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Academic Positions

- 2023- **Marie Skłodowska-Curie postdoctoral fellow**, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona)
Project #Leave4NextGen “Intergenerational Spillovers of Paternity Leave,” funded by the European Union’s Horizon Europe program
- 2023- **Visiting assistant professor**, Universidad de Alcalá (part-time)
- 2022 **Postdoctoral researcher**, ECARES, Université Libre de Bruxelles (Sept. - Dec.)
Working with Prof. P. Gobbi under her ERC grant (IDED)

Education

- 2017-22 **Ph.D. in Economics**, Université Libre de Bruxelles
Supervisor: Prof. Ilan Tojerow (ULB)
Thesis committee: Prof. Bart Cockx (UGent) Prof. Paula Gobbi (ULB); Prof. Libertad González (UPF); Prof. Olivier Marie (EUR); Prof. Francois Rycx (ULB)

Visiting periods:

- 2022 London School of Economics - Hosts: Prof. C. Landais & Prof. J. Spinnewijn (Feb. - Mar.)
- 2021 Universitat Pompeu Fabra - Host: Prof. L. González (Oct. - Nov.)

Professional Affiliations & Relevant Experience

- 2017- **Research associate**, Dulbea, Université Libre de Bruxelles
- 2012-20 **Econometric consultant and trainer**, Université catholique de Louvain
- 2014 **External consultant**, Innovations for Poverty Action
- 2012-13 **Research assistant** to Prof. W. Parienté, Targeting Ultra-Poor Program Pakistan
- 2011 **Research assistant**, International Labour Organization, Geneva (Jul. - Sep.)
- 2010 **Research assistant**, Think-tank Friends of Europe (Mar. - Nov.)

Publications

- (1) “How Can Paid Maternity Leave Boost Female Entrepreneurship?”
Forthcoming in *Journal of Human Resources* (single-authored)
- (2) “Child Penalties Across Industries: Why Job Characteristics Matter”
Applied Economics Letters, 30(4), 488-495, 2023 (with T. Murphy and I. Tojerow)
- (3) “sdmxuse: Command to import data from statistical agencies using the SDMX standard”
Stata Journal, 18(4), 863-870, 2018 (single-authored)

Working Papers

- (1) Sickness Absence among Young Mothers and the Child Penalty in Employment (with I. Tojerow) - R&R at *Review of the Economics of the Household*
- (2) Can Public Policies Break the Gender Mold? Evidence from Paternity Leave Reforms in Six Countries (with L. González) - BSE Discussion Paper 1422
- (3) Fertility in Sub-Saharan Africa: the Role of Inheritance (with P. Gobbi and Marc Goni) - ECARES Discussion Paper 2024-01
- (4) Work Disability after Motherhood and how Paternity Leave can Help (with I. Tojerow) - IZA Discussion Paper 13756
- (5) How Does Supported Employment Help Disability Insurance Recipients Work While on Claim? (with I. Tojerow) - IZA Discussion Paper 15386

Work in Progress

- (1) Nudging Disability Insurance Recipients into Partial Employment (with I. Tojerow)
AEA RCT registry “AEARCTR-0006704”

Reports & Policy Papers

- (1) “Evolution de l’emploi en Belgique : tentons d’y voir plus clair”, *Regards Economiques*, May 2019 (146) (with V. Bodart & M. Dejemeppe)
- (2) “Compétitivité et performances à l’exportation de la Belgique”, *Regards Economiques*, Jun. 2017 (133) (with V. Bodart)
- (3) Quarterly forecasts for Belgium and the Euro area: “Perspectives économiques”, *Regards Economiques* (with G. Attanasi, V. Bodart, F. Courtoy, M. Sauvenier, A. Ounnas)

Conferences, Workshops & Invited Seminars

- 2023 48th Symposium of the Spanish Economic Association, Salamanca (December)
Applied Lunch Seminar, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (November).
Development Economics Workshop, Universitat de Barcelona (October)
ROA PhD Day, Maastricht University, Online (September)
36th European Society for Population Economics (ESPE), Belgrade (June)
ADE, Louvain-la-Neuve (June)
- 2022 Household Economics Gathering, Brussels (December)
Belgian Day of Labor Economists, Brussels (October)
Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet (LAGV), Marseille (June)
Arne Ryde Workshop on Gender and Family Wellbeing, Lund (May)
SOLE annual meeting, Minneapolis, (May)
Annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society, Braga (April)
Royal Economic Society Annual Meeting, Online (April)
Belgian National Institute for Health and Disability Insurance, Online (February)
Public Economics WiP seminar, London School of Economics, STICERD (February)
CEBRIG Seminar, Online (January)
Allied Social Science Associations ASSA Annual Meeting, Poster (January)
- 2021 French Health Economists Days Conference, Online (December)
Workshop “The Causal Effects of Different Interventions on Women and Children’s Health and Human Capital”, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (November)
Internal Applied Economics Seminar, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (November)
European Association of Labour Economists Annual Conference, Online (September)
Zeuthen Workshop, Copenhagen (September)
European Economic Association Annual Congress, Online (August)
96th Western Economic Association Annual Conference, Online (July)
International Association for Applied Econometrics Annual Conference, Online (June)
20th Journées Louis-André Gerard-Varet, Online (June)
34th Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics, Online (June)
69th Annual Meeting of the French Economic Association, Online (June)
23rd Spanish Applied Economics Meeting, Online (June)

