

# Yann ALGAN

**Dean, School of Public Affairs, Sciences Po**  
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## BIOGRAPHIE

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**Yann Algan** is the Dean of Sciences Po's School of Public Affairs, professor of Economics at Sciences Po and a member of the *Conseil d'Analyse Économique* (Council for Economic Analysis) and of the *Conseil National du Numérique* (National Council for Digital Technology). His research focuses on populism, social capital, well-being, the evaluation of the public policies, particularly in the area of education and employment, as well as on the digital transformation of public action. The methods that he employs come from various academic disciplines at the crossroads of Economics, Psychology and Big Data. They include controlled experiments for the evaluation of public policies.

Yann Algan is a member of the OECD High Level Expert Group (HLEG) on well-being and co-director of the *Observatoire du Bien-être* (Well-being Observatory). He is a member of the *Institut Universitaire de France* and Senior Editor of the review *Economic Policy*.

In 2009, he received the award for Best Young Economist in France. His books on trust and French society have been awarded Best French Essay in 2007, Best French Economics Book in 2008 (« La société de défiance », Editions rue d'Ulm), and the Highschooler's Prize for Best Economics book 2012 (« La fabrique de la défiance ») and again in 2019 (« Les Français, le Bonheur et l'Argent »). His research is published in the most prestigious international reviews and has been promoted by two separate European Research Council (ERC) grants : the first in 2010 for the Trust project and the second a *consolidator* grant in 2015 for the SOWELL project on Social Preferences, Well-being and Policy.

## CONTACT

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## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Date of birth : 3 April 1974, Paris

Nationality : French

Languages : French, English

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Main roles

- Dean of the School of Public Affairs, Sciences Po, Paris, 2016 – present.
- Professor of Economics, Sciences Po, Paris, 2008 – present.
- Member of the *Conseil d'Analyse Économique* and of the *Conseil National du Numérique*.

### Affiliations

- OECD High Level Expert Group on Well-Being
- Member of the *Institut Universitaire de France*, 2016 – present.
- Co-holder of the Chair on the « Safeguarding of career paths » (Sciences Po, Crest, Dares, Pole Emploi, Unedic, Alpha), 2012 – present.
- Co-director of the *Observatoire du Bien-être* at CEPREMAP (Center for Economic Research and Its Applications).
- Research fellow with CEPR (Labor, Public Policy and Macroeconomic Economics Program) and IZA.

### Previous roles

- Visiting professor, Harvard University, 2008.
- Visiting scholar, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), 2007.
- Professor, Paris School of Economics and Paris East University, 2004 – 2006.
- Assistant professor, Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, 2002 – 2004.
- Post-doctoral researcher, Université of California San Diego (UCSD), 2002.

### Impact factor(as of January 2019)

- Google citation index : 32 (h-index)
- Citations : 5880

## DISTINCTIONS et BOURSES

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### Awards

- France's Best Young Economist, 2009, Le Cercle des économistes - Le Monde.
- Best French Economics Book – Highschooler's award 2018 for « Les Français, le Bonheur et l'Argent », with Claudia Sénik and Elizabeth Beasley.
- Best Economics Book – Highschooler's award 2012 for « La Fabrique de la Défiance... et comment s'en sortir », with Pierre Cahuc and André Zylberberg, Albin Michel, 2012.
- Best Economics Book 2008 et Best Essay 2007 for « La société de défiance : comment le modèle social s'autodétruit », with Pierre Cahuc, Éditions Ulm - CEPREMAP, 2007.
- Best PhD thesis, 2002.
- Member of the *Institut Universitaire de France*, 2014-2019.

### Grants

- European Commission, Consolidator Grant ERC, 2015-2020, "Trust, Well Being and Public Policy", 2,000,000 euros
- European Commission, Starting Grant ERC, 2010-2014, "Trust", 1,000,000 euros

## EDUCATION

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- *Agrégation des universités en sciences économiques*, 2004.
- Post-doctoral researcher in Economics, University of California San Diego (UCSD), 2002.
- PhD in Economics, Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, 2001.
- Master in Philosophy, Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, 1998.

## RESEARCH TOPICS

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- Populism
- Digital and collaborative economy
- E-Gov and the digital transformation of public action
- Public policy evaluation: Education et employment
- Trust, Well-being and Management
- Experimental economics and psychological economics

## PUBLICATIONS and RESEARCH

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Link to *Google scholar* citations : [here](#)

## BOOKS

- « Les Origines du Populisme », avec Elizabeth Beasley, Daniel Cohen et Martial Foucault, La République des idées, 2019.
- « Econofides », interactive e-books and micro-learning platforms for teaching high school Economics.
- « Les Français, le Bonheur et l'Argent », avec Claudia Sénik et Elizabeth Beasley, Éditions de la rue d'Ulm, Highschooler's Prize for Best Economics Book 2018.
- The Economy, CORE – Eyrolles 2018 (International initiative for renewing the teaching of Economics in universities).
- « L'Etat en Mode Start-Up », avec Thomas Cazenave, Eyrolles, 2016
- 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.

## REPORTS Public Policies

- « Gilets jaunes et Politiques Publiques », Rapport Conseil d'analyse économique 2018.
- « Pour une Ecole du XXIeme siecle », Rapport Conseil d'analyse économique 2018.

