

# VICTOR GAY

1 Esplanade de l'Université, T.458  
31080, Toulouse, France



victorgay.me  
victor.gay@tse-fr.eu  
+ (33) 6 22 22 51 70

## CURRENT ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Toulouse School of Economics (TSE) Since 2018  
Research Fellow, Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse (IAST) Since 2018

## PAST ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Michigan 2023–2024

## EDUCATION

*PhD*, Economics, The University of Chicago 2018  
*Master*, Economics, The University of Chicago 2013  
*Master*, Economics, University of Cergy (THEMA) 2012  
*MBA*, ESSEC Business School 2012

## RESEARCH FIELDS

Economic history, labor economics, political economy, economics of culture.

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

### Data Articles

- D1 Victor Gay, Paula E. Gobbi, and Marc Goñi. 2024. "The Atlas of Local Jurisdictions of Ancien Régime France." *Journal of Historical Geography*, 84: 49–60. DOI: 10.1016/j.jhg.2024.03.008
- D2 Victor Gay, Paula E. Gobbi, and Marc Goñi. 2024. "The Customary Atlas of Ancien Régime France." *Explorations in Economic History*, 93: 101588. DOI: 10.1016/j.eeh.2024.101588
- D3 Victor Gay and Pauline Grosjean. 2023. "Morts Pour la France: A Database of French Fatalities of the Great War." *Explorations in Economic History*, 90: 101550. DOI: 10.1016/j.eeh.2023.101550
- D4 Victor Gay. 2021. "Mapping the Third Republic. A Geographic Information System of France (1870–1940)." *Historical Methods: A Journal of Quantitative and Interdisciplinary History*, 54(4): 189–207. DOI: 10.1080/01615440.2021.1937421

### Analysis Articles

- A1 Margot Dazey and Victor Gay. 2024. "The Mosque Nearby. Visible Minorities and Far-Right Support in France." *Comparative Political Studies*, forthcoming. DOI: 10.1177/00104140241283015
- A2 Victor Gay. 2023. "The Intergenerational Transmission of World War I on Female Labor." *The Economic Journal*, 133(654): 2303–33. DOI: 10.1093/ej/uead029
- A3 David le Bris and Victor Gay. 2023. "Distance to Innovations, Kinship Intensity, and Psychological Traits." *PLoS ONE*, 18(1): e0279864. DOI: 10.1371/journal.pone.0279864
- A4 Jörn Boehnke and Victor Gay. 2022. "The Missing Men: World War I and Female Labor Force Participation." *Journal of Human Resources*, 57(4): 1209–41. DOI: 10.3368/jhr.57.4.0419-10151R1
- A5 Michael Albertus and Victor Gay. 2019. "No Better Time Than Now: Future Uncertainty and Private Investment Under Dictatorship." *Economics & Politics*, 31(1): 71–96. DOI: 10.1111/ecpo.12120
- A6 Victor Gay, Daniel L. Hicks, Estafania Santacreu-Vasut, and Amir Shoham. 2018. "Decomposing Culture: An Analysis of Gender, Language, and Labor Supply in the Household." *Review of Economics of the Household*, 16(4): 897–909. DOI: 10.1007/s11150-017-9369-x
- A7 Michael Albertus and Victor Gay. 2017. "Unlikely Democrats: Economic Elite Uncertainty Under Dictatorship and Support for Democratization." *American Journal of Political Science*, 61(3): 624–41. DOI: 10.1111/ajps.12277
- A8 Estefania Santacreu-Vasut, Amir Shoham, and Victor Gay. 2013. "Do Female/Male Distinctions in Language Matter? Evidence from Gender political Quotas." *Applied Economics Letters*, 20(5): 495–8. DOI: 10.1080/13504851.2012.714062

### Replication Articles

- R1 Victor Gay. 2023. "Culture: An Empirical Investigation of Beliefs, Work, and Fertility. A Verification and Reproduction of Fernández and Fogli (2009)." *Journal of Comments and Replications in Economics*, 2: 1–15. DOI: 10.18718/81781.28

