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Born in Paris and raised in Asnières-sur-Seine, she became involved early on in youth groups and NGOs, advocating against social disadvantage.

After graduating from high school, she studied history and economics at the *École normale supérieure*.



In 1999, she earned her PhD at MIT with a focus on empirical development economics and became a professor in 2004.

In 2003, she co-founded the *Poverty Action Lab* (J-PAL) with two colleagues to fight poverty using evidence-based methods.

She employed randomized controlled trials to evaluate the effectiveness of social interventions.



Her microeconomic research focuses particularly on health, education, and access to finance in developing countries.

In 2019, she received the Nobel Prize in Economics together with her two J-PAL colleagues for this work.

It was just one of many awards she has received for her research on poverty alleviation.

Her work continues to influence policy programs and supports millions of people.





„Wenn man Frauen mehr gibt, geht das bis zu einem gewissen Grad zulasten der Männer. [...]

Ich glaube nicht, dass das stimmt.“

„Giving more to women will, to some extent, come at the expense of men. [...] **I don't think that's true.“**

