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PhD in Economics

Personal Information

Nationality: Belgian
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Research Interests: Macroeconomics, fiscal policy, fiscal forecasting, public finance, political economy, econometrics

Professional Positions

2016-... **Fiscal Policy Analyst**
Joint Research Centre, European Commission

2016-2017 **Advisor Budgeting and Finance**
Research Department, Sociaal-Economische Raad van Vlaanderen

2016-2017 **Research Fellow**
Center for Economic Studies, KU Leuven

2014-2015 **Young Research Trainee**
Research Department, National Bank of Belgium

2011-2015 **Doctoral Researcher**
Center for Economic Studies, KU Leuven
PhD-topic: *Federal Fiscal Discipline with Uncertainty: Applications to the EU*
Supervisors: Prof. dr. Stef Proost & Prof. dr. André Decoster

 INFER Young Economist Award 2012

Education

2011-2015 **KU Leuven**
Doctoral Programme in Economics

2010-2011 **KU Leuven**
Master of Science in Advanced Studies in Economics
Master's thesis: *An Assessment of Fiscal Sustainability under Fiscal Rules Using an Overlapping Generations Approach: An Application to Belgium*
Magna cum laude

2006-2010 **UHasselt**
Bachelor & Master of Business Economics – Finance
Magna cum laude

Publications

Journal Publications

van der Wielen, W. (2016). The Volatility of the Flemish Medium-Term Budgetary Framework. *Reflète et Perspectives de la vie économique*, 55(2), 87-104.

Marneffe, W., Van Aarle, B., van der Wielen, W., & Vereeck, L. (2011). The Impact of Fiscal Rules on Public Finances in the Euro Area. *CESifo DICE Report Journal for Institutional Comparisons*, 9(3), 18-25.

Working Papers

van der Wielen, W. (2015). *Fiscal Rule Infringement Risks: A Stochastic Characterization of EMU Budget Balances and Their Discipline* (CES Discussion Paper Series 15.12). Leuven: Center for Economic Studies, KU Leuven.

van der Wielen, W. (2014). *Uncertainty and the Preferred Instrument for Fiscal Discipline under Multitier Government* (CES Discussion Paper Series 14.04). Leuven: Center for Economic Studies, KU Leuven.

van der Wielen, W. (2012). *An Assessment of Fiscal Rules and Sustainability Using an Overlapping Generations Approach: An Application to Belgium* (INFER Working Paper No. 2012-5). London: INFER.

Marneffe, W., Van Aarle, B., van der Wielen, W., & Vereeck, L. (2010). *The Impact of Fiscal Rules on Public Finances: Theory and Empirical Evidence for the Euro Area* (CESifo Working Paper No. 3303). Munich: Center for Economic Studies Ifo Institute.

Other Publications

Policy reports

Bouckaert, N., Decoster, A., De Swerd, K., Proost, S., Sas, W., van der Wielen, W., Vanheukelom, T. (2016, forthcoming). Dynamic FANTASI: Een microsimulatiemodel voor de personenbelasting op middellangetermijn (Rapport Spoor A3b1 Steunpunt Fiscaliteit en Begroting II).

Decoster, A. and van der Wielen, W. (2015). PROSPER: Een begrotingsmodel voor een onzekere toekomst (Rapport Spoor A4 Steunpunt Fiscaliteit en Begroting II)

Decoster, A., De Swerd, K., Sas, W., Spiritus, K., van der Wielen, W., Vanheukelom, T., Vanleenhove, P. (2014). Rekening 14 - Een vergelijking tussen de partijprogramma's, Eindrapport, 1-114 pp: CES, VRT, De Tijd, De Standaard.

Decoster, A. and van der Wielen, W. (2014). Begrotingsnormen in een federale staat – Een panacee voor oplopende tekorten en schuld: mythe of realiteit? (Rapport Spoor A4 Steunpunt Fiscaliteit en Begroting II)

van der Wielen, W. (2013). What Is in a Name? Fiscal Sustainability. *Econnect*, 68(1), 54-55.

Book Reviews

van der Wielen, W. (2012). Fiscal Federalism in the European Union. *Revue bancaire et financière Bank- en financiewezzen*, 7(5-6), 414-415.