### WORKING PAPERS

- WP1 Victor Gay, Paula E. Gobbi, and Marc Goñi. December 2024. "Revolutionary Transition: Inheritance Change and Fertility Decline." CEPR Discussion Paper 18607. Revision resubmitted to the *Journal of Political Economy*. HAL: hal-04285818
- WP2 Michael Albertus and Victor Gay. September 2024. "The Road to Rebellion. Rural Uprisings and State-Building in the Run-Up to the French Revolution" TSE Working Paper 24–1557. Revision requested at the *American Political Science Review*. HAL: hal-04665580
- WP3 Raphaël Franck and Victor Gay. August 2024. "Urbanization and the Change in Political Elites." CEPR Discussion Paper 18737. HAL: hal-04364519

## ORIGINAL DATASETS

- OD1 Victor Gay, Paula E. Gobbi, and Marc Goñi. 2024. *Bailliages in 1789 France*. Harvard Dataverse. DOI: 10.7910/DVN/T8UXHK
- OD2 Victor Gay, Paula E. Gobbi, and Marc Goñi. 2024. *Customs in Ancien Régime France*. Harvard Dataverse. DOI: 10.7910/DVN/HYE2O9
- OD3 Victor Gay and Pauline Grosjean. 2023. *The Morts Pour la France Database*. Harvard Dataverse. DOI: 10.7910/DVN/2APOZ6
- OD4 Victor Gay. 2021. *The Third-Republic France Geographic Information System (1870–1940)*. Harvard Dataverse. Dataverse: TRF-GIS
- OD5 Victor Gay, Daniel L. Hicks, and Estafania Santacreu-Vasut. 2017. *Grammatical Gender Structures*. Harvard Dataverse. DOI: 10.7910/DVN/XIFPS5

## BOOK CHAPTERS

- BC1 Victor Gay. 2024. “Measuring Female Labor in France at the Turn of the Twentieth Century [La mesure du travail des femmes dans les recensements de la population au tournant du 20e siècle]” In Alain Trannoy and Arundhati Virmani (Eds.), *Economistes et historiens, dialogue de sourds?*, forthcoming. Paris: Odile Jacob. HAL: hal-04737809
- BC2 Victor Gay. 2024. “A Data Paper in the Social Sciences: Why, For Whom, and How? [Un data paper en SHS : pourquoi, pour qui, comment ?]” In Christine Kosmopoulos and Joachim Schopfel (Eds.), *Publier, partager, réutiliser les données de la recherche: les data papers et leurs enjeux*, forthcoming. Lille: Presses universitaires du Septentrion. HAL: hal-03434216
- BC3 Victor Gay, Daniel L. Hicks, and Estafania Santacreu-Vasut. 2016. “Language and Gender Roles among Immigrants to the U.S.: A Historical Perspective.” In Paola Paolini (Ed.), *I Mondi Delle Donne, 165–79*. Roma: Edi Cusano. HAL: hal-02523125

## CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- CP1 Victor Gay and Sébastien Poublanc. 2023. “Espaces construits par la puissance publique et espaces vécus par les justiciables dans le royaume de France (1661–1789).” In *Actes du congrès de la Fédération historique de la région Occitanie*. HAL: hal-04301060
- CP2 Lucas Bourel, Nathalie Hernandez, Nathalie Aussenac-Gilles, Victor Gay, and Sébastien Poublanc. 2022. “Graphes de connaissances pour représenter et analyser l'évolution des territoires en Histoire.” In Nicolas Lasolle, Oliver Bruneau, and Jean Liever (Eds.), *Actes des journées humanités numériques et Web sémantique*, 23–37. Nancy, France. HAL: hal-03683727
- CP3 Victor Gay, Daniel L. Hicks, and Estafania Santacreu-Vasut. 2016. “Migration as a Window into the Coevolution between Language and Behavior.” In Sean G. Roberts, Christine Cuskley, Luke McCrohon, Lluís Barceló-Coblijn, Olga Fehér and Tessa Verhoef (Eds.), *The Evolution of Language: Proceedings of the 11th International Conference (EVOLANG11)*. HAL: hal-02523115

