

Mahamadou Biga Diambeidou

⇒ **Formation**

- Ph.D in Management (Entrepreneurship), May 2008. Université catholique de Louvain (UCL), Louvain School of Management, Belgium. Dissertation title: "An Empirical Taxonomy of Early Growth Trajectories".
- Master in Business Administration (Corporate Finance, with honors), September 2000. Université catholique de Louvain, Louvain School of Management, Belgium. Thesis title: "Modern Methods of Credit Risk Management: The case of Artesia Banking Corporation Group" (in French).

⇒ **Positions Actuelles et Expériences Académiques**

- September 2008 - Present
Professor in Entrepreneurship, Innovation & Entrepreneurship Department, Groupe ESC Troyes Champagne School of Management, France.
- June 2008 - Present
Research Associate in Entrepreneurship & Innovation, Centre for Research in Entrepreneurial Change and Innovative Strategies (CRECIS), Louvain School of Management (LSM), UCL, Belgium.
- January 2005 – August 2008
Visiting researcher, UCL Machine Learning Group, Ecole Polytechnique de Louvain, Belgium.
- September 2002 - May 2008
Research assistant in Entrepreneurship & Innovation, Centre for Research in Entrepreneurial Change and Innovative Strategies (CRECIS), Louvain School of Management, UCL, Belgium.

⇒ **Domaine de Recherche**

- Early Development of New Firms,
- New Firm Performance,
- Entrepreneurship & Innovation,
- Entrepreneurial Finance,
- Longitudinal Field Research Methods.

⇒ **Fellowship and Grant**

- National Bank of Belgium annual research fellowship (threefold, from February 2004 to March 2007).
- Postgraduate program and Doctoral research (at early stage) grant of the Government of Niger (from January 1999 to January 2004).

⇒ **Sociétés savantes**

- Member of Academy of Management (2005 – Present)
- Member of UCL Machine Learning Group (2005 – Present)
- Individual member of Gate2Growth Finance Academia Network (2005 – Present).

⇒ **Principales publications et communications**

Articles Publiés

- Biga D. M., D. François, B. Gailly, F. Janssen, M. Verleysen, V. Wertz (2007). Les trajectoires de Croissance des Jeunes Entreprises. In Special issue « Entrepreneuriat : Universalité et contingence » *Revue Gestion 2000*, No. 3 (May-June 2007), pp. 83-102.

Articles Soumis

- Biga D. M., Gailly B. An Empirical Taxonomy of the Early Growth Trajectories of Belgian start-ups. *Under first review at Journal of Small Business and Enterprise Development, April 2008.*

Ouvrages

- Thesis
Biga D. M. (2008). An Empirical Taxonomy of Early Growth Trajectories. Louvain-la-Neuve: Presses Universitaires de Louvain, coll. Thèses ESPO N° 555.

Chapitres dans Ouvrages

- Biga D. M., François D., Gailly B., Verleysen M., Wertz V. (Forthcoming). "An Empirical Taxonomy of Start-up Firms Growth Trajectories". In (Eds). A. Fayolle & P. Kyrö (eds). *The Dynamics between Entrepreneurship, Environment and Education*. Edward Elgar. In press

Communications et Actes des Congrès

- Biga D. M., François D., Gailly B., Verleysen M., Wertz V. (2007). "An Empirical Taxonomy of Start-Up Firms Growth Trajectories". The OECD Entrepreneurship Indicators Programme: Workshop on the Measurement of High-Growth Enterprises, 19 November 2007, Paris (France).
- Biga D. M., Gailly B., Verleysen M. (2007). "Une Taxonomie des Trajectoires de Croissance Initiale des Jeunes Entreprises". 5^{ème} congrès de l'Académie de l'Entrepreneuriat, 4-5 Octobre, Sherbrooke (Canada).
- Biga D. M., François D., Gailly B., Verleysen M., Wertz V. (2006). "Empirical Taxonomy of Start-up Firms Growth Trajectories". European Summer University (ESUCO 2006) on Entrepreneurship Education and Research, 25-30 August, Hämeenlinna (Finland).
- Biga D. M., François D., Gailly B., Verleysen M., Wertz V. (2005). "A Typology of Growth Trajectories of Start-Up Firms". ERIM workshop: "Perspectives on the Longitudinal Analysis of New Firm Growth", 18-19 May 2005, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Rotterdam (The Netherlands).
- François D., Biga D. M., Gailly B., Verleysen M., Wertz V. (2004). "Visualizing Start-Up Firm Trajectories on Kohonen Maps". ACSEG 2004, Connectionist Approaches in Economics and Management Sciences, Lille (France), 18-19 November 2004 (in French), pp. 302-307.
- Gailly B., François D., Biga D. M., Verleysen M., Wertz V. (2004). "The Growth Trajectories of Start-Up Firms: An Exploratory Study". ESU 2004, European Summer University in Entrepreneurship, Twente (The Netherlands), 19-21 September 2004, pp. 1-16.

