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Education

Ph.D. in Economics, Université Libre de Bruxelles & University of Antwerp, 2021-2027 (expected)
Advisors: Luca Merlino, Sam Cosaert
Committees: Jan Bouckaert, Marion Leturcq, Paula Gobbi, Thomas Demuynck
M.Sc. in Advanced Studies of Economics, KU Leuven, 2019-2020
M.Sc. in Economics (Finance), University of Edinburgh, 2017-2018
B.Sc in Finance and B.Sc in Political Science (dual degree), Wuhan University, 2013-2017

Research Fields

Family Economics, Labor Economics, Revealed Preference Theory

Working Papers

The Cost of Inequality: Home Production, Gender Roles, and Fertility Decisions

(Job Market Paper)

Best Junior Paper at 2026 SEHO Conference

ESEM Best Applied Paper by Young Researchers at 2026 EEA-ESEM Conference

To Veil or Not to Veil? Assessing the Removal of Headscarf Ban in a Muslim Country

with Ekin Yurdakul (*R&R at the Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*)

Narrow Distributional Concerns in Households: How Common Are They?

with Sam Cosaert

Time or Money? Togetherness and Intrahousehold Allocation

Best Junior Paper at 2023 Gender Gaps Conference

Conferences and Seminars (*scheduled)

2026: EALE (Barcelona, JM Session), EEA-ESEM (Dublin), 31st ENTER Jamboree (UC3M), SEHO (Pavia), CREST PhD Seminar (Paris)

2025: AMSE Internal Seminar (Marseille), SEHO (Zaragoza), ECARES Internal Seminar (Brussels), UAntwerp Internal Seminar (Antwerp), ECARES Xmas Workshop (Brussels)

2024: EALE (Oslo), SEHO (Singapore), GRAPE Research Seminar (online), ECARES Xmas Workshop

2023: Household Economics Workshop (Leuven), Belgian Day for Labour Economists (Brussels), Gender Gaps Conferences (Warsaw), UAntwerp Internal Seminar, UAntwerp FEB Doctoral Day

2022: Household Economics Workshop (Brussels)

Research visit

Aix-Marseille School of Economics (AMSE), 2025-2026
AMSE one-year research grants for external PhD students

Awards

Best Junior Paper Award, 2026 Society of Economics of the Household (SEHO) Conference
ESEM Best Applied Paper by Young Researchers, 2026 EEA-ESEM
Best Junior Paper Award, 2023 Gender Gaps Conference

Teaching Experience

T.A. of *Microeconomics*, UAntwerp, 2023-24, 2024-25
for Prof. Sam Cosaert
T.A. of *International Economics*, UAntwerp, 2021-22, 2022-23
for Prof. Mewael Tesfaselassie and Prof. Elsa Leromain
Master Thesis (Co)supervision, UAntwerp, 2022-25

Other Experience

Organizer of Economics Internal Seminar, UAntwerp, 2024-25
Assessors of Master Thesis, UAntwerp, 2023-25
Assessor of Master Research Internship, UAntwerp, 2024-25

Skills

Languages: Chinese (native), English (proficient).
Software: Stata, Python, MATLAB, Julia, $\text{\LaTeX}$.

References

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