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Research interests

Applied Econometrics, Economic Development, Foreign Direct Investment, International Business

Education

2005	Doctorate, Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne, France
2002	MSc in International and Development Economics, Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne, France
2000	Master, Sciences Po Paris, France

Experience

Full-time academic positions

Since 2017	Professor in Economics, SKEMA Business School, France

Other academic affiliations and appointments

2007 - 2017	Reader, University of Strathclyde, Great Britain
2006 - 2007	Post-doc, Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium

Publications

Peer-reviewed journal articles

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Press and social media

DESBORDES, R. (2023). Faut-il signer le certificat de décès de la mondialisation commerciale ? Major Prépa.

DESBORDES, R. (2021). La banalité de la mondialisation. SKEMA ThinkForward.

DESBORDES, R. (2021). La méritocratie: entre aristocratie et médiocratie. SKEMA ThinkForward.

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MUNIER, F. and DESBORDES, R. (2021). Le climat; l'enjeu qui peut faire basculer la géopolitique mondiale. SKEMA ThinkForward.

GOETHALS, S., DESBORDES, R. and MUNIER, F. (2021). MODERN SLAVERY, any of your Business Education? SKEMA ThinkForward, France.

DESBORDES, R. and MUNIER, F. (2020). Chateaux de cartes, licornes et croissance asiatique. SKEMA ThinkForward.

DESBORDES, R. and MUNIER, F. (2020). Efficience et résilience - le dilemme de l'allocation des moyens. SKEMA ThinkForward.

DESBORDES, R., MUNIER, F. and WANTCHEKON, L. (2020). Esclavage et dissonance cognitive. SKEMA ThinkForward.

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DESBORDES, R. and MUNIER, F. (2020). La consilience ou la convergence des savoirs» : une approche de la complexité; une boussole critique; une voie d'action. SKEMA ThinkForward.

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Other research activities

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