⇒ **Working papers et autres séminaires**

- Une Taxonomie des Trajectoires de Croissance Initiale des Jeunes Entreprises. CRECIS Working papers, 8/2007, IAG-Louvain School of Management, Université catholique de Louvain.
- Empirical Taxonomy of Start-up Firms Growth Trajectories. CRECIS Working papers, 3/2007, IAG-Louvain School of Management, Université catholique de Louvain.
- The Growth Trajectories of Start-Up Firms: An Exploratory Study. CRECIS Working papers, 7/2005, IAG-Louvain School of Management, Université catholique de Louvain.

- Paper presented at the Louvain School of Management Doctoral Research Forum, Louvain-la-Neuve (Belgium), 17 December 2004.
- Typology of Growth Trajectories: A Longitudinal Study of Start-Up Firms CRECIS Seminar, Louvain-la-Neuve (Belgium), 30 March 2006.
- Empirical Taxonomy of Start-up Firms Growth Trajectories. Poster session, Louvain School of Management Doctoral Research Forum, Louvain-la-Neuve (Belgium). 22 December 2005.

⇒ ***Autres activités de recherche***

- Invited speaker at a joint session of "How to teach and support learning research". European Summer University 2006 on Entrepreneurship Education and Research, Hämeenlinna (Finland). 26 August 2006.
- Cluster Task Force 2004: Entrepreneurship and Innovation, IAG School of Management, (Belgium) 25-26 November 2004.
- Gate2Growth Specialized Research Workshop: "Managing Growth: The role of Private Equity", hosted by IESE Business School in Barcelona (Spain), November 12 2004.
- International Workshop, "Analyzing Strategic Change in Organizations: Innovative Methods for Management", Brussels (Belgium), September 17 2004.
- 9th Belgian Financial Research Forum, Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium), May 6 2004.
- European Angel Academy, Louvain-la-Neuve (Belgium), November 18 2003.
- Financing for Growth, 4th 4x4 Conference, Taste of Entrepreneurship, Louvain-la-Neuve (Belgium), November 2003.
- Risk Capital and the Financing of European Innovative Firms, 1st RICAPE Conference, London School of Economics, (United Kingdom); October 24-25 2003.

⇒ **Principaux cours dispensés**

- I&E202S01 Entrepreneuriat: Approfondissement (ESC 2^{ème} année),
- I&E308S01 Entrepreneurial Finance (ESC 3^{ème} année),
- I&E232S01 Entrepreneurship : Managing New Venture (ESC 2^{ème} année).

⇒ ***Services à la Société***

- Reviewer, Entrepreneurship Division, Academy of Management Conferences (Since 2007).
- Ad hoc reviewer, the 9th CIFEPME, Conférence Internationale Francophone en Entrepreneuriat et P.M.E. (2008).
- Main initiator, member of organizer and scientific coordinator, Solidarity action for the people of Niger: "Challenges on food and nutritional safety in Niger", workshop, Louvain-la-Neuve, October 27, 2005.

⇒ ***Industries et Autres Expériences***

- Cofounder and Chairman of PAID a.i.s.b.l (July 2004 - Present).
PAID a.i.s.b.l is an international non profit organization focusing on poverty reduction and sustainable development in the developing countries. One of our missions is to promote entrepreneurial thinking in young west-African diploma holders and to create a community of business practitioners with a commitment to achieving social and economic progress through entrepreneurship, thereby facilitating the creation of jobs and prosperity.
- Board member of AfricapSud Belgian ngo. (2005 - 2008)
- Independent Consultant – Diobass Ecologie et Société (Belgian non-profit organization). (2003)
 - Successful fund raising program (Support with the rehabilitation of young people and girls affected by the war to the kivu) of the Belgian Ministry for Foreign Affairs for 202,000€

- Evaluation of DES Association Internationale in Belgium activities and its punt forms in Africa (“Plate Forme du Kivu” in Congo Zaire and “Plate Forme du Burkina Faso”)
- Research Analyst & Marketing Assistant. Europe Unlimited S.A. Belgium. (2001-2002)
 - Research Analyst: Responsible for statistical reporting of the progress of the internal database; Identifying & analyzing candidates (European start-ups showing high growth).
 - Marketing Assistant: Analysis of market segmentation and subsequent recommendations on optimizing target levels specifically in the investment community; Statistical reporting and advising on database optimization of identified marketing targets in the investment community; Broadening of the marketing database through target market research and identification of target addresses in the financial markets.

⇒ ***Internship***

- Internship, Artesia Banking Corporation (Risk Management Department). Belgium. 2000. Preparation of the Master's thesis on the methods of Credit Risk Management of Bank.
- Training, Study and Programming Director, ISAG. Niger. 1995- 1998
- Internship, Central Bank of West Africa (Data Processing Department). Niger. 1994.