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Oxford University, Department of Economics and Mansfield College 7/99-10/13
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The World Bank, DECRG 7/98-7/99
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Ph.D. in Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California, Berkeley. 1989

Licencié in Economics (Grande Distinction), Institut des Sciences Economiques, Catholic University of Louvain. 1980

Licencié in Law (Distinction), Faculty of Law, Catholic University of Louvain. 1978

Publications

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