



Romain Legrand
Economist, econometrician
and data scientist

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★ Languages

- French: native**
- English: fluent**

Personal interests

- Martial arts**
- Swimming**
- Travelling**

Profile

Accomplished economist, econometrician and data scientist with 10 years of experience in central banking and the finance industry.

Education

- From 2019 to 2020 **Post-Master's degree in Big data**
[Télécom ParisTech](#) Paris
Master's degree in Big Data with courses in machine learning and deep learning, statistical models, sql/nosql and distributed systems.
- From 2008 to 2014 **PhD in Economics, with a specialization in econometrics and time-series methods**
[University of Cergy Pontoise - ESSEC Business School](#) Cergy
 - structural VAR modelling of the Euro Area with identification of structural breaks.
 - DSGE modelling of the Euro area as an open economy characterised by financial frictions; identification of the welfare benefits of the Euro and the unconventional policies initiated by the ECB.
- From 2007 to 2008 **Research Master in Economics**
[University of Cergy-Pontoise / ESSEC Business School](#) Cergy
- From 2003 to 2007 **Sciences Po**
[Institute of Political Studies](#) Lyon
- From 2001 to 2004 **Bachelor in Foreign Languages, English and Chinese**
[University Jean Moulin Lyon 3](#) Lyon

Professional experience

- Since May 2021 **Quantitative researcher**
[Qube research and Technologies](#) Paris, France
 - use of macroeconomic models to generate global macro signals and design investment strategies; programming and backtesting of the models in Python.
 - implementation of nowcasting models (dynamic factor models) to predict macroeconomic conditions on a daily basis.
 - implementation of yield curve models (Nelson Siegel Svensson) to predict interest rate values and differentials across terms/countries.
 - implementation of monetary strategies (carry, momentum, output gap...) to create global monetary portfolios.
- From 2020 to April 2021 **Quantitative researcher**
[Capital Fund Management](#) Paris
 - development of predictive models for the main macroeconomic aggregates; programming of the models in Python language.
 - comparison of the predictive performances of three classes of models: econometrics (VAR, Bayesian VAR, time-varying Bayesian VAR), nowcasting (dynamic factor model, MIDAS regression, mixed frequency Bayesian VAR), and machine learning (LSTM, random forest and gradient boosting).
- From 2014 to 2018 **Econometrician and economist**
[European Central bank](#) Frankfurt-am-Main, Germany
 - Development of the Bayesian Estimation, Analysis and Regression (BEAR) Toolbox. BEAR is an advanced Bayesian time-series software for forecasting and economic/financial analysis. It is coded in Matlab and includes the latest, state-of-the-art applications. More about BEAR (link to the ECB Working Paper: <https://www.ecb.europa.eu/pub/pdf/scpwps/ecbwp1934.en.pdf>)
 - Drafting of policy notes and economic articles.
 - Training of economists to Bayesian econometric methods. Organisation and participation of research seminars in econometrics. Writing of scientific articles.

Publications and Working papers

- Time-varying Vector Autoregressions: efficient estimations, random inertia and random mean. *MPRA working paper, August 2019.*
 - The Bayesian Estimation, Analysis and Regression (BEAR) toolbox – with Alistair Dieppe and Björn Van Roye. *ECB Working Paper Series No. 1934, July 2016.*
 - Euro introduction: has there been a structural change? Study on 10 - European Union countries. *Economic Modelling No. 40, June 2014.*
 - L'effet dynamique des chocs d'offre et de demande agrégés. Une étude sur le cas allemand. (The dynamic effect of aggregate supply and aggregate demand shocks: study on the German case). *Revue Economique No. 63, January 2012.*
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Technical skills

High proficiency:

- Python (Numpy, Pandas, Matplotlib, ScikitLearn, Keras, Tensorflow)
- Matlab (including Dynare)
- Eviews
- LaTeX

Intermediate proficiency:

- Sql-NoSql (PostgreSQL, Cassandra)
- distributed frameworks (Spark, Hadoop)
- Java programming