivier Hubert, promotor, defense in June 2019
 Kelbesa Megersa (Joint PhD UNamur-UAntwerp), promotor, defense June 2016
 Sisay Regassa Senbeta (University of Antwerp), external reader, defense May 2014
 Abdelaziz Ouedraogo (University of Ouagadougou), external reader, defense May 2014
 Timothée Demont, internal reader, defense January 2013
 Coco Alberto (UCLouvain), external reader, defense September 2012
 Youyou Baende (UCLouvain), external reader, defense September 2012
 Nicolas Debarsy, internal reader, defense June 2011

PUBLICATIONS

PUBLICATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL REFEREED JOURNALS

Financing for Development, (with Xavier Debrun), Guest Managing Editor, Guest Editor, *International Economics*, 2021
 Improve MSMEs access to external financing in Low Income Countries: Is there a role for the Development Cooperation?" (with Modeste Dayé and Paul Reding) *Reflets et Perspectives de la Vie Economique*, 2016/1, pages 9-28
 Significant Drivers of Growth in Africa (with Badunenko, O. & Henderson, D.) *Journal of Productivity Analysis*.
 Voodoo versus fishing committees: the role of traditional and contemporary institutions in fisheries management – (with Briones Alonso, E. & Verpoorten, M.) *Ecological Economics*, 122, p. 61-70
 Resource degradation and income diversification in Benin (with N. Stoop and M. Verpoorten.) *Environment and Development Economics* p. 1-21 21 p, 2016
 The Sources of Business Cycles in a Low Income Country (with J. Mohimont and C. Otrók). *Pacific Economic Review*, 20 p. 125-148, 2015
 The Unintended Consequence of an Export Ban: Evidence from Benin's Shrimp Sector (with M. Verpoorten) *World Development*, 67, p. 138-150 13
 Uncertainty about the Welfare Effects of Consumption Fluctuations. *European Economic Review*, 59 (2013) 35–62
 African Trade Dynamics: Is China a Different Trading Partner? (with P. De Grauwe and G. Piccillo) *Journal of Chinese Economic and Business Studies*, 10, 1(2012), 15-45
 Spatial Propagation of Macroeconomic Shocks in Europe (with H. Dewachter and P. Toffano), *Review of World Economics*, 148, 2 (2012), 377-402
 Dynamic Forecasting Rules and Complexity of Exchange Rate Dynamics (with H. Dewachter, M. Lyrio, and K. P. Rovira (2011) *Review of Business and Economics*. 56 , 4
 A Model for Monetary Policy Analysis for Sub-Saharan Africa (with C. Otrók and R. Puschke), *Open Economies Review*, 21 (2010), 127-145
 Monetary Union in West Africa and Asymmetric Shocks: A Dynamic Structural Factor Model Approach, *Journal of Development Economics* 85 (2008) 319–347

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

Identification of Macroeconomic Factor in Large Panels (with H. Dewachter and L. Bork). *R&R*
 A model for international spillovers in emerging markets (with J. Mohimont and C. Otrók). *R&R*

BOOK CHAPTERS IN BOOK

State Capture in a Rent-Based Economy: An Institutional Diagnostic of Benin, Bourguignon, F. (Ed.), Houssa, R. (Ed.), Platteau, J-P. (Ed.) & Reding, P. (Ed.), Forth, Oxford university Press, 2021
 An appraisal of Benin's institutions: international comparisons, opinion survey and the lessons from growth diagnostics (with François Bourguignon), Chapter 3, in **State Capture in a Rent-Based Economy: An Institutional Diagnostic of Benin** Forthcoming, Oxford university Press, 2021
 Regulation of a dominant sector: a case study of cotton (with Barthélémy Honfoga & and Houinsou Dedehouano with discussion by Véronique Thériault), Chapter 5, in **State Capture in a Rent-Based Economy: An Institutional Diagnostic of Benin** Forthcoming, Oxford university Press, 2021
 The dynamics of bond and equities markets in WAEMU (with Megersa, K., 2018) **The Service Sector and Economic Development in Africa**. New York: Routledge Studies in Development Economics

RESEARCH GRANTS

Excellence of Science (EOS) project-FRNS-FWO, Winners and Losers from Globalization and Market Integration: Insights from Micro-Data, Co-Investigator, 2018-2021.
 National Bank of Belgium, **Private Sector Balance Sheet and the Macroeconomy: A Structural Factor Model Approach 2017-2020**, PI
Economic and Development Institution, Benin Institutional Diagnostic, PI, 2017-2020
ACROPOLIS program: Financing for Development; Academic Coordinator; 2014-2018
IMF/DFID Project on Macro Challenges Facing Low-Income Countries; PI 2013-2014
Fonds Spécial de Recherche. Developing Macroeconomic Stabilization Policies for LIC. PI 2013-2014
National Bank of Belgium Research Fonds, Identification of Risks in the Bond Market of EME-2013
Research Foundation–Flanders (FWO), (with M. Verpoorten and J. Swinnen) Trade Standards and Welfare in Developing Countries 2010-2015, Co-PI
Research Foundation–Flanders (FWO), Regional Effects of Monetary Union: Does Space Matter? (in collaboration with Hans Dewachter) June 2008-2011
AERC Research Grant: Macroeconomic fluctuations in the West African monetary union; 2008-2010, PI

EDITORIAL, REFEREEING AND REVIEWING

EDITORIAL

Editorial Board, Associate Editor, ***International Economics***

REFEREE FOR INTERNATIONAL JOURNALS

Journal of Development Economics ; *Journal of Development Studies* ; *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*; *Journal of Macroeconomics*; *Journal of Economic Integration*; *International Journal of Finance & Economics*; *North American Journal of Economics and Finance*, *Journal of Common Market Studies*; *Economie et Prévision*; *Journal of African Economies*; *Louvain Economic Review*; *Review of Business and Economic Literature*, Member of the referee committee of the XIIth Spring Meeting of Young, *Revue d'Analyse des Politiques Économiques et Financières (RAPEF)*

GRANT PROPOSAL REVIEWER

Agence Nationale de la Recherche ; *European Commission (FP7-grant)* ; *Global Development Network, AERC*

AFFILIATIONS AND NETWORK

CESifo Research Network Fellow, Institute for Empirical Research in Political Economy (IREEP, Benin); African Economic Research Consortium (AERC); CESifo, Macro Money and International Finance; International Eco. Research Group (CES, KU Leuven); European Economic Association (EEA); Royal Economic Society (RES); the International Institute of Forecasters (IIF), South African Macroeconomic Network (SAMNET), Pan-African Scientific Research Council (PASRC), AEA