**BERT LENAERTS**

**SUMMARY**

Highly motivated young professional with an engineering degreein bioeconomics and biogeography, currently working as a PhDresearcher in economic geographyand data science.

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**KEY SKILLS**

Data Analysis

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Foreign experience

**LANGUAGES**

English (Full Professional)

Dutch (Native or Bilingual)

French (Limited Working)

**HONORS–AWARDS**

Fulbright Scholar UHasselt–MIT

IRRI Certificate of Appreciation

VLIR-UOS Short term Scholar

**PUBLICATIONS**

[Google Scholar profile](https://scholar.google.be/citations?user=RP4y7_8AAAAJ&hl=nl)

[ResearchGate profile](http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Bert_Lenaerts/research)

**EXPERIENCE**

**European Commission**, Brussels, Belgium

*Blue Book Trainee* Fall 2019–2020

Internship at DG MOVE

**Hasselt University**, Hasselt, Belgium

*PhD Researcher* 2017–2021

My research focuses on (1) quantifying the connectivity of the global air transport network; and (2) estimating the economic benefits associated with (market) access as generated through the air transport network.

**Fulbright Association**, Brussels,Belgium

*Fulbright Scholar UHasselt–MIT* Fall 2018–2019

Fulbright Belgium grants Scholarship Programs to conduct (pre-)doctoral research and post-doctoral research at an accredited U.S. institution. Its goal is to improve intercultural relations, cultural diplomacy, and intercultural competence. Under the Fulbright Program, I visited MIT for the Fall semester to conduct research on aviation.

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology**, Boston

*Visiting Scholar* Fall 2018–2019

During my research stay, I empirically investigate the effects of air transport on macroeconomic indicators (i.e. employment) using instrumented spatial panel models through the use of a newly established accessibility metric developed at MIT.

**International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)**, Los Baños, Philippines

*Research Scholar* Summer 2016

Analysis of the factors influencing gendered intra-household decision-making power and performance in designing optimal product proles (breeding lines) through a fractional regression.

*MS Research Scholar* Summer 2015

Firstly, an ex-ante economic impact assessment of a new breeding method called Rapid Generation Advance through modelling and literature study. Secondly, development of an online survey platform to reach breeders from across the world and subsequent analysis of adoption and willingness to adopt through a combined triple-double hurdle model.

**Vlajo Small Business Projects**, Leuven, Belgium

*Entrepreneur*October 2014–June 2015

Through Vlajo SBP trial companies are launched in colleges and universities in Flanders. It enables students to form a tangible image of different aspects of entrepreneurship and starting your own business during their studies. Especially an attitude towards entrepreneurial behaviour is developed.

**Arba Minch University**, Arba Minch, Ethiopia

*University of Leuven field course*November 2014

Applied field study to learn how to integrate and apply knowledge on agro- and ecosystems in the tropics, biodiversity, tropical soils and agricultural economics to characterize (sub)tropical agro- and ecosystems and better understand constraints and options for natural resources management.

**EDUCATION**

**Hasselt University**, Hasselt, Belgium

Program: PhD Program in Applied Economics, Doctoral School of Behavioural 2017–2021  
 Sciences & Humanities

Thesis: Global Air Transport Connectivity: Quantification and Impact Analysis 2017–2021

**Commission for Educational Exchange between the U.S., Belgium and Luxembourg**, Brussels, Belgium

Program: Fulbright Student Researcher, Fulbright Belgium2018–2019

**University of Leuven**, Leuven, Belgium

Program: Interuniversity Student in Econometrics and Quantitative Economics 2017–2018

Master of Science (magna cum laude) in Policy Economics 2017–2016

Master of Science (magna cum laude) in Agro- and Ecosystems 2016–2014  
 Engineering with major in Economics

Bachelor of Science (cum laude): Engineering in the Biosciences 2014–2011

Thesis: Environmental lessons of NAFTA for TTIP 2017–2016

Economics of shorter breeding cycles in rice breeding 2016–2015

**SKILLS**

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| **Data Analysis**  Experience with data wrangling, data visualisation, data mining and statistical data analysis  Extensive knowledge of quantitative economics, specifically (spatial) panel and time series econometrics. |  | **Interpersonal Skills**  University Teaching  Teacher Training  **General**  Open to new cultures and traditions  Team player  Independent |

**TRAINING**

Management and leadership program 'Leadership in a Globalizing Context'—KU Leuven

Spirituality, leadership and professional integrity seminar—KU Leuven with Orval Abbey (Belgium)

Spatial Econometrics Advanced Institute (summer school)—SEA, Rome

**PUBLICATIONS**

Collard, B.C.Y., Beredo, J.C., Lenaerts, B., Mendoza, R., Santelices, R., Lopena, V., Verdeprado, H., Raghavan, C., Gregorio, G.B., Vial, L., Demont, M., Biswas, P.S., Iftekharuddaula, K.M., Rahman, M.A., Cobb, J.N., Islam, M.R., 2017. Revisiting rice breeding methods – evaluating the use of rapid generation advance (RGA) for routine rice breeding. Plant Production Science 20, 337–352. https://doi.org/10.1080/1343943X.2017.1391705

Lenaerts, B., Allroggen, F., Malina, R., 2020a. Measuring the quality of air transport networks – A topology of connectivity and accessibility metrics, in: Handbook on Air Transport and Regional Development (Accepted).

Lenaerts, B., Allroggen, F., Malina, R., 2020b. Air connectivity and regional employment: A spatial econometrics approach, Working paper.

Lenaerts, B., Allroggen, F., Malina, R., 2020c. The economic impact of aviation: a review of impact mechanisms and aviation-attributable market access, Working paper.

Lenaerts, B., Collard, B.C., de Mey, Y., Demont, M., 2019a. Global survey data on rice breeders’ characteristics and willingness to adopt alternative breeding methods. Data in Brief 23, 103782. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dib.2019.103782

Lenaerts, B., Collard, B.C., Demont, M., 2019b. Improving global food security through accelerated plant breeding. Plant Science 287, 110207. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.plantsci.2019.110207

Lenaerts, B., Collard, B.C.Y., Demont, M., 2018a. Global survey of rice breeders to investigate characteristics and willingness to adopt alternative breeding methods. Agriculture & Food Security 7, 15. https://doi.org/10.1186/s40066-018-0191-3

Lenaerts, B., de Mey, Y., Demont, M., 2020d. Revisiting multi-stage models for upstream technology adoption, Working paper.

Lenaerts, B., de Mey, Y., Demont, M., 2018b. Global impact of accelerated plant breeding: Evidence from a meta-analysis on rice breeding. PloS one 13, 21. https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0199016

Lenaerts, B., Demont, M., 2020. The global burden of chronic and hidden hunger revisited: new panel data evidence, Working paper.