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I have been a lecturer in economics in the Social Careers Department of the IUT of Reims-Châlons-Charleville, and affiliated to REGARDS (EA6292) research team of the Centre de Recherche Interdisciplinaire Economie Gestion (CRIEG) since September 2023. I am associated-researcher to the Lille Centre for Sociological and Economic Studies and Research (Clersé-CNRS UMR8019)

Prior to this, I held the position of temporary lecturer and research assistant until the end of February 2023, within the Faculty of economics, social sciences and territories (FaSEST), at the University of Lille, and affiliated to Clersé-CNRS research centre.

While conducting my PhD research, I was successively PhD research fellow at the French Agency for Ecological Transition (Ademe), from 2017 to 2020, then temporary lecturer and research assistant at the Faculty of economics and social sciences (FSES), attached to the Clersé research centre, at University of Lille.

## Research topics :

Fuel poverty — fuel poverty measure — vulnerability — publique action — socioeconomics — economics of conventions — ecological economics — mixed - method research

## Education

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2017–2022	<b>PhD in economics</b> <i>University of Lille</i>
2015–2017	<b>Master Degree in economics — Public economy and management</b> <b>Course Public action, institutions and social and solidarity-based economy (APIESS)</b> <i>University Lille 1</i>
2014–2015	<b>Bachelor Degree in economics and management</b> <i>University Lille 1</i>
2011–2014	<b>Classe préparatoire aux grandes écoles (CPGE) — Field of study B/L (Literature and social sciences)</b> <i>Lycée Faidherbe</i>
2011	<b>French Baccalauréat général scientifique</b> <i>École active bilingue Jeannine Manuel</i>

## PhD thesis prizes

Prix Jacques Tymen 2023 awarded by the Association d'Économie Sociale (AÉS) awarded at the 42nd Journées de l'AÉS, Monday August 28 and Tuesday August 29, 2023 - *Économie sociale Territoires*, at the Université Perpignan Via Domitia University.

PhD thesis prize 2023 awarded by the International Network of Sustainable Development Organizations (RIODD) in partnership with Groupama Asset Management, awarded at the 18th RIODD Congress, on Tuesday 17, Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 October 2023 - *Change or collapse*, at the University of Lille.

## Distinction obtained during the PhD thesis

1st prize of the "Challenge Inter-Doctorants *Rev3 Energy Day*" organized on November 21, 2019, during the event "Recherche et entreprises : les enjeux énergétiques de la troisième révolution industrielle — Une manifestation des *Rev3 energy days* et du réseau Unirev3", at Artois University, campus of Arras.

## PhD thesis

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Defended on October 18, 2022 :

Characterization and management of fuel poverty in France.  
An institutional economic analysis

The thesis was co-financed by the French Agency for Ecological Transition (Ademe) and the University of Lille. The thesis was carried out at the Clersé-CNRS (UMR8019) and the École doctorale Sciences Économiques, Sociales, de l'Aménagement et du Management (ED SÉSAM).

**Committee members :**

- Nathalie Lazaric, Senior Researcher at Côte d'Azur University (referee)
- Franck-Dominique Vivien, Professor at University of Reims Champagne-Ardenne (referee)
- Nicolas Postel, Professor at University of Lille (committee president)
- Patrick Jolivet, Head of Economics and Forecasting Department at Ademe (examiner)
- Florence Jany-Catrice, Professor at University of Lille (supervisor)
- Benoît Lallau, HDR Associate Professor at Sciences Po Lille (co-supervisor)

**Abstract :**

This thesis focuses on the energy access difficulties some households experience. Sometimes referred to as “fuel poverty”, sometimes “energy poverty”, these difficulties to access energy are complex to grasp by a single term. The co-existence of several terms echoes the diversity of themes which energy access refers to, in particular those of environmental inequalities and social justice. Does “energy access” stand for a purely technical issue related to production, distribution and supply activities? But in this case, how can we interpret the implementation of public action that does not relate to these activities? What about the notion of fuel poverty, currently used in France to allude to part of the public action? Fuel poverty has been defined in France since the Grenelle II law of 2010 as a situation in which a person is unable “to obtain the energy supply necessary to satisfy their basic needs due to the inadequacy of their resources or housing conditions”. This definition is rooted in an older institutional framework which was formed in the 1970s and 1980s and could be seen as one of the symptoms of the transition from Fordist capitalism to neoliberal capitalism. Is fuel poverty a particular category of social action or a new category at the crossroads of social and ecological issues?