Refereeing

Journal of Public Economic Theory, FinanzArchiv / Public Finance Analysis

Conferences and Seminar Presentations

- 2018
 - Workshop on Fiscal Policy and Microsimulation, in parallel to the 25th Encuentro de Economía Pública
- 2017
 - Workshop on News and Fiscal Policy by the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) and the International Network for Economic Research, INFER
 - 2017 Public Finance Conference, ZEW
- 2015
 - National Bank of Belgium (NBB) – Seminar by the Research Department
 - 71st Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance, IIPF
- 2014
 - 4th IWH Workshop on Applied Economics and Economic Policy by the Halle Institute for Economic Research, IWH
 - 16th Annual Conference by the International Network for Economic Research, INFER
 - PET14 Annual Conference by the Association for Public Economic Theory, APET
 - CESifo Venice Summer Institute, CESifo
 - 70th Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance, IIPF
- 2013
 - 12th Journées Louis-André Gerard-Varet (LAGV) Conference in Public Economics
 - PET13 Annual Conference by the Association for Public Economic Theory, APET
 - 5th Colloquy on Local Public Economics by the Halle Institute for Economic Research, IWH
- 2012
 - 14th Annual Conference by the International Network for Economic Research, INFER
 - 68th Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance, IIPF

Graduate Training

- Mar. 2014 Markov Switching and Time-varying Parameter Models, prof. A. Timmermann, KUL-NBB-UCL (CeSAM and CORE), Belgium
- Jul. 2013 Barcelona Macroeconometrics Summer School 2013 (BMaSS), Barcelona GSE, Spain:
 - Empirical Time Series Methods for Macroeconomic Analysis, Prof. L. Gambetti
 - Bayesian Vector Autoregressions and Small Sample Corrections in VARs, Prof. A. Marcet & M. Jarocinski
- Jul. 2013 ISEG Summer School 2013, Technical University of Lisbon, Portugal:
 - Simulation and estimation of DSGE models: application to fiscal policy, Prof. P. M. Gomes
- Jul. 2012 Summer Course Modeling for Public Finance Issues, EcoMod Modeling School, Belgium
- Jul. 2012 Barcelona Macroeconomics Summer School 2012, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain:
 - Labor Markets and Monetary Policy, Prof. J. Galí
 - Sovereign Debt Crises: Past, Present and Future, Prof. H.-J. Voth
 - Macroeconomic Effects of Fiscal Policy, Prof. F. Canova
- Nov. 2011 Product differentiation and market structure, Prof. J. Thisse, UCL-KU Leuven, Belgium

Teaching Experience

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| 2012-2013 | Lecturer | The Economic Aspects of European Integration - undergraduate economics |
| 2011-2015 | Teaching assistant | Public Economics - undergraduate economics
Prof. A. Decoster, KU Leuven (University of Leuven) |
| 2011-2015 | Dissertation guide | Master's Dissertations - undergraduate economics
Prof. A. Decoster, Prof. E. Ooghe & Prof. G. Debruyne, KU Leuven (University of Leuven) |

Personal Skills and Competences

Languages (CEFR levels):

Language	Writing	Reading	Speaking
Dutch	Mother tongue	Mother tongue	Mother tongue
English	Very good (C1)	Very good (C2)	Very good (C2)
French	Good (B1)	Good (B2)	Good (B1)
Spanish	Basics (A2)	Good (B1)	Good (B2)
German	Basics (A1)	Basics (A2)	Basics (A1)

Computer Skills and Competences:

Text Editing & Visualisation

MS Word	●●●●●●●○○○
MS Excel	●●●●●●●○○○
MS Powerpoint	●●●●●●●●○○
MS Sharepoint	●●●●○○○○○○
LaTeX	●●●●●●●●○○
Adobe Photoshop	●●●●●●●○○○

Data Analysis & Management

Stata	●●●●●●●○○○
EViews	●●●●●●●○○○
Matlab	●●●●●●●○○○
Mathematica	●●●●○○○○○○
Python	●●●●○○○○○○
GAMS	●●●●○○○○○○

Organizational Skills and Competences:

Motivated	Persistent	Structured
Eager to learn	Independent	Analytical

Social Skills and Competences:

Communicative	Team player	Social
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Driving Licence:

Holder of a Belgian driver's licence (category B vehicle)

Miscellaneous

- During my bachelor and master studies I was a prominent student representative and functioned as a focal point for fellow students with respect to general academic issues. As a representative I attended meetings with professors and other university staff to evaluate and improve the quality of the education and solving specific student-related problems. During these meetings I was able to improve both my communication and negotiation skills.
- I have a keen interest in reading. I prefer being caught up by magical realism novels (e.g. G.G. Marquez), as well as national and European politics. Furthermore, I enjoy cultural deepening by travelling, ideally in combination with my passion for photography.