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POSITIONS

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Amsterdam

Associate Professor (UHD), Department of Economics

Tenured Assistant Professor (UD), Department of Economics

June 2015 - present

Sept. 2009 - May 2015

Tinbergen Institute, Amsterdam

Research Fellow: Labor, Health, Education & Development Research Group

2009 - present

Institute of Labor Economics (IZA), Bonn

Research Fellow

2007 - present

VISITING POSITIONS

Banque de France, Paris

March/June/
November 2017

Keio University, Tokyo

June 2017

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

August - October 2008

Centre de Recherche en Économie et Statistique (CREST)

Laboratoire de Microéconométrie, Paris

March - April 2008

April/November 2007

March - May 2006/2005

Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW), Mannheim

June - July 2007

National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), Cambridge MA

December 2006

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, Ghent University, Belgium

May 2004

M.Sc. in Economics, KU Leuven, Belgium (*magna cum laude*)

2001

M.A. (Licentiaat) in Economics, Ghent University, Belgium (*magna cum laude*)

1999

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Incentive Grant, School of Business and Economics, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

2023 - 2028

Horizon 2020 Grant "Raising EU productivity: Lessons from improved micro data",
European Commission

2019 - 2021

Fondation Banque de France Visiting Scholar Research Grant

2017 & 2019

Total Factor Productivity Research Grant, National Bank of Belgium

2013 - 2014

Tinbergen Institute's Short-term Visitor Program Funding

2013

SEEK Research Grant (ZEW), Mannheim

2010 - 2012

Postdoctoral Fellow of the Research Foundation - Flanders (FWO), Belgium

2004 - 2009

Ph.D. Fellow of the Research Foundation - Flanders (FWO), Belgium

2000 - 2004

Student with the Best Results in Economics, Ghent University

1999

REFEREED ARTICLES

Organised labour, labour market imperfections, and employer wage premia. *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, forthcoming (with Boris Hirsch, Steffen Mueller and Georg Neuschaeffer).

Bekijk macht op de arbeids- en productmarkt in samenhang. *Economisch Statistische Berichten (ESB)* **106(4795S)**: 71-73, March 2021.

Labor market imperfections, markups and productivity in multinationals and exporters. *Labour Economics* **53**: 198-212, August 2018 (with Kozo Kiyota).

Comparing micro-evidence on rent sharing from two different econometric models. *Labour Economics* **52**: 18-26, June 2018 (with Jacques Mairesse).

Gradual collective wage bargaining. *Labour Economics* **40**: 37-42, June 2016 (with Roland Iwan Luttens).

Micro-evidence on product and labor market regime differences between Chile and France. *International Journal of Manpower* **37(2)**: 229-252, 2016 (with Rodolfo Lauterbach and Jacques Mairesse).

Allocation of human capital and innovation at the frontier: Firm-level evidence on Germany and the Netherlands. *Industrial and Corporate Change* **24(5)**: 875-949, October 2015 (with Eric J. Bartelsman and Bettina Peters).

Product and labor market imperfections and scale economies: Micro-Evidence on France, Japan and the Netherlands. *Journal of Comparative Economics* **43(2)**: 290-322, May 2015 (with Kozo Kiyota and Jacques Mairesse).

Demand lotteries, abandonment options and the decision to start R&D and process innovation. *Management Revue* **26(1)**: 25-51, January 2015 (with Roland Iwan Luttens and Bettina Peters).

Panel data estimates of the production function and product and labor market imperfections. *Journal of Applied Econometrics* **28(1)**: 1-46, January/February 2013 (with Jacques Mairesse).

Imports as product and labour market discipline. *British Journal of Industrial Relations* **49(2)**: 331-361, June 2011 (with Hervé Boulhol and Sara Maioli).

Interaction between product market and labour market power: Evidence from France, Belgium and Chile. *Applied Economics Letters* **16(6)**: 573-577, April 2009 (with José Miguel Benavente and Jacques Mairesse).

Has international trade affected workers' bargaining power? *Review of World Economics* **142(2)**: 233-266, July 2006 (with Ellen Brock).

Estimation of price-cost margins and union bargaining power for Belgian manufacturing. *International Journal of Industrial Organization* **22(10)**: 1381-1398, December 2004.

Ownership, firm size and rent sharing in Bulgaria. *Labour Economics* **11(2)**: 165-189, April 2004.