This thesis questions the processes by which the difficulties of households in terms of energy access are enhanced into a collective problem on the social and ecological levels. Relying on academic, professional and legislative literature, we first show that resorting to fuel poverty as a category of public action is a way of materializing a collective response to certain difficulties of access to energy for households. However, it is insufficient to understand the structure of collective action. Indeed, it refers either to a collection of measures in several categories of actions (energy supply; access to rights and the fight against exclusion; housing renovation), or to a situation of risk that is incompletely defined. We set to enrich this notion of fuel poverty with that of vulnerability in order to consider of the situations of households with difficulties in accessing energy as a continuum from which risks are assessed and qualified as fuel poverty situations for households. We rely on the work of Olivier Godard and Robert Salais to understand, on the one hand, the links between the forms of coordination used to define and take charge of a social and environmental problem, and on the other hand, to express the articulation of different institutional and economic actors. Based on the analysis energy and financial living conditions of households, carried out with the tools of the European Union Statistics on Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC) of 2017, we show that there are forms of insecurity for households, which are then (re)qualified at the institutional level. This plurality of institutional situations of households is examined using the analysis of semi-structured interviews conducted with institutional and economic actors claiming to be involved in the “fuel poverty policy”. We ultimately show that there are two forms of coordination from which institutional and economic actors evaluate households' access to energy, dispatch households among themselves according to their tools to take care of the so-qualified “fuel poor” households, and organize their economic activities. The logics of these two forms are based on a market-civic compromise based on the figure of the solvent consumer and on an industrial-civic compromise based on the figure of the responsible consumer.

## Research activities

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### Publications

- 2024 Sébert A., " Bénédicte Bonzi, *La France qui a faim : le don à l'épreuve des violences alimentaires* ", *Lectures [En ligne]*, Les comptes rendus, mis en ligne le 19 janvier.
- 2019 Sébert A., " Charles-François Mathis, Geneviève Massard-Guilbaud (dir.), *Sous le soleil. Systèmes et transitions énergétiques du Moyen Âge à nos jours* ", *Lectures [En ligne]*, Les comptes rendus, published online on May, 20.

### Conference presentations

- 2024 Sébert A., " Qu'est-ce qu'être précaire énergétique à l'heure de la transition écologique? Une enquête à parti des acteurs de la prise en charge ", Cycle de conférences – *Faculté SESG*, Reims, 19 janvier.
- 2023 Sébert A., " À quoi sert le service public de la performance énergétique de l'habitat? ", 18<sup>e</sup> Congrès du Réseau International de Rechercheur sur les Organisations et le Développement Durable – *Changer ou s'effondrer : penser les questions de transitions écologiques*, Villeneuve d'Ascq, Octobre, 18.
- Sébert A., " Qualifier et prendre en charge les difficultés d'accès à l'énergie des ménages ", Séminaire de rentrée – *Axe Santé, Protection Sociale, Économie Sociale (SPSES)*, Reims, Septembre, 22.
- Sébert A., " Entre co-construction et fragmentation de la mesure de la précarité énergétique : comment rendre compte des difficultés d'accès à l'énergie des ménages? ", 12<sup>nd</sup> Congrès de l'Association française d'économie politique (AFEP) – *Crises et inégalités : comment habiter le monde de demain ?*, Paris, July, 5.
- Sébert A., " « Mesurer les politiques publiques dans un contexte de hausse des énergies ». Comment prendre la mesure de l'urgence en matière de précarité énergétique? Retour réflexif ", 12<sup>nd</sup> Congrès de l'AFEP – *Crises et inégalités : comment habiter le monde de demain ?*, Paris, July, 5.
- Sébert A., " Is energy solidarity a remedy for energy access difficulties of French households or a symptom of a troubled management of these difficulties? ", 6<sup>th</sup> international conference of Economic Philosophy – *Economic Philosophy in the Age of the Anthropocene*, Lille, June, 29.
- 2022 Sébert A., " Aide au paiement et "solidarité" : une activité économique aux marges du marché de l'énergie ", 41<sup>st</sup> Journées de l'Association d'Économie Sociale (AÉS) – *Économie sociale et Crises du XXI<sup>e</sup> siècle*, Grenoble, September, 9.
- Sébert A., " En quoi l'État organise-t-il les leviers d'action des acteurs économiques impliqués dans la prise en charge de la précarité énergétique? ", 11<sup>th</sup> Congrès de l'AFEP – *Qu'est-ce qu'un système économique et social soutenable ?*, Amiens, June, 29.
- 2021 Sébert A., " Lutte contre la précarité énergétique : faire des économies d'énergie une ressource à part entière ", 10<sup>th</sup> Congrès de l'AFEP – *Ressources*, Toulouse [En ligne], June, 30.
- Sébert A., " Rendre compte de la vulnérabilité énergétique à partir de figures de la précarité énergétique ", XXXVI<sup>th</sup> Journées du développement de l'Association Tiers-Monde – *Croissance, développement et inégalités : un développement de plus en plus inégal ?*, Rennes [En ligne], May, 26.

