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PERSONAL INFORMATION: Born in Ghent, Belgium on August 26, 1989

EDUCATION AND WORKING EXPERIENCE

- 2021 -** FWO postdoctoral fellow
- 2020 - 2021** Doctor-assistant, the Department of Economics, Ghent University
- 2017 - 2021** Senior researcher, HIVA (Institute for Work and Society), KU Leuven
- 2018 - 2018** World Bank Consultant (40%)
- 2016 - 2017** Post-doctoral researcher, Department of Agricultural Economics, Ghent University
- 2012 - 2015** PhD in Agricultural Economics, Ghent University
- 2010 - 2012** Master in Economics, Ghent University
- 2007 - 2010** Bachelor in Engineering (applied physics), Ghent University

LANGUAGES

English (working proficiency), French (intermediate), Dutch (native)

STATISTICAL SOFTWARE

Excellent knowledge of Stata, working knowledge of SPSS and R.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

1. Vereycken, Y., Ramioul, M., Desiere, S., Bal, M. (2021). *Human resource practices accompanying Industry 4.0 in European manufacturing industry*. Journal of Manufacturing Technology Management
2. Desiere, S., Struyven, L. (2020). *Using artificial intelligence to classify jobseekers: the accuracy-equity trade-off*. Journal of Social Policy, 50(2), 367-385.
3. D'Haene, E., Desiere, S., D'Haese, M., Verbeke, W., Schoors, K. (2019). *Religion, food choices, and demand seasonality: Evidence from the Ethiopian milk market*. Foods, 8(5), 167.
4. Hasan, M. K., Desiere, S., D'Haese, M., Kumar, L. (2018). *Impact of climate-smart agriculture adoption on the food security of coastal farmers in Bangladesh*. Food Security, 10(4), 1073-1088.
5. Ansoms, A., Desiere, S., Dawson, N., Cioffo, G., Huggins, C., Leegwater, M., Murison, J., Nyenyezi, A., Treidl, J., Vandamme, J. (2018) *The Rwandan agrarian and land sector modernisation: Confronting macro performance with lived experiences on the ground*. Review of African Political Economy, 45(157), 408-431.
6. Desiere, S., Hung, Y., Verbeke, W., D'Haese, M. (2018). *Assessing current and future meat and fish consumption in Sub-Saharan Africa: Learnings from FAO Food Balance Sheets and LSMS household survey data*. Global Food Security.
7. Ton, G., Vellema, W., Desiere, S., Weituschat, S., D'Haese, M. (2018). *Contract farming for improving smallholder incomes: What can we learn from effectiveness studies?* World Development, 104, 46-64.
8. Desiere, S., Jolliffe, D. (2018). *Land productivity and plot size: Is measurement error driving the inverse relationship?* Journal of Development Economics, 130, 84-98.
9. Desiere, S., Staelens, L., D'Haese, M. (2016). *When the data source writes the conclusion: evaluating agricultural policies*. The Journal of Development Studies, 52(9), 1372-1387.

10. Staelens, L., Desiere, S., Louche, C., D'Haese, M. (2016). *Predicting job satisfaction and workers' intentions to leave at the bottom of the high value agricultural chain: evidence from the Ethiopian cut flower industry*. The International Journal of Human Resource Management, 29(9), 1609-1635.
11. Vellema, W., Desiere, S., D'Haese, M. (2016). *Verifying Validity of the Household Dietary Diversity Score: An Application of Rasch Modeling*. Food and nutrition bulletin, 37(1), 27-41.
12. Desiere, S., D'Haese, M., Niragira, S. (2015). *Assessing the cross-sectional and inter-temporal validity of the Household Food Insecurity Access Scale (HFIAS) in Burundi*. Public Health Nutrition, 18(15), 2775-2785.
13. Desiere, S., Vellema, W., D'Haese, M. (2015). *A validity assessment of the Progress out of Poverty Index (PPI)[™]*. Evaluation and Program Planning, 49, 10-18.
14. Desiere, S., Niragira, S., D'Haese, M. (2015) *Cow or Goat? Population pressure and livestock keeping in Burundi*, Agrekon, 53(3), 23-42.
15. Niragira, S., D'Haese M., D'Haese L., Ndimubandi J., Desiere S., Buysse J. (2015). *Food for survival: diagnosing crop patterns to secure lower threshold food security levels in farm households of Burundi*. Food and nutrition bulletin, 36, 196-210.