### **NON-PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES**

- NPR1 Victor Gay and Sébastien Poublanc. 2022. “ObARDI: un projet interdisciplinaire pour comprendre la construction de l’État moderne (1661-1789).” *Les Cahiers de Framespa*, 41. DOI: 10.4000/framespa.13379

### **EXTERNAL GRANTS (PI ONLY)**

- G1 DeNazDB (“Who Became a Nazi? A Structured Database of the Denazification Questionnaires from French and American Occupation Zones in Germany, 1945-1949”), ANR-21-FRAL-0005 (co-PI with J. Stuckatz, €167,480), 2022-2026.
- G2 ObARDI (“Ontology-based Ancien Régime Data Infrastructure”), ANR-20-CE38-0015 (€127,807), 2021-2026.
- G3 Arthur H. Cole Grant, Economic History Association (\$5,000), 2020.
- G4 Research grant, Pearson Institute (joint with M. Albertus, \$10,000), 2017-2018.
- G5 Exploratory travel and data grant, Economic History Association (\$2,500), 2016.
- G6 Social sciences division research grant, The University of Chicago (\$7,000), 2015.

### **AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS**

- AF1 Prix Science Ouverte des Données de la Recherche (€10,000), 2022.
- AF2 IAST Interdisciplinary Prize (co-PI with J. Stuckatz, €14,960), 2020.
- AF3 Overall winner of the UChicagoGRAD’s Three-Minute Thesis Competition, 2018.
- AF4 CISSR Research Fellowship, The University of Chicago, 2017-2018.
- AF5 Sherwin Rosen Fellowship, The University of Chicago, 2017-2018.
- AF6 Social Sciences Division Fellowship, The University of Chicago, 2014-2017.
- AF7 Rosen Memorial Fellowship, The University of Chicago, 2013-2014.

### **FORMAL PARTICIPATION TO FUNDED PROJECTS (NON PI)**

- P1 ETAPPS (“Etudier le travail d’anonymisation des publications en sciences sociales”) (PI: Guillaume Garcia), 2025-2028.
- P2 MLSEDV (“De l’apprentissage automatique à l’économétrie structurelle avec des variables discrètes”) (PI: Nour Meddahí), 2025-2028.
- P3 R2E (“Robustness and Replicability in Economics”), DFG-3473/1-1 (PI: Jörg Ankel-Peters), 2023-2025.
- P4 The Many-Economists Project, Sloan G-2022-19377 (PI: Nicholas Huntington-Kline), since 2022.
- P5 Socface (“The Local Face of Social Change: One Century of French Social Structure Seen from the Ground, 1836-1936”), ANR-21-CE38-0013 (PI: Lionel Kesztenbaum), 2022-2026.

- P6 EXO-POPP (“Optical Extraction of Handwritten Named Entities for the Marriage Certificates of the Population of Paris (1880-1940)”), ANR-21-CE38-0004 (PI: Sandra Brée), 2022-2026.
- P7 IDED (“Inheritance, Demographics, and Economic Development”), ERC-947654 (PI: Paula E. Gobbi), 2021-2025.
- P8 POPP (“Océreriser les recensements de la population parisienne de l’entre-deux-guerres”), Collex-Persee POPP (PI: Sandra Brée), 2020-2022.
- P9 SCORE (“Systematizing Confidence in Open Research and Evidence”), DARPA-OSF (PIs: Tim Errington and Andrew Tyner), since 2019.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### External Seminars (36)

