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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

(Robust) statistical learning methods for dependent data, mixed frequency data econometric methods with applications in finance & macroeconomics

## CURRENT POSITIONS

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action fellow, April 2023 - April 2025

Assistant professor of statistics, Department of Finance, Copenhagen Business School, October 2022 - present

## 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](#) [external link](#)

“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

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“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.

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“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.

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“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.

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“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.

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## 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

“Sparse plus dense MIDAS regressions and nowcasting during the COVID pandemic”

with J. Beyhum, [pdf](#) [external link](#)

“Nowcasting and aggregation: Why small Euro area countries matter”

with A. Babii, L. Barbaglia and E. Ghysels, [pdf](#) [external link](#)

## WORK IN PROGRESS

“Tuning parameters for robust learning”

## PRESENTATIONS

- 2024: CIREQ Econometrics Montreal, University of Copenhagen (scheduled), Rotterdam University (scheduled)
- 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<sup>★</sup>; 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<sup>★</sup>; 3rd Baltic Economics Conference<sup>★</sup>; North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society<sup>★</sup>; SoFiE<sup>★</sup>; ECB workshop<sup>★</sup>; European Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society<sup>★</sup>; CFE (invited talk)<sup>★</sup>.
- 2020: UC Louvain CORE Brown Bag ×2<sup>★</sup>; UNC PhD students econometrics workshop<sup>★</sup>
- 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.

## SUPERVISIONS

PhD co-advisor:

Jan Gabriel Roth (Copenhagen Business School, in progress), Wei Miao (KU Leuven, in progress)

## 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<sup>★</sup>
- 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<sup>★</sup>
- 2020: SoFiE summer school, University of Chicago, joint with Andrii Babii and Eric Ghysels<sup>★</sup>
- 2019: CORE lectures series, joint with Anessa Custovic and Eric Ghysels
- 2018-22: F.R.S.-FNRS Aspirant fellowship grant


## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### REVIEWER

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

### STATISTICAL SOFTWARE

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

Development code: [GitHub](#) 

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<sup>★</sup> Online conference/seminar/lectures.

## SKILLS

Fortran, R (and Rcpp), C++, Matlab (and mex), Python, Stata, GitHub, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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

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