- Sébert A., " Le cadre institutionnel de la lutte contre la précarité énergétique ", Présentation en séminaire interne du Clersé – *séminaire d'économie politique lillois (SEPOL)*, Villeneuve d'Ascq [En ligne], February, 18.
- 2019 Sébert A., " Penser la co-existence des acteurs de la lutte contre la précarité énergétique ", Colloque International Association Française d'Économie Politique (AFEP) – International Initiative for Promoting Political Economy (IIPPE) – *Envisioning the Economy of the Future and the Future of Political Economy*, Lille, July, 3.
- Sébert A., " The socio-economic logic of energy vulnerability in Region Hauts-de-France : an institutionalist approach ", Journée Doctorale du colloque International AFEP-IIPPE – *Envisioning the Economy of the Future and the Future of Political Economy*, Lille, July, 2.
- Sébert A., " "Catégoriser" la précarité énergétique ", Journées des Doctorants du Clersé – *Session 2, Communication libre*, Villeneuve d'Ascq, June, 20.
- 2018 Sébert A., " La transition énergétique, quelle(s) efficacité(s) et sobriété(s) énergétiques pour les ménages ", Journée d'étude du Clersé – *Les Transitions*, Villeneuve d'Ascq, September, 12.
- Sébert A., " Les déterminants socioéconomiques de la vulnérabilité énergétique en France : une enquête en Hauts-de France ", Journées des Doctorants du Clersé – *Session 1, Présentation du sujet de thèse*, Villeneuve d'Ascq, June, 11.

## Research dissemination and scientific mediation activities

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### Public lectures to socio-economic actors

- 2023 Sébert A., " Évaluer la précarité énergétique ", Précarité énergétique : comment accompagner les foyers concernés – *Matinale du réseau Développement Durable*, organisée par la Direction de la transition écologique et du climat (DTEC), June, 15.
- Sébert A., " Mesurer les politiques publiques dans un contexte de hausse des énergies ", Réunion du Groupe de travail "Données" – *GT Données n° 25*, organized by the French Observatoire National de la Précarité Énergétique (ONPE), May, 15.
- 2022 Sébert A., " Qualifications et prises en charge de la précarité énergétique ", table-ronde 1 : Comment les acteurs publics et privés prennent-ils en charge les ménages en situation de précarité énergétique ? – *Séminaire de recherche, 1<sup>re</sup> édition*, organized by the ONPE, October, 28.
- 2020 Sébert A., " Les déterminants socioéconomiques de la vulnérabilité énergétique en France : une enquête en Hauts-de-France ", webconférence – *L'Amphi*, organized by the Agence de Développement et d'Urbanisme de Lille Métropole (ADULM), June, 30.

