

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

Ph.D. in Economics, Université Libre de Bruxelles, 2002.

M.A. in Economics, Université Libre de Bruxelles, 1996.

B.A. in Economics, Université Libre de Bruxelles, 1995.

## Academic Positions

Visiting Associate Professor, New York University, 2009 -

Associate Professor of Economics, Université Libre de Bruxelles (since 2005)

Research Director of Economics at the Institut d'Etudes Européennes, Université Libre de Bruxelles (2008-2009)

## Other Affiliations

Member of ECARES (European Center for Advanced Research in Economics and Statistics, Brussels)

Member of EPRG (European Parliament Research Group, LSE, London)

Member of the Advisory Board of the VoteWorld project (UC Berkeley)

## Research and Teaching Interests

Political Economy including Legislative Behavior and Political Conflicts

Applied Econometrics and Political Methodology

Applied Microeconomics and Game Theory

Public Finance

## Publications

### Book

*Democratic Politics in the European Parliament* (with Simon Hix and Gérard Roland) Cambridge University Press, 2007.

*Awarded the Richard F. Fenno Prize for the Best Book Published in the Field of Legislative Studies during 2007, by the Legislative Studies Section of the American Political Science Association.*

### Articles in Refereed Journals

Are Leading Papers of Better Quality? Evidence from a Natural Experiment, *Oxford Economic Papers*, forthcoming (with T. Coupé and V. Ginsburgh).

Voting Patterns and Alliance Formation in the European Parliament, *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B*, forthcoming (with Simon Hix and Gérard Roland).

After Enlargement: Voting Patterns in the Sixth European Parliament, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, forthcoming (with Simon Hix).

The Eurovision Song Contest. Is voting political or cultural? *European Journal of Political Economy* 24 (2008), 41-52 (with Victor Ginsburgh).

Politics not Economic Interests: Determinants of Migration Policies in the European Union, *International Migration Review* 41 (2007), 182-205 (with Simon Hix).

Dimensions of Politics in the European Parliament, *American Journal of Political Science*, 50 (2006), 494-511 (with Simon Hix and Gérard Roland).

Power to Parties: Cohesion and Competition in the European Parliament, *British Journal of Political Science*, 35 (2005), 209-234 (with Simon Hix and Gérard Roland).

Abstention in Daylight: Strategic Calculus of Voting in the EP, *Public Choice*, 121 (2004), 179-211.

Choosing Not to Choose: On the Link between Information and Abstention, *Economics Letters* 84 (2004), 261-65 (with Tom Coupé).

The Party System in the European Parliament: Collusive or Competitive?, *Journal of Common Market Studies*, (2003) 309-331 (with Simon Hix and Amie Kreppel).

More power to the European Parliament? *Economic Policy*, 35 (2002) 280-319 (with Gérard Roland).

Ideology, Nationality and Euro-parliamentarians, *European Union Politics*, 3 (2002), 33-58.

Immigration and aging in the Belgian regions, *Brussels Economic Review* 47(1) (2004) Special issue on skilled migration, 139-58 (with M. Debuissson, F. Docquier, and M. Nantcho).

### *Contributions to Collective Volumes*

“Les positions politiques des partis belges,” *Reflets et perspectives de la vie économique*, XLVI 2007, 15-29, De Boeck Editor (with Micael Castanheira).

“Interest Groups, Stakeholders, and the Distribution of Benefits and Costs of Reform,” in Jose Maria Fanelli and Garry McMahon (eds.) *Understanding Market Reforms Volume 1: Philosophy, Politics, and Stakeholders*, Palgrave MacMillan, 2005 (with Jan Fidrmuc).

“How to Choose the European Executive? A counterfactual Analysis, 1979-2001,” in Blankart and Mueller (ed.) *A Constitution for the European Union*, Cambridge: MIT Press 2004 (with Gérard Roland and Simon Hix).

“Les déterminants économiques de l’instabilité politique: une analyse empirique pour l’Afrique,” in P. Calame, B. Denis and E. Remacle *L’Art de la Paix*, Bruxelles: Peter Lang 2004 (with Khalid Sekkat).

“Enlargement and the European Parliament,” in Campos N. and J. Fidrmuc (eds.), *Political Economy of Transition and Development: Institutions, Politics and Policies*, ZEI Studies in European Economics and Law, Boston/Dordrecht/London: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 2004 (with Gérard Roland).

“European Parliament as a Research ‘Laboratory’,” in P. Magnett (eds.) *La Grande Europe, 2004* Bruxelles: Editions de L’Université de Bruxelles.

“Political Competition in the European Parliament,” 2003, in Gary Marks and Marco Steenbergen (eds.) *Contention in the European Union*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (with Jacques Thomassen and Erik Voeten).

“Comment Vote-t-on au Parlement Européen,” in Magnette, P. and E. Remacle (eds.) *Le Nouveau Modèle Européen, 2000* Brussels: Editions de L’Université de Bruxelles (with Gérard Roland).

### **Research Activities (Visits)**

Visiting Scholar at the University of California, Berkeley, Institute of Governmental Studies, from September 2004 to September 2005.

London School of Economics. February 2003.

University of California, Berkeley, USA. February-March, 2002 and August 2002.

Wroclaw University of Technology, Institute of Industrial Engineering and Management, Wroclaw, Poland. May 1999.

Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University, Stanford, USA. October 1998-January 1999. Visiting as a Ph.D. student.

Summer School of the European Economic Association on “The Political Economy of Reforms,” Madrid. September 1997. Attending as a Ph.D. student.

## **Seminars and Conferences**

Invited talks (presenting papers) at UC Berkeley, Princeton, Stanford University (Institute of International Studies), Universities of Lille, CORE (UCL), Leiden University, Kyiv School of Economics, and several internal seminars.

Conference on “Legislative Behavior in Europe, the US, and Beyond”. UC Berkeley, February 2005. (Co-organizer)

“2nd Workshop on Media Economics: How do media markets work?” Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration. October 2003.

The Economic Policy, Thirty-Fifth Panel Meeting, Madrid, Spain. April 2002.

Public Choice Society conference, San Diego, California, USA. March 2002.

World Congress of the Econometric Society, Seattle, USA. August 2000.

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), (Panel participant), Washington DC, USA. September 2000.

European Economic Association 1998 Meeting, Berlin, Germany. September 1998.

PSPE Conference on “Designing Democratic Institutions,” LSE, London. May 2008.

International Workshop on “EU Decision Making Reform and European Integration,” CERGE, Prague, Czech Republic. December 1997.

Conference on “Measures of Legislators’ Policy Preferences and the Dimensionality of Policy Spaces,” Washington University in St. Louis. December 2007.

## Referee Reports for International Journals

*Journal of Political Economy, The Journal Public Choice, European Union Politics, Constitutional Political Economy, European Journal of Political Economy, American Political Science Review, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Politics, Journal of Common Market Studies, Legislative Studies Quarterly, British Journal of Political Science, Journal of Cultural Economics*

## Miscellany

### *Language*

English, French, Persian/Dari

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