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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Financial econometrics, high-dimensional statistics and machine learning methods with applications in finance & macroeconomics

CURRENT & PAST POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of Statistics, Department of Finance, Copenhagen Business School, October 2022 - present
Rethinc.Labs Research Fellow, UNC Chapel Hill, April 2024 - present
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action Fellow, April 2023 - April 2025

EDUCATION

European Doctoral Program, Université catholique de Louvain, May 2019 - April 2022
Exchange at Universitat Pompeu Fabra, January - April 2022
Visit supervisors: Christian Brownlees & Gábor Lugosi
Ph.D. Economics, Université catholique de Louvain, February 2022
Thesis title: "Estimation and inference for high dimensional mixed frequency data models"
Advisors: Andrii Babii, Eric Ghysels. Committee: Rudy De Winne, Geert Dhaene, Christian M. Hafner
M.A. Quantitative Economics and Finance, University of St. Gallen, 2014
B.Sc. Mathematics, Queen Mary University of London, 2013

PUBLICATIONS

- "Testing for sparse idiosyncratic components in factor-augmented regression models"
with J. Beyhum, *Journal of Econometrics*, 2024, 244(1), 105845
[pdf](#)  [journal](#) 
- "Panel data nowcasting: The case of price-earnings ratios"
with A. Babii, R. Ball and E. Ghysels, *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, 2024, 39(2), 292-307.
[pdf](#)  [journal](#) 
- "High-dimensional Granger causality tests with an application to VIX and news",
with A. Babii and E. Ghysels, *Journal of Financial Econometrics*, 2024, 22(3), 605–635.
[pdf](#)  [journal](#) 
- "Machine learning panel data regressions with heavy-tailed dependent data: Theory and application",
with A. Babii, R. T. Ball and E. Ghysels, *Journal of Econometrics*, 2023, 237(2C), 105315
[pdf](#)  [journal](#) 
- "Regularized regression when covariates are linked on a network: The 3CoSE algorithm",
with M. Weber, M. Schumacher and H. Binder, *Journal of Applied Statistics*, 2023, 50(3), 535-554.
[pdf](#)  [journal](#) 
- "Machine learning time series regressions with an application to nowcasting",
with A. Babii and E. Ghysels, *Journal of Business & Economic Statistics*, 2022, 40(3), 1094–1106.
[pdf](#)  [journal](#) 

HANDBOOK CHAPTERS

"Econometrics of machine learning methods in economic forecasting" in *Research Methods and Applications on Macroeconomic Forecasting*, edited by M. Clements and A. Galvao, Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd, 2024, *forthcoming*
with A. Babii and E. Ghysels

WORKING PAPERS

“Factor-augmented sparse MIDAS regressions with an application to nowcasting”
with J. Beyhum, conditionally accepted at Journal of Business & Economic Statistics
[arxiv](#) ↗

“Nowcasting and aggregation: Why small Euro area countries matter”
with A. Babii, L. Barbaglia and E. Ghysels, Rej&R at Journal of Business & Economic Statistics
[arxiv](#) ↗

“High-dimensional censored MIDAS logistic regression for corporate survival forecasting”
with W. Miao, J. Beyhum and I. Van Keilegom, R&R at Journal of Econometrics
[arxiv](#) ↗

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Robust bond risk premia: sparse macroeconomic information matters”
with A. Luisi and F. Roccazzella

“Testing for covariate effects in tail index models
with A. Rønn-Nielsen and M. Stehr

“Efficiency test for the minimum variance portfolio”
with F. Jedmo

“The News Behind Market Activity”
with J.G. Roth

ACADEMIC VISITS

Hitotsubashi University, Japan. September – December, 2025
Host: Yoshimasa Uematsu.

Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain. April – July, 2023
Host: Christian Brownlees.

Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain. January – April, 2022
Host: Gábor Lugosi.

University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, United States. September 2018 & 2019
Host: Eric Ghysels.

