

Briac SOCKALINGUM

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Summary

Early-career economist-technologist with a triple background from UC Berkeley, Sciences Po, and Assas, focused on blockchain, AI and their economic & institutional impacts. Formerly Wavestone's youngest analyst in France, working on financial services tech, now building AI education tools & DeFi applications. Blend rigorous econometrics and IT economics with hands-on product work and policy-adjacent experimentation in my research work.

Open to Pre-Doc RA positions on tech & innovation economics topics. Open to entrepreneurship programs.

Key Skills

Coding Languages: Python, R, Introductory SQL & STATA Notions, \LaTeX , Introductory notions for AI Agents (MCP, ...)

Strategic Skills: Economic Analysis (Econometrics) & Business Intelligence (Power BI), Negotiation

Languages: English; French; Spanish (limited working proficiency); Basic Notions in Arabic & Mandarin

Relevant Work Experience

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| <p>Oxford University, Saïd School of Business, Pre-Doc Economics Researcher</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part-time Remote Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow (Probationary) at Oxford, Saïd Business School, working with Professor Kejia Hu on AI-driven empirical research Built research pipelines to evaluate the rigor of quantitative methodologies in management journals, with a focus on missing-data reporting and treatment practices; delivered Monte Carlo simulations, missing-data diagnostics, & deep-learning/LLM-based methodology extraction tools for literature synthesis and technical reporting | <p>Paris
March. 2026 to April. 2026
1 month</p> |
| <p>IMT Business School, Pre-Doc Economics Researcher</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I assist Professor Maximilian Schäfer on a project measuring the impact of Google's AI Overviews on web traffic using staggered DiD designs, and another building a general equilibrium model assessing the impact of data centers on local economies In charge of econometric work (cleaning, structuring, staggered DiD, robustness checks), including building Wayback Machine scrapers for robots.txt governance analysis | <p>Paris
Oct. 2025 to Mar. 2026
6 months</p> |
| <p>Compas'Sup, Co-Founder & Chief Operating Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-founded an AI-native EdTech startup, from a free Parcoursup matching app to a pivot toward automating university administrative workflows Oversee product, sales and operations: AI stack (agentic AI, RL, LLMs with RAG), HR, legals, and institutional partnerships; supported by the Sciences Po incubator | <p>Berkeley & Paris
Nov. 2023 to Present
2 years</p> |

Additional Work Experience

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| <p>Wavestone, Analyst in Digital Transformation, Financial Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advised major banking and insurance clients (including two global top insurers) on tech and regulatory disruption, contributing to large-scale programs in event-driven architecture (EDA) and IT process automation Led AI and blockchain workstreams for internal projects (benchmarks, strategy notes), and was selected as Wavestone's first analyst in France without a master's degree, joining full-time at 19 and quickly ranked among top performers | <p>Paris
Jan. 2025 to Jun. 2025
6 months</p> |
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Education

- BA University Paris Panthéon Assas**, Online Law Degree Sept. 2025 to May 2026
- **Coursework:** European Law, Corporate Law, Special Contracts, Tax Law, Labor Law, US Constitutional Law, International Law
- BA University of California, Berkeley**, Political Economy (Technology Concentration) Sept. 2021 to Dec. 2024
- GPA: 3.8/4.0
 - **Coursework:** Micro & Macro Economics, Econometrics, IT Economics & Strategy, Sociology of Technologies, Energy Systems & Economics, Statistics, Security Policy
- BA Sciences Po**, Economics & Sociology, Minor in International Relations Sept. 2021 to Dec. 2024
- GPA: 14/20
 - **Coursework:** Economics, AI in Public Policy, International Relations, Quantitative & Qualitative Research Methodology. Research Certificate in Gender Studies

Projects

- Yield App** Oct. 2024 to Present
- EthGlobal San Francisco & Cannes Hackathons Prize Winning Team ([SF Showcase 2024](#)) ([Cannes Showcase 2024](#))
 - Built a fully functional consumer-oriented DeFi mobile app that optimizes cross-chain lending yields using AI Agents
 - Product Owner role, responsible for the ideation, business strategy, partner relationship, pitch, and some technical implementation
- Playlab AI – Go-To-Market (Pro-bono, UC Berkeley Changemakers “AI in Education”)** Oct. 2024 to Dec. 2024
- Supported the adoption and implementation of Playlab AI’s educational solutions across California Community Colleges and town halls
 - Helped design a renewed pedagogical program and participated in training sessions for professors
 - Led the development and deployment of multiple chatbots for Californian town halls.
- Economics Working Paper: Modelling Cryptocurrencies Adoption Choice** May 2024
- This is a personal paper giving a first try to model the adoption of cryptocurrencies in economies as a producer behavior
 - I realized this paper for a graduate-level class on IT economics and business strategy and extended it with Thomas NOEL (MSc, Paris School of Economics)
- Socrates’ Protocol** Jul. 2023
- EthGlobal Paris hackathon ([Showcase](#))
 - Built a decentralized information-scoring protocol to fight against fake news
 - Product Owner role, responsible for the ideation, qualitative analysis, and pitch

Additional Experience And Awards

Undergraduate Research Assistant: I researched archived French diplomatic exchanges about the United States in relation to weapon trade and movement for Professor Brian DeLay at the UC Berkeley History Department.

Reserve Gendarme: Non-commissioned officer in the French Gendarmerie nationale (Gendarme/Sergeant rank). Participated in different missions from civilian law enforcement to judiciary cases in the Champagne region, as well as military deployment missions in the North of France.

Simone Sciobereti Scholarship Recipient: Partial Room & Board Merit-based Scholarship Award for the International House at UC Berkeley.

Volunteer at Various Tech Events: ADAN Web3 Leaders Forum; Polygon Labs Events; Viva Tech; Metaverse Summit.