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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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2025 -	<b>KU Leuven</b> Assistant Professor, Department of Economics
2024 - 2025	<b>KU Leuven</b> Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Economics

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

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2025 -	<b>RFBerlin</b> Research Affiliate (ROCKWOOL Foundation Berlin)
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## EDUCATION

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2018 - 2024	<b>University of Mannheim</b> Ph.D. in Economics
2016 - 2018	<b>University of Mannheim</b> Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Economics
2013 - 2016	<b>WHU - Otto Beisheim School of Management</b> Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) in International Business Administration
Fall 2015	<b>University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</b> Visiting Student

## RESEARCH FIELDS

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Macroeconomics, Labor Economics, Public Economics, Family Economics

## RESEARCH

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### Working Papers

Efficiency and Equity of Education Tracking - A Quantitative Analysis [[Link to Paper](#)]  
(with [Suzanne Bellue](#))

Policy Concerns in an Era of Low Fertility: The Role of Social Comparisons and Intensive Parenting  
[[Link to Paper](#)] (with [Michèle Tertilt](#) and [Minchul Yum](#))  
*prepared for **Brookings Papers on Economic Activity**, Fall 2025*

### Published Papers

Lifestyle Behaviors and Wealth-Health Gaps in Germany [[Link to Paper](#)]  
(with [Minchul Yum](#))  
***Econometrica**, 2024*

Aggregate and Distributional Effects of School Closure Mitigation Policies: Public versus Private Education [[Link to Paper](#)] (with [Minchul Yum](#))  
***Economics Letters**, 2024*

## Work in Progress

Progressivity of Pension Systems with Endogenous Health and Life Expectancy  
(with [Minchul Yum](#))

## REFERENCES

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Prof. Minchul Yum, Ph.D.  
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## PRESENTATIONS

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**2025 (incl. scheduled):** University of Birmingham, Tilburg University, Family Economics Workshop Bruges, Essen Health Conference, World Congress Econometric Society, UC Louvain

**2024:** ENSAE-CREST Paris, Household Economics PhD Workshop (ULB, ECARES)

**2023 :** Fed-St. Louis-JEDC-SCG-SNB-Conference (Gerzensee, Poster), Doctoral Workshop on Quantitative Dynamic Economics (Univ. of Strasbourg), EEA-ESEM Barcelona 2023, EUI ECO PhD Workshop, Workshop on Families, Human Capital, Inequality (Univ. of Mannheim, Univ. of Bonn, Poster), CRC Retreat, University of Mannheim Alumni Conference, EWMES 2023 Manchester

**2022 :** Vigo Workshop on Dynamic Macroeconomics, University of Mannheim, Frankfurt-Mannheim PhD Workshop

**2021 :** University of Mannheim, Frankfurt-Mannheim Macro Workshop

## TEACHING

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Fall 2024 -	<b>Microeconomics (M.Sc.)</b> <i>KU Leuven</i>
Spring 2021 - 2024	<b>Economic Policy (B.Sc.)</b> Teaching Assistant, <i>University of Mannheim</i>
Fall 2020	<b>Advanced Macroeconomics (M.Sc.)</b> Teaching Assistant, <i>University of Mannheim</i>
Fall 2019	<b>Intermediate Macroeconomics (B.Sc.)</b> Teaching Assistant, <i>University of Mannheim</i>

## SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS

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2025-2027	<b>KU Leuven</b> STG Grant (110,000 EUR)
2018 - 2020	<b>University of Mannheim</b> Scholarship for Ph.D. studies
2015	<b>German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)</b> Scholarship for undergraduate studies at UIUC

## SERVICES

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Referee	Econometrica, Journal of the European Economic Association
2025 -	Organizer of the Economics Department Seminar Series at KU Leuven

## MISCELLANEOUS

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<b>Programming</b>	Proficiency in Fortran, Matlab, Stata, R
<b>Languages</b>	German (native), English (fluent), French, Spanish, Dutch (intermediate)
<b>Citizenship</b>	German

Updated November, 2025