Insider power and wage determination in Bulgaria: An Econometric Investigation. *International Journal of Manpower* **24(4)**: 399-425, 2003.

WORKING PAPERS

R&D decisions and productivity growth: Evidence from Switzerland and the Netherlands, CEPR Discussion Paper No. 18697, December 2023 (with Michael König, Martin Wörter and Andrin Spescha).

Does offshoring shape labor market power? A comparative analysis of Belgian and Dutch firms, IZA Discussion Paper 15962, Institute of Labor Economics, February 2023 (with Catherine Fuss and Mark Vancauteren).

Firm consolidation and labor market outcomes, IFS Working Paper 22/45, Institute for Fiscal Studies, November 2022 (with Grace McCormack, Daniel Prinz and Sándor Sóvágó). [VoxEU Column](#), [IZA World of Labor Commentary](#), [World Bank Blog](#).

The impact of trade liberalization on firms' product and labor market power. IZA Discussion Paper 12951, Institute of Labor Economics, January 2020 (with Quint Wiersma).

PRESENTATIONS

Conferences, workshops and seminars

- 2024: *Colloquium on Personnel Economics* (Zurich), *Eastern Economic Association Conference* (Boston), *Royal Economic Society Conference* (Belfast).
- 2023: *International Panel Data Conference* (Amsterdam), *Workshop on "Imperfect Competition in the Labor Market"* (Nuremberg), *Royal Economic Society and Scottish Economic Society Conference* (Glasgow), *Mannheim Centre for Competition and Innovation Conference* (Mannheim).
- 2022: *International Association for Applied Econometrics Conference* (London), *IZA/SOLE Transatlantic Meeting of Labor Economists* (virtual), *Royal Economic Society Conference* (virtual).
- 2021: *International Panel Data Conference* (virtual), *Royal Economic Society Conference* (virtual), *SOLE Conference* (virtual).
- 2020: *SWEN Webinar "Market Power in the Labor Market"* (Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment, virtual), *Internal Seminar Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam* (Amsterdam), *EALE/SOLE/AASLE World Conference* (virtual).
- 2019: *Internal Seminar Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam* (Amsterdam), *International Panel Data Conference* (Vilnius), *Belgian Day for Labour Economists* (Maastricht), *CAED Conference* (Ann Arbor).
- 2018: *EALE Conference* (Lyon), *Internal Seminar Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam* (Amsterdam), *IIOC Conference* (Indianapolis).
- 2017: *EALE Conference* (St. Gallen), *EARIE Conference* (Maastricht), *International Panel Data Conference* (Thessaloniki).
- 2016: *EALE Conference* (Ghent), *EARIE Conference* (Lisbon), *World Bank-Bank of Spain Conference on "Labor markets: Growth, Productivity and Inequality"* (Madrid), *Search and Matching Conference* (Amsterdam).
- 2015: *TI Organizations and Markets Workshop* (Amsterdam), *EARIE Conference* (Munich), *SOLE-EALE World Meetings* (Montreal).
- 2014: *Faculty Seminar Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam* (Amsterdam), *NBB Conference on Total Factor Productivity* (Brussels), *"CDM 15 years after" Workshop* (Paris), *International Association for Applied Econometrics Conference* (London), *Workshop on "Firm-Level Analysis of Labour Issues"* (Louvain-la-Neuve), *TI Organizations and Markets Workshop* (Rotterdam), *International Industrial Organization Conference* (Chicago), *Geography of Innovation Conference* (Utrecht).
- 2013: *Netherlands Economists Day* (Amsterdam), *EARIE Conference* (Évora), *Panel Data Conference* (London), *ZEW/MaCCI Conference on the Economics of Innovation and Patenting* (Mannheim).
- 2012: *Internal Seminar Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam* (Amsterdam).
- 2011: *EEA-ESEM Conference* (Norway), *Royal Economic Society Conference* (London), *Faculty Seminar Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam* (Amsterdam), *"Dynamics of Institutions & Markets in Europe" Conference* (Maastricht).
- 2010: *Christmas Meeting of Belgian Economists* (Louvain-la-Neuve), *R&D, Science, Innovation, and Intellectual Property - International Conference in honor of Jacques Mairesse* (Paris), *IZA/CEPR European Summer Symposium in Labour Economics* (Bach), *Panel Data Conference* (Amsterdam), *DFG Workshop on "Flexibility in Heterogeneous Labour Markets"* (Mannheim).
- 2009: *COST WG1 Meeting on "Innovation, Firm Dynamics and Industry Outcomes"* (Amsterdam), *Faculty Seminar - Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam* (Amsterdam), *Panel Data Conference* (Bonn), *Day for Belgian Labour Economists* (Brussels).
- 2008: *EALE Conference* (Amsterdam), *EARIE Conference* (Toulouse), *"Danish Research Unit for Industrial Dynamics" Conference* (Copenhagen), *ZEW Conference on the Economics of Innovation and Patenting* (Mannheim), *IZA/SOLE Transatlantic Meeting of Labor Economists* (Bach), *International Industrial Organization Conference* (Washington DC).
- 2007: *ESEM Conference* (Budapest), *Panel Data Conference* (Xiamen), *Far Eastern Meeting of the Econometric Society Conference* (Taipei), *IZA Workshop on "Heterogeneity in Micro Econometric Models"* (Bonn), *ZEW Workshop on "Institutions and the Labour Market"* (Mannheim).
- 2006: *ECB/CEPR Labour Market Workshop on "Wage and Labour Cost Dynamics"* (Frankfurt), *NBER Productivity Program Meeting* (Cambridge MA), *EALE Conference* (Prague), *Hellenic Workshop on "Productivity and Efficiency Measurement"* (Patras), *Workshop on "Concurrence Etrangère et Réglementation du Marché du Travail" - CEPII-IXIS-CES* (Paris), *International Industrial Organization Conference* (Boston).
- 2005: *Applied Econometrics Association Conference on "Innovations & Intellectual Property Values - Econometric Studies"* (Paris), *ZEW Conference on "The Economics of Innovation and Patenting"* (Mannheim), *ONS Analysis of Enterprise Microdata Conference* (Cardiff).
- 2004: *EALE Conference* (Lisbon), *EEA Conference* (Madrid), *Spring Meeting of Young Economists* (Warsaw), *Postgraduate Conference - Leverhulme Centre for Research on Globalisation and Economic Policy* (Nottingham), *Workshop on "Globalization: Implications for Labour Market and Welfare Policies"* (Aarhus).
- 2003: *VVE Day for Scientific Research in Flanders* (Antwerp), *EALE Conference* (Seville), *Hellenic Workshop on "Productivity and Efficiency Measurement"* (Patras), *Day for Belgian Labour Economists* (Louvain-la-Neuve), *Conference on "Globalization and Entrepreneurship"* (Pula), *International Industrial Organization Conference* (Boston).
- 2002: *Conference on "Transition in Central and Eastern Europe"* (Sarajevo), *EALE Conference* (Paris), *EARIE Conference* (Madrid), *York's Annual Meeting in Econometrics* (York), *Applied Econometrics Association Conference on "The Econometrics of Wages"* (Brussels).