### Media relations

#### Interventions in the media

- 2022 Sébert A., " En graphiques : comprendre la précarité énergétique en France ", *The Conversation*, published on line on January, 19.
- 2020 Sébert A., " Précarité énergétique : 10 ans plus tard, une notion toujours floue ", *The Conversation*, published on line on November, 22.

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## Requests from journalists

2022 *L'Express*, November.  
*Alternatives Économiques*, October.

## Other request

2023 Interview for the website [lemondedelenergie.com](http://lemondedelenergie.com), to be published online in four parts in winter 2023 :

1. Sébert A., "Précarité énergétique en France : quelle définition et quelle mesure du phénomène ?", *Le Monde de l'Énergie*, published online on January, 11.
2. Sébert A., "Précarité énergétique : quelles évolutions depuis dix ans ?", *Le Monde de l'Énergie*, published online on February, 16.
3. Sébert A., "Précarité énergétique : la réponse publique est-elle adaptée et efficace ?", *Le Monde de l'Énergie*, published online on March, 9.
4. Sébert A., "Quel est l'impact de la crise énergétique actuelle sur la précarité énergétique ?", *Le Monde de l'Énergie*, published online on April, 13.

## Responsabilities

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### Organization of scientific events

2023 Member of the local organizing committee of the 18th conference of Réseau International de Recherche sur les Organisations et le Développement Durable (RIODD) – *Changer ou s'effondrer ?*, organized at University of Lille, cité scientifique campus, from 17th to 19th October.

Member of the local organizing committee of the Doctoral Day of the 18th conference of RIODD, taking place at University of Lille, cité scientifique campus, October, 17.

2019 Member of the local organizing committee of the international conference of Association Française d'Économie Politique (AFEP) – International Initiative for Promoting Political Economy (IIPPE) – *Envisioning the Economy of the Future, and the Future of Political Economy*, organized at SciencesPo Lille, from 2nd to 5th July.

Member of the local organizing committee of the Doctoral Day of the international conference of AFEP – IIPPE, taking place at SciencesPo Lille, July, 2.

### Responsabilities of collective interest

2017–2019 Member of the board of the Lille Centre for Sociological and Economic (Clersé) as representative of the doctoral student body, from November 2017 to December 2019.

## Teaching

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### Teaching activities

Since  
September  
2023 **Junior Lecturer**, University of Reims Champagne-Ardenne – IUT Reims-Châlons-Charleville — Social Careers Department  
*trainee official*

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2022–2023	<b>Temporary lecturer and research assistant (ATER)</b> , University of Lille — Faculty of economics, social sciences and territories (FaSEST) <i>full time from September 2022 to February 2023</i>
2021–2022	<b>ATER</b> , University of Lille — FaSEST <i>part-time from September 2021 to August 2022</i>
2020–2021	<b>ATER</b> , University of Lille — Faculty of economics and social sciences (FSES) <i>full time from Januar 2021 to June 2021</i>
2017–2020	<b>Adjunct associate lecturer</b> , University of Lille — FSES <i>sessional teaching from October 2017 to June 2020</i>

## One-time teaching interventions

2022–2023	" Y a-t-il une Europe de l'énergie? ", 2h, in the course <i>Construction européenne</i> (CM), from Licence 1 Économie et Gestion, University of Lille, on December, 25.
2021–2022	" Précarité énergétique et politiques publiques ", 2h, in the course <i>Habitat, habitants</i> (CM), from Master 2 Sociologie parcours Villes et nouvelles questions sociales (VNQS), University of Lille, on October, 25.

## Other professional experience

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2017–2020	Research fellow, at full time, at the French Agency for Ecological Transition (Ademe), from October 2017 to September 2020.
2019	Attendance in the Master 1 thesis jury of Bouchra Masmoudi, with Benoît Lallau, at Sciences Po Lille, May, 24.
2017	Social impact evaluation of the Lille-based association <i>Les Potes-en-Ciel</i> , from February to July.

## Other informations

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Computer skills (intermediate level) : LaTeX and R.

Operating systems : GNU-Linux and Windows.