PUBLICATIONS IN PROFESSIONAL JOURNALS

1. Van Landeghem, B., Desiere, S., Struyven, L. (2021). *Statistical profiling of unemployed jobseekers*. IZA World of Labor.
2. Desiere, S., Cabus, S., & Cockx, B. (2020). *De (on)zin van doelgroepverminderingen*. Over.Werk, 30(2), 144-151.
3. Hermans M., Desiere S., Lenaerts K. (2020). *Maakt de vakbond het verschil? Effecten van werknemersinspraak op organisatieniveau*. [Do trade unions make a difference? The effects of employee participation at firm level]. Over.Werk, 30(2), 127-134.
4. Vandekerckhove, S., Desiere, S., Lenaerts, K. (2020). *Minimum wages and wage compression in Belgian industries*. NBB Working Paper Research, July 2020 N° 387.
5. Desiere, S., Struyven, L. (2019). *Het Vlaamse arbeidsmarktbeleid: wie, wat en wanneer?* [Flemish active labour market policies: whom, what and when?] Over.Werk, 29, 124-132.
6. Desiere, S., Costa, V. (2019). *Employment Data in Household Surveys: taking stock, looking ahead*. World Bank Working Paper.
7. Desiere, S., Langenbucher, K., Struyven, L. (2019). *Statistical profiling in public employment services: an international comparison*. OECD Working Paper.
8. Desiere, S., Struyven, L. (2017). *De jongerengarantie in Vlaanderen: een eerste externe evaluatie* [The Youth Guarantee in Flanders: a first external evaluation]. Over.Werk, 1, 39 – 46.
9. Desiere, Sam (2016). *The carbon footprint of academic conferences: Evidence from the 14th EAAE Congress in Slovenia*. EuroChoices 15, 56-61.

POLICY REPORTS

1. Desiere, S., Cabus, S., Cockx, B. (2020). *Evaluatie van het Vlaamse doelgroepenbeleid*. [Evaluation of the Flemish target group policies]. Leuven: HIVA – KU Leuven.
2. Desiere, S., Van Landeghem, B., Struyven, L. *Wat het beleid aanbiedt aan wie: een onderzoek bij Vlaamse werkzoekenden naar vraag en aanbod van activering*. [Which policies are offered to whom: an evaluation of active labour market policies in Flanders]. Leuven: HIVA – KU Leuven.
3. Desiere, S., Goesaert, T. (2019). *The employment effect of the Belgian service voucher scheme*. SPSW Working Paper Series.

4. Desiere, S., De Wispelaere, F., Struyven, L. (2018). *Labour Market Policy Thematic Review 2018: An analysis of Personal and Household Services to support work life balance for working parents and carers in Belgium*. European Commission.
5. Desiere, S., Van Parys, L., Struyven, L. (2017). *Financieel innoveren om sociaal te excelleren: Voorbereidende studie naar een eerste Social Impact Bond voor NEET-jongeren in Antwerpen [Preparatory study for a first Social Impact Bond for NEETs in Antwerp]*. Leuven: HIVA – KU Leuven.
6. Desiere, S., van Dessel, A., Coomans, S., Struyven, L. (2017). *Externe evaluatie van de Vlaamse jongerengarantie in het kader van het Europese jongerengarantieplan [An external evaluation of the Flemish Youth Guarantee]*. Leuven: HIVA – KU Leuven.
7. Ton, G., Desiere, S., Vellema, W., Weituschat, S., D’Haese, M., 2017. *The effectiveness of contract farming in improving smallholder income and food security in low- and middle-income countries: A mixed-method systematic review*. The International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie).

BLOGPOSTS

1. Costa, V., Desiere, S. (2019). *Are women and youth employment rates a matter of survey design and data quality?* World Bank Blogs.
2. Ansoms, A., Cioffo, G., Dawson, N., Desiere, S., Huggins, C., Leegwater, M., Murison, J., Nyenyezi, A., Treidl, J., Vandamme, J. (2018). *Rwanda’s green revolution*. ROAPE blogpost.
3. Desiere, S. (2017). *The evidence mounts: poverty, inflation and Rwanda*. ROAPE blogpost.

PRESS COVERAGE (most important coverage)

1. Financial Times (August 2019), Rwanda: where even poverty data must toe Kagame's line
2. The Economist (August 2019), Has Rwanda been fiddling its numbers?
3. De Standaard (May 2019), VDAB bereikt nieuwe werkzoekenden te weinig.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

1. FWO postdoctoral fellowship “Shift Work: Facts, Value, and (Hidden) Costs”, period: 10/2021 – 10/2024.
2. FWO project “Payroll Tax Reductions: Incidence on Employment, Wages and Firm Performance”, period 10/2020 – 10/2024, promotor Bart Cockx, budget: 414,079.
3. VIONA research project commissioned by the Flemish government “Evaluation of the temporary wage subsidies targeted to specific groups in Flanders”, period 9/2018 –12/2019, budget: 120,000€, co-promotor with Ludo Struyven, Sofie Cabus, Bart Cockx and Tim Goesaert.
4. Research project of the Flemish government in preparation of a spending review “An evaluation of the Belgian Service Voucher Scheme”, period 6/2018-12/2018, budget: € 30,000
5. VIONA research project commissioned by the Flemish government “Which policies are offered to whom: an evaluation of active labour market policies in Flanders”, co-promotor with Ludo Struyven and Bert Van Landeghem, period 1/2018-12/2018, budget: 120,000.
6. OECD Research project “Statistical Profiling of Unemployed Jobseekers”, period 8/2018 – 10/2018, budget: € 8,775.

AWARDS

1. 2015 Biennial prize of best dissertation in agricultural economics in Belgium (€ 2,500)
2. 2012 Best Thesis Award (€ 1,000)