ZEI-CEPR Workshop on “Labour Markets, Work and Welfare during the Transition and Integration Processes” (Tartu), Day for Belgian Labour Economists (Leuven).

2001: Conference on “Current Issues for Transition Economies in the Broader Balkan Region” (Thessaloniki/ Xanthi), VVE Day for Scientific Research in Flanders (Diepenbeek), EEA and IZA Summer School in Labor Economics on “The Economics of Low Income and Low Paid Work” (Buch).

Invited conferences, workshops and seminars

2024: Netherlands Authority for Consumers and Markets (ACM), Monopsony Panel Session (Eastern Economic Association Conference, Boston), Economics Research Seminar University of Bayreuth (Bayreuth).

2023: Conference on “What Role for Collective Bargaining in the 21st Century?” (Lisbon).

2021: CAED seminar (virtual), Economics seminar, Utrecht University (virtual), University of Antwerp seminar (virtual), OSE Maastricht University seminar (virtual).

2020: SWEN Webinar “Marktmacht op de arbeidsmarkt.

2019: DNB (Amsterdam), University of Groningen, KOF Research Seminar (Zurich).

2018: KU Leuven, CREST Microeconomics seminar (Palaiseau), Halle Institute for Economic Research (Halle), European Central Bank (Frankfurt).