- 55th Annual Conference of the Canadian Economics Association, Online (June)
- 28th Spanish Meeting on Public Economics, Online (May)
- 3rd QMUL Economics and Finance Workshop, Online (May)
- 18th Augustin Cournot Doctoral Days, Online (May)
- 26th Annual Society of Labor Economists Meeting, Online (May)
- 10th ifo Dresden Workshop on Labor Economics and Social Policy, Online (May)
- 2020 IRES Lunch Seminar, Louvain-la-Neuve (November)
- Webinar in Gender and Family Economics (October)
- CEBRIG Seminar, Brussels (September)
- EALE SOLE AASLE World Conference (June)
- Erasmus School of Economics (Invited seminar), Rotterdam (March)
- 27th Spanish Meeting on Public Economics, Barcelona (January)
- National Bank of Belgium, Brussels (January)
- 2019 Workshop Health and the Labour Market, Nantes (December)
- IWEPS Seminar, Namur (November)
- SOFI Workshop in Gender Economics: Parenthood and Careers in the Nordics, Stockholm (September)
- Stata Users Group Meeting, London (September)
- DULBEA Workshop on Economics of Disability, Brussels (June)
- IEB Workshop on Economics of Taxation & Social Expenditure, Barcelona (June)
- Centre Emile Bernheim Seminar, Brussels (May)
- Belgian Day of Labour Economists, Maastricht (May)

Grants

- 2023-25 Marie Skłodowska-Curie postdoctoral fellowship (165,312.96 euros), Project #Leave4NextGen funded by the European Union's Horizon Europe program (HORIZON-MSCA-2022-PF-01-01), grant agreement nb. 101104848
- 2023-26 Agencia Estatal de Investigación - Proyectos de generación de conocimiento (62.500 euros), PI: Coral del Río Otero
- 2023-24 EAPN-ES (70.785 euros), Detección y movilización de las personas elegibles para el ingreso mínimo vital en situación de non take up, PI: Olga Cantó
- 2023-24 Massachusetts Institute of Technology (18.920 dollars), Social Norms as Potential Barriers to Policy Adoption, PI: David Rand

- 2022 Mobility grant (1,678 euros), Belgian Fund for Scientific Research (F.N.R.S.), for research stay at the London School of Economics
- 2020-21 Research grant (16,500 euros), *Fonds d'Encouragement a la Recherche*, Operating expenses, “Nudging disability insurance recipients into partial employment” (with I. Tojerow)
- 2020-21 Research grant (47,718 euros), Thiepolam fund, “Nudging disability insurance recipients into partial employment” (with I. Tojerow)
- 2019 Research grant (36,890 euros), Thiepolam fund, “Work disability and parenthood” (with I. Tojerow)
- 2011 Fellowship, Centre for Scottish Public Policy, “Political risk analysis on the future of the euro area in the aftermath of the financial crisis” (with J. Mueller)

Referee Work & Other Services

Referee: Journal of Human Resources; Journal of Public Economics; European Economic Review; Demography; Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization; Health Economics; Applied Economics; Journal of Demographic Economics; Applied Economics Letters.

Audition: Cabinet of Belgian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Health and Social Affairs (Feb. 2021 & Apr. 2022); Belgian Senate (Jan. 2021), Advisory committee for equality between women and men (Jan. 2021); Round table on the career cost of children organized by Cecile Cornet, Member of Belgian Parliament (Jun. 2021); The Council of Wallonia on Equality between Men and Women (Jan. 2021).

Scientific events organization: Member of the scientific committee of the Belgian Stata User Group Meeting, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (2018); Co-organizer and member of the scientific committee, Belgian Stata User Group Meeting, Université Libre de Bruxelles (2016).

Teaching Experience

Main instructor:

International Trade and Globalization, Universidad de Alcalá

Macroeconomics II (with O. Cantó), Universidad de Alcalá

Panel-data analysis using Stata (graduate), Université catholique de Louvain

Data management and analysis using Stata (graduate), Université catholique de Louvain

Seminar on research methodology (undergrad), Université catholique de Louvain

Teaching assistant :

Business cycles analysis and forecasts (graduate), Prof. Bodart, Université catholique de Louvain

Pre-doctoral Training

- 2014 **Certification** “Protecting Human Research Participants,” National Institutes of Health (NIH)
- 2008-10 **Master in European Economics** (magna cum laude), Institute for European Studies, Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium)
- 2007-08 **Eramus Exchange Programme**, Sodertorns University, Stockholm (Sweden)
- 2005-08 **Bachelor of Economics** (cum laude), Université Nancy 2 (France)

External Consultant and Trainer

Data analysis for Prof. Karlan (PI) & Prof. Beaman, Mali Soro and Savings for change, Innovations for Poverty Action

Data analysis for Prof. Karlan (PI) & B. Savonitto, Impact of Savings Groups (VSLA) in Ghana, Malawi and Uganda, Innovations for Poverty Action

Trainer, Stata Summer (2015, 2016, 2018) and Winter (2016, 2017) Schools, RITME, Brussels

Trainer, Stata for policy evaluation: European Commission (DGEMP, DGTAXUD), Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market (OHIM), Ministère de l’Agriculture et du Développement rural (Congo Kinshasa), Institut wallon de l’évaluation, de la prospective et de la statistique (IWEPS)

Stata Packages

discretize: Command to convert a continuous instrument into a dummy variable for instrumental-variable estimation (with F. Curci & F. Masera)

sdmxuse: Command to import data from statistical agencies using the SDMX standard (7140 hits on SSC, as of Oct. 2021)

eurostatuse: Command to import Eurostat data (5264 hits on SSC, as of Oct. 2021; with S. Vandekerckhove)

Skills

LANGUAGES

French, English and Spanish (full professional proficiency)

COMPUTER

References

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