PRESENTATIONS

2026: Planned: Linnaeus University; Lund University

2025: Goethe University Frankfurt; EcoSta (invited talk); CFE-CMStatistics [★] (invited talk).

2024: CIREQ Econometrics Montreal; University of Copenhagen; Rotterdam University; The Winter Meeting of the Annual Lithuanian Conference on Economic Research.

2023: Bank of Lithuania; Baltic Economic Conference; EcoSta; Compstat; CBS Brown Bag; BI Norwegian Business School; The Winter Meeting of the Annual Lithuanian Conference on Economic Research.

2022: Aarhus University [★]; Copenhagen Business School; Netherlands Econometric Study Group Meeting (invited talk); Vienna–Copenhagen Conference on Financial Econometrics; International Association for Applied Econometrics; Sveriges Riskbank “Non-traditional Data, Machine Learning, and Natural Language Processing in Macroeconomics”.

2021: UNC PhD students econometrics workshop [★]; 3rd Baltic Economics Conference [★]; North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society [★]; SoFiE [★]; ECB workshop [★]; European Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society [★]; CFE [★] (invited talk).

2020: UC Louvain CORE Brown Bag $\times 2$ [★]; UNC PhD students econometrics workshop [★]

2019: UC Louvain Finance PhD students workshop; Institute of Statistics, Biostatistics and Actuarial Sciences Young Researchers Day; The Winter Meeting of the Annual Lithuanian Conference on Economic Research.

2018: 1st QMUL Economics and Finance Workshop for PhD & Post-doctoral Students; UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School; SoFiE summer school Brussels.

[★] Online conference/seminar/lectures.

SUPERVISIONS

PhD co-advisor (in progress):

Mads Hebsgaard (Copenhagen Business School), Filip Jedmo (Copenhagen Business School, main advisor), Jan Gabriel Roth (Copenhagen Business School), Wei Miao (KU Leuven)

AWARDS & HONORS

2024: Participant at the Conference in Honor of Eric Ghysels (University of Montreal)

2023: Lecturer at the series “Workshops for Ukraine”

2023-25: Marie Skłodowska-Curie grant for ≈ 230.000 Eur, supervisor Rasmus Tangsgaard Varneskov;
Evaluation: top 2 in Denmark/cohort, 100% score.

2023: Best PhD thesis award, Bank of Lithuania

2022: Member of Danish Statistical Society

2022: Euro Area Business Cycle Network lectures, joint with Eric Ghysels and Massimiliano Marcellino^{*}

2022-24: F.R.S.-FNRS PDR grant for ≈ 160.000 Eur, joint with Eric Ghysels and Rudy De Winne

2020: SoFiE summer school, NYU/Shanghai, joint with Andrii Babii and Eric Ghysels^{*}

2020: SoFiE summer school, University of Chicago, joint with Andrii Babii and Eric Ghysels^{*}

2019: CORE lectures series, joint with Anessa Custovic and Eric Ghysels

2018-22: F.R.S.-FNRS Aspirant fellowship grant

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Co-ORGANIZERS OF CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

Workshop on “Machine Learning Economic Forecasting and Nowcasting”, April 2025, at Copenhagen Business School, with A. Babii, E. Ghysels, M. Marcelino and the Department of Finance, CBS.

REVIEWER

International Journal of Forecasting, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of Econometrics, Journal of Empirical Finance, Journal of Financial Econometrics, Journal of Forecasting, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, PLoS ONE, Review of Economics and Statistics, The Econometrics Journal, The Review of Financial Studies

STATISTICAL SOFTWARE

R: FAS ([CRAN link](#) ), midasml ([CRAN link](#) ) , LassoNet ([CRAN link](#) )

Development code: [GitHub](#) 

SKILLS

Fortran, R (and Rcpp), C++, Matlab (and mex), Python, Stata, GitHub, L^AT_EX

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Trainee, National Bank of Belgium, June 2022 - September 2022

Analyst, economist and research assistant, Bank of Lithuania, October 2014 - March 2017

^{*} Online conference/seminar/lectures.