2017: Workshop on “Markups and Misallocations” (Trento), Keio International Economics Workshop (Tokyo).

2016: University of Gothenburg, Banque de France (Paris).

2015: Banque de France (Paris).

2014: CPB Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis (The Hague).

2013: Tinbergen Institute’s Organizations & Markets Double Seminar (Amsterdam).

2011: Faculty Seminar - Ghent University (Ghent), AEC Research seminar - University of Antwerp (Antwerp).

2010: UNU-MERIT Research Seminar (Maastricht).

2009: Cournot Seminar - University of Strasbourg (Strasbourg).

2008: Tinbergen Institute Econometrics Seminar (Amsterdam).

2007: Economics Seminar - University of Namur (Namur), ZEW Seminar (Mannheim), LAAEG Seminar - Institute for Labour Law and Industrial Relations in the European Community (Trier).

2006: Industrial Economics Seminar - Université de Rennes I (Rennes), TEAM Seminar - Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne (Paris), INSEE Seminar (Paris), UNU-MERIT Research Seminar (Maastricht).

2005: CREST Seminar - Laboratoire de Microéconométrie (Paris), Labour Market Seminar - Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne (Paris), Seminar at the Employment and Social Affairs DG of the European Commission (Brussels).

2002: CREST Seminar - Laboratoire de Microéconométrie (Paris).

REFEREEING

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, Applied Economics, Canadian Journal of Economics, Economic Journal, Empirical Economics, European Economic Review, European Journal of Political Economy, Industrial Relations, International Journal of Manpower, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Productivity Analysis, Labour Economics, Review of Industrial Organization, The Manchester School.

TEACHING

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Microeconomics: 100-level	2008 - present
Introduction to Econometrics: Master	2019 - present
Applied Econometrics: Master	2019 - present
Advanced Methods for Applied Economic Research: Master	2016 - 2018
Human Capital across the Life Cycle: 300-level	2016 - 2020
Labour Economics: Master	2015 - 2021
Microeconomics: 300-level	2013 - 2015

KU Leuven

Advanced Labor Economics: Master of Advanced Studies in Economics (Invited Lecturer)	2006 - 2007
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Ghent University

Research Course on “Unions and Innovation”: Master-level	2007 - 2008
Teaching Assistant: Microeconomics, Social Economics	1999 - 2000

SERVICE**PhD Student Supervision and Promotion Committees**

Ana Popovici (VU), co-promotor joint with José Luis Moraga-González	
Regi Kusumaatmadja (VU), co-promotor joint with José Luis Moraga-González	
Ana Cristina Fernandes Pedro Soares (Banco de Portugal, 2023), co-promotor joint with Eric Bartelsman	
Peter Gal (VU, 2017), co-promotor joint with Eric Bartelsman	
Gianluca Antonecchia (Erasmus School of Economics, 2022), promotion committee member	
Han Nguyen (Hasselt University, 2022), promotion committee member	
Francis Ostermeijer (VU, 2021), promotion committee member	
Richard Brauer (VU/IWH, 2021), promotion committee member	
Colja Schneck (Maastricht University, 2021), promotion committee member	
Jocelyn Boussard (l'Institut Polytechnique de Paris, 2020), promotion committee member	
Stijn Baert (Ghent University, 2013), promotion committee member	
Sara Amoroso (Tilburg University, 2013), promotion committee member	

The Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO)

Rubicon Selection Committee	2018 - 2019
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Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Educational Quality Steering Committee (Stuurgroep Onderwijskwaliteit, STOK)	2023 - present
Bachelor Economics and Business Economics Program Coordinator	2021 - present
Program Committee Bachelor Economics and Business Economics	2018 - 2020
Bachelor Thesis Coordinator, Department of Economics	2012 - 2020
Co-organizer 2020 “Comparative Analysis of Enterprise Data (CAED)” Conference	August 2020
Co-organizer BDF-DBI-SCPO-EIEF Conference on “Recent Trends in Firm Organization and Firm Dynamics”	December 2019
Co-organizer COST Meeting on “Innovation, Firm Dynamics and Industry Outcomes”	December 2009

Ghent University

Representative of Teaching and Research Assistants	2001 - 2008
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ADDITIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Senior Teaching Qualification (SKO)	2023
University Teaching Qualification (BKO)	2013
English Language Proficiency Assessment: CEF level C1	2011