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EDUCATION

KU Leuven

2019 PhD. in economics
Advisor: Prof. Dr. Jozef Konings
*Essays on fiscal policy, firm growth
and location decisions*
2015 M.Phil. Advanced Studies in Economics
2014 M.Sc. Economics
2012 B.Sc. Business Economics

Visiting and exchange

2019 Centre for Entrepreneurship and
Spatial Economics, JIBS, Sweden.
2018 Barcelona Institute of Economics, UB, Spain.
2018 Johannes Kepler University Linz, Austria.
2011 University of British Columbia, Canada.
2010 Furman University, United States.
2010 IESEG School of Management, France.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

VATT Institute for Economic Research

September 2019 – present | Researcher
Researcher in the “Local public finance and provision of public services” division

Policy Research Centre Economics and Entrepreneurship

August 2015 – present | Junior researcher
Supporting the Flemish government with policy evaluation and advice

Academics for Development

August 2018 – present | Group Executive Board member
Overseeing AFD, finance and legal, project selection and coordination
September 2015 – July 2018 | Coach and Entourage
Coach of two student teams supporting the Sundarban Social Development Centre (India)

Embassy of Canada to the US in Washington DC

September 2012 – December 2012 | Trade and Economic Policy intern
Assisted in writing intelligence reports on congressional committee hearings

SKILLS

Software: Stata • R • \LaTeX • MS Office • QGIS

Languages: Dutch: native • English: fluent • Spanish & French: intermediate

Relevant courses:

2018 FBK-IRVAPP Winter School: Advanced Methods for Impact Evaluation

2016 Causal Inference in Microeconometrics with Application to Program Evaluation
2016 Spatial Econometrics course at WU Vienna University of Economics and Business
2015 Stata summer school: Econometrics and Policy Evaluation

RESEARCH

Published

Ramboer, S. and Reynaerts, J. (forthcoming). Indecent Proposals: Estimating the Impact of Regional State Aid through EU Guideline Compliance. *Regional Science and Urban Economics*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.regsciurbeco.2019.01.004>

Working Papers

The Impact of Local Property Taxation on Firm Growth: evidence from Flanders

Regional Competitiveness and High-Growth Firms in the EU: The Creativity Premium
(joint with Leo Sleuwaegen)

Work in Progress

Local Fiscal Interaction: Evidence from a Finance Reform in Flanders (joint with Lorenz Fischer)

The Role of Fiscal Interest in Local Policy: Evidence from a Tax Base Reform (joint with Willem Sas)

Policy Papers and Popular Writings

Ramboer, S. and Reynaerts, J. (2018). *Onroerende voorheffing remt groei bedrijven af*. VIVES Briefing 2018/03. Leuven: Research Centre for Regional Economics.

Ramboer, S. and Reynaerts, J. (2017). *De invloed van de onroerende voorheffing op ondernemingsgroei*. STORE 2017/12. Leuven: Policy Research Centre Economics and Entrepreneurship.

Ramboer, S. and Reynaerts, J. (2017). *Staatshervorming goed voor Vlaamse werkloosheid?* VIVES Briefing 2017/02. Leuven: Research Centre for Regional Economics.

Ramboer, S. and Sleuwaegen, L. (2016). *Regionale determinanten van hoge-groei-ondernemingen*, VIVES Briefing 2016/03. Leuven: Research Centre for Regional Economics.

Ramboer, S. and Sleuwaegen, L. (2015). *Het belang van de strategische context voor de ontwikkeling van HGO's*, STORE 2015/12. Leuven: Policy Research Centre Economics and Entrepreneurship.

Ramboer, S. (2015). Fiscal interest in Flanders: The impact of tax autonomy on productive expenditure. *Documentatieblad*, 75(1), pp. 75–122.

EXTERNAL PRESENTATIONS

2019 MaTax 6 (September 12th, Mannheim)

2019 European Regional Science Association Conference (August 29th, Lyon)

2019 CEnSE Seminar (March 7th, Jönköping)

2019 VATT Seminar (February 28th, Helsinki)

2019 Annual Winter Seminar of the Gesellschaft für Regionalforschung (February 19th, Matri)

2019 CEnSE Seminar (February 14th, Jönköping)

2018 Belgian Urban and Regional Economists Network Workshop (December 17th, Brussels)

2018 DG COMP State Aid Evaluation Workshop (November 29th, Brussels)

2018 IEB Seminar, University of Barcelona (November 20th, Barcelona)

2018 IEB Internal Seminar, University of Barcelona (November 9th, Barcelona)

2018 Counterfactual Methods for Policy Impact Evaluation Conference (September 28th, Berlin)

2018 European Regional Science Association Conference (August 30th, Cork)

2017 Public Policies, Cities and Regions Workshop (December 15th, Lyon)

2017 JRC Competence Centre on Microeconomic Evaluation Seminar (December 1st, Ispra)

2017 Causal Interference in Regional and Urban Economics Workshop (November 24th, Barcelona)