- « Action Publique 3.0 », avec Maya Baccache et Anne Perrot, Rapport du Conseil d'analyse économique, 2016.
- « Trust, Well-Being and Public Policy », Rapport mondial OECD avec sur les mesures du bien-être et du progrès social avec J.Stiglitz et A.Sen, 2018.
- « La Confiance en Entreprise », Rapport Institut Montaigne 2018.
- “Mindset Change and Employment: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment with Young Disadvantaged People”, avec Elise Huillery, Bruno Crépon and William Parienté, 2015.
- “The Impact of Violence at School on Educational Performances”, avec Elise Huillery et Nina Guyon, 2015.
- “The Impact of a Large-Scale Mindset Intervention on School Outcomes and Dropouts: Experimental Evidence from France”, avec Elise Huillery.

## **PUBLISHED ARTICLES**

### **Political Economy and Public Policy,**

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. “Association Between Childhood Behaviors and Adult Employment Earnings”, avec Vergunst F Tremblay RE, Nagin D Beasley E, Park J, Galera C, Vitaro F, Côté SM, forthcoming *JAMA Psychiatry* 2019.
3. “Childhood environmental harshness predicts coordinated health and reproductive strategies: A cross-sectional study of a nationally representative sample from France,” avec Hugo Mell, Lou Safra, Nicolas Baumard and Coralie Chevallier, *Evolution and Human Behavior* 2018.
4. “Well-Being through the lens of Big Data”, avec E. Beasley, Fabrice Murtin, Claudia Senik, *Plos-One*, 2018.
5. “The European Trust Crisis”, avec Sergei Guriev, Brookings Paper of Economic Activity 2018.
6. “The social impact of ethnic diversity: A randomized trial”, with Camille Hémet and David Laitin, 2016. *Journal of Political Economy*.
7. “The superiority of economists”, with Marion Fourcade and Etienne Ollion *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 2015 (featured in *The Economist*, *The New York Times*....).
8. “Family values and Labor Regulation”, with Alberto Alesina, Paola Giuliano and Pierre Cahuc, 2015, *Journal of the European Economic Association*.
9. “Efficient and Inefficient States”, with Pierre Cahuc and Marc Sangnier, Sciences Po 2014 (IZA top 5), *Economic Journal*.

10. "Trust, Well-Being and Growth: New Evidence and Policy Implications", with Pierre Cahuc, *Handbook of Economic Growth*, Eds Aghion and Durlauf, 2014.
11. "Trust and Growth", with Pierre Cahuc, *Annual Review of Economics*, 2014.
12. "Teaching practices and Social Capital", with Pierre Cahuc and Andrei Shleifer, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 5, no. 3: 189-210, 2013.
13. "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.
14. "Regulation and Distrust", with Philippe Aghion, Pierre Cahuc and Andrei Shleifer, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, vol. 125(3), pages 1015-1049, 2010.
15. "Inherited Trust and Growth", with Pierre Cahuc, *American Economic Review*, vol. 100(5), pages 2060-92, 2010.
16. "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.
17. "Civic Culture and Labor Market Institutions", with Pierre Cahuc.  
*American Economic Journal*, 2009: 1-55 (IZA Top 10 most reading paper 2007).
18. "The roots of low European employment: family culture?", with Pierre Cahuc.  
*NBER Macroeconomic Annual*, Pissarides, C. and Frenkel, J., eds, 2007.
19. "Job protection: the Macho Hypothesis?", with Pierre Cahuc, *Oxford Review of Economic Policy*, 2006.
20. "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

21. “The impact of monetary shocks under incomplete markets”, with Olivier Allais, Edouard Challe and Xavier Ragot, *Revise and Resubmit Journal of Monetary Economics*.
22. “Heterogeneity in Macroeconomics”, with Olivier Allais and Wouter Den Haan, *Handbook of Computational Economics*, Editors: Ken Judd and John Rust, 2014.
23. “Short-run effect of monetary policy under incomplete markets”, with Edouard Challe and Xavier Ragot, *Economic Theory*, 2011.
24. “Macroeconomic implication of Financial policy with heterogeneous agents”, with Olivier Allais and Eva Carceles-Podeva, *Review of Economic Dynamics*, 2011.
25. “Monetary Policy with Heterogeneous Agents and Borrowing Constraints”, with Xavier Ragot, *Review of Economic Dynamics*, 2011.
26. “Heterogeneity, Inequalities and Macroeconomics”, with Olivier Allais and Wouter Den Haan, *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*, 2011.
27. “Solving heterogeneous-agent models with parameterized cross-sectional distributions”, with Olivier Allais and Wouter Den Haan, *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*, 2008.
28. “Self-insurance and Inequality”, with Arnaud Chéron, Jean-Olivier Hairault and François Langot, *Economic Letters*, 2004.
29. “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.
30. “Incomplete Unemployment Insurance under Aggregate Fluctuations”, with Olivier Allais, *Economics Bulletin*, 2004.
31. “How well does the Aggregate Demand - Aggregate Supply framework explain unemployment fluctuations?”, *Economic Modelling*, vol. 19, pp. 153-177, 2002.

## In French

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

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### *Administrative tasks*

Dean, School of Public Affairs, Sciences Po.

### *Courses*

- Introduction to Economics, First-year undergraduate programme, Sciences Po, 2008 – present.
- Political Economy, Master of the School of Public Affairs, Sciences Po, 2008 – 2012.
- Evaluation of Public Policies, Master of the School of Public Affairs, Sciences Po, 2008 – present.
- Political Economy, Master of Economics and Public Policy, Sciences Po, 2008 – present.

## **EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES**

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**Board of Editors (Senior Editor):** *Economic Policy*.

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