**2024:** Bocconi University, Chapman University, Northwestern University, UC Irvine, University of Toronto. **2023:** Boston University / Harvard University (joint), George Mason University, Paris Cité University (LIRAES), The University of Texas at El Paso, University of Michigan (2), University of Pittsburgh. **2022:** Aix-Marseille School of Economics, IÉSEG School of Management, UCLouvain, University Toulouse 2 (Framespa). **2021:** ENS Lyon, Observatoire Midi-Pyrénées, Université Libre de Bruxelles, University of Bordeaux, Sciences Po (CDSP), Sciences Po (CHSP). **2020:** Paris School of Economics. **2019:** Aix-Marseille School of Economics, Bocconi University, Paris School of Economics, Rutgers University. **2018:** Toulouse School of Economics, University of Southern Denmark, University of Toronto. **2017:** Chapman University, Northwestern University, Stanford University. **2015:** Cergy Paris University, Harris School of Public Policy, Paris School of Economics.

### Conferences and workshops (26)

**2024:** ASREC annual conference (Chapman University), ASSA annual meeting (San Antonio), Symposium ANR-COMMUNES (Paris), EEA-ESEM annual meeting (Erasmus University), Webinar “Réutiliser des données” (GTSO-Données). **2023:** AFSE annual congress (Sciences Po), CNEH annual conference (University of Toronto), Webinar “Des Sources aux systèmes d’information géographiques: des outils pour la cartographie dans les humanités numériques” (DYPAC UVSQ / Dlab SHS Paris-Saclay), SSHA annual conference (Washington), VonGrep Workshop in Economic and Entrepreneurial History (UCLA). **2021:** AFSE annual congress (IÉSEG School of Management), Conference #dhnord2021 “Publier, partager, réutiliser les données de la recherche: les data papers et leurs enjeux” (MESHS), Seminar “Des problèmes en partage, des méthodologies divergentes, le regard croisé d’historiens et d’économistes” (Fondation des Treilles), Webinar “Des Sources aux systèmes d’information géographiques: des outils pour la cartographie dans les humanités numériques” (DYPAC UVSQ / Dlab SHS Paris-Saclay), Virtual workshop “Life and Death in the WW1 Trenches: Causes and Consequences” (Center for Economic History at the Australian National University). **2020:** Workshop “Data paper: une incitation à la qualification et à la réutilisation des jeux de données” (MITI, CNRS), ASSA annual meeting (San Diego), EHS annual conference (Oxford). **2019:** EHS annual conference (Queen’s University Belfast), SSHA annual conference (Chicago), SYME annual meeting (Université Libre

de Bruxelles). **2018**: Galatina Summer meetings, HEDG Mini-Workshop (University of Southern Denmark). **2017**: Development Day at Northwestern, EHA annual meeting (San Jose). **2016**: IEA annual meeting (Chicago).

#### Conference discussant

**2024**: ASSA annual meeting (San Antonio). **2022**: IAST workshop “Leadership: Does it Matter?” **2018**: EHA annual meeting (Montreal). **2016**: IEA annual meeting (Chicago).

#### Academic journals refereeing activity (71)

*American Economic Review*, *Review of Economic Studies* (2), *The Quarterly Journal of Economics* (2), *American Political Science Review*, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *American Economic Review: Insights*, *Journal of the European Economic Association* (4), *The Economic Journal* (4), *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Public Economics* (2), *The Journal of Economic History* (4), *European Economic Review* (3), *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization* (4), *Journal of Population Economics* (2), *Labour Economics*, *Public Choice*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Applied Economics* (2), *Applied Economics Letters*, *Children and Youth Services Review*, *Democratization* (2), *Eastern Economic Journal*, *Economics & Human Biology* (5), *Economics & Politics*, *Economic Inquiry* (2), *Financial History Review*, *Geographies*, *Historical Methods: A Journal of Quantitative and Interdisciplinary History* (3), *Humanités Numériques* (4), *International Social Science Journal*, *Journal of Labor Research*, *Journal of Open Humanities Data* (4), *Land* (2), *Strategic Management Journal*, *The Economics of Transition*, *The World Bank Economic Review*.

