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## Personal information

Birth year: 1997  
Citizenship : Belgian  
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## RESEARCH FIELDS

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**Primary:** Public economics, welfare economics  
**Secondary:** Labour economics

## DOCTORAL STUDIES

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**UCLouvain**, PhD

Title: *Fairness, optimal taxation and public policies evaluation*

*December 2020 - Present*

Supervisor: François Maniquet  
Expected graduation: Spring 2025

**University of California, Berkeley**

Visiting Student Researcher

*Fall 2023*

Sponsor: Emmanuel Saez

**London School of Economics and Political Science**

European Doctoral Program Visiting Student

*Spring 2023*

Sponsor: Camille Landais

## PRE-DOCTORAL STUDIES

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**Bocconi University**, MSc in Economics and Social sciences, *110/110 cum Laude*

*2018-2020*

**UCLouvain**, MRes/JD in Economics, *Grande distinction*

*2018-2020*

**Maastricht University**, Visiting student

*Spring 2018*

**UCLouvain**, B. Sc. in Economics and Management, *Grande distinction. Rank:1st/176*

*2015-2018*

## WORKING PAPERS

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### **Basic income versus fairness: redistribution with inactive agents**

This paper studies redistributive transfers between inactive, unemployed and employed agents. In a model with fully heterogeneous preferences and arbitrarily unequal skills, labor market inactivity arises from home production and disutility of participation. The social objective champions the ethics of equality of opportunity while upholding the Pareto principle. In the Mirrleesian second-best, welfare analysis is reduced to a sufficient statistic. Its empirical application suggests that an inactivity benefit would not be welfare-improving in most high-income countries. Overall, the equity gains of introducing a basic income with respect to equality of opportunity are tenuous, whatever its efficiency costs.

## FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS AND GRANTS

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**National Fund for Scientific Research FRS-FNRS**

2021-2025

*E.G. de Barys Research Fellow.* Most competitive full doctoral fellowship.

**Fondation Chimay-Wartoise, FRS-FNRS, Wallonia Brussels Federation**

2023

*Various travel grants*

**Alumni Association of Economists, UCLouvain**

2020

Prize for the Best Master Thesis in Economics

<b>Italian Ministry for Education, Universities and Research</b> <i>Fondo Sostegno Giovani</i>	2019
<b>European Commission</b> Erasmus+ scholarship for 15 months	2018-2019
<b>Rotary Chimay-Couvin Rhetorical Contest</b> Audience and Jury awards, <i>Tournoi des idées</i>	2015

## OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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<b>Federal Planning Bureau</b> , Intern	<i>Brussels, 2019</i>
<b>Itinera Institute</b> , Intern	<i>Brussels, 2019</i>

## TALKS

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2023	Public Economics Work-in-Progress (London School of Economics), 1st Welfare and Policy Conference (Bordeaux School of Economics), European Doctoral Program Jam-boree 2023 (Paris School of Economics), 79th Annual Meeting of the IIPF (Utah State University, Logan)
2022	17th Belgian Day of Labor Economics (Federal Planning Bureau, Brussels), MICH Seminar (Hoover Chair, UCLouvain), Public Economic Theory 2022 Conference (Aix-Marseille School of Economics), ECORES Summer School (KULeuven), Spring Doctoral Workshop (UCLouvain).
2021	Winter Doctoral Workshop (UNamur), Fair Inheritance Workshop (Hoover Chair, UCLouvain).
2019	Federal Planning Bureau Lunch Seminar (Brussels).

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Graduate TA	<i>Adv. Micro. I - Decision theory &amp; General Equilibrium</i> (MRes - ENG) : Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022 <i>Adv. Micro. II - Game theory &amp; Mechanism Design</i> (MRes - ENG) : Spring 2021 <i>Adv. Macro. II - Heterogeneous agents &amp; Dynamics</i> (MRes - ENG) : Spring 2023
Undergrad TA	<i>Economie politique</i> (Bsc.1 - French) : Fall 2019, Fall 2020 <i>Microéconomie</i> (Bsc. 2 - French) : Fall 2020, Spring 2021
Tutoring	<i>Statistiques en économie et gestion</i> (Bsc. 1- French) : Spring 2017 <i>Macroéconomie</i> (Bsc. 2- French) : Fall 2018

**Total : 220 hours**

## MISCELLANEOUS

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Refereeing	<i>Social Choice and Welfare, Review of Economics and Statistics</i>
Languages	English (bilingual), French (mother tongue), Dutch and Italian (passive)