#### Grants refereeing activity

Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR).

#### Conference refereeing activity

**2024**: AFÉPOP annual conference. **2019–2024**: SYME annual meeting. **2021**: IUSSP international population conference.

#### Book reviews

Roger L. Ransom, *Gambling on War: Confidence, Fear and the Tragedy of the First World War*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018. Reviewed for EH.Net. April 2019.

#### Departmental and professional services

Member of the executive committee of EH.net	Since 2024
Member of the scientific board of <i>Data &amp; Corpus – La revue des données en SHS</i>	Since 2024
Co-pilot of the UT1 Committee for open science	Since 2024
Scientific advisor of the University Data Platform of Toulouse (PUD-T, PROGEDO)	Since 2021
Member of the TSE Research Committee	2023
Member of the IAST Executive Committee, researchers representative	2019–2021
Co-organizer of the Toulouse Summer School in Quantitative Social Sciences.	2020–2025
Co-organizer of the TSE BID Seminar	2020–2023
Co-organizer of the TSE BID Workshop	2018–2023

Co-organizer of the IAST Epistemology Workshop	2021–2022
Co-organizer of the IAST Political Economy Workshop	2022
Co-organizer of the Toulouse History Workshop	2019–2021
Co-organizer of the 7th Toulouse Economics & Biology Workshop	2019

## TEACHING

### Toulouse School of Economics

Economic History (M1)	Since 2020
Institutions and Long-Run Development (M2 PPD)	Since 2019
Applied Econometrics (M1)	Since 2018
Development: Theory, Public Policy, and Historical Perspectives (M2 ETE)	2021–2023
Natural Experiments in History (PhD)	2021–2022
Advanced Public Policy and Applied Economics (PhD)	2019–2020
TSE Inaugural Lecture	2020
Microeconomics (Undergraduate)	2019
PhD (2), M1 (12), and M2 (7) theses supervision.	2019–2024

### University of Michigan

Global Economic History (Undergraduate)	2024
---	------

### ESSEC Business School

Advanced Macroeconomics (MBA)	2015–2016
-------------------------------	-----------

### The University of Chicago

Elements of Economic Analysis (Undergraduate)	2014–2015
---	-----------

## MEDIA AND OUTREACH

**2024:** “Témoignage d’un auteur de *data paper*.” *Quéro mag*, numéro spécial. **2023:** “In the Shadows of War.” *TSE Mag* 25, 17; “Learning from the past.” *IAST Magazine* 20, 12–3. **2022:** “What can political leaders learn from history?” Crossing Channels Podcast. **2021:** “Female labor throughout the twentieth century.” Coffee talk (Tseconomist); “Covid-19 : Comme si nous vivions la grippe espagnole de 1918 et la Grande dépression de 1929.” *L’Opinion*; “Que peut nous apprendre l’histoire sur la Covid-19?” *TSE Mag* 21, 30–1; “La Grande Guerre, une aubaine pour l’industrie textile chinoise.” *Le Point, Phébé*. **2020:** TSE-IAST Public Webinar (Covid and climate); “Comment la grippe espagnole a augmenté la méfiance.” *Le Point, Phébé*. **2019:** “Gender and language.” Coffee talk (Tseconomist); Prendre un café avec un.e chercheur.e. (CNRS); “War and the sexes.” *IAST Magazine* 14, 17. **2018:** “Guerre et genre.” *TSE Mag* 18, 7.

## DISSERTATION

*The Legacy of the Missing Men: World War I and Female Labor in France Over a Century*. 2018.

Granted by the Department of Economics at The University of Chicago.  
Committee: Richard Hornbeck (chair), Steven D. Levitt, Derek A. Neal, and James A. Robinson.