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POSITIONS

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| 2025 - | KU Leuven Assistant Professor, Department of Economics |
| 2024 - 2025 | KU Leuven Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Economics |

EDUCATION

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

RESEARCH FIELDS

Macroeconomics, Labor Economics, Public Economics, Family Economics

RESEARCH

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
(with [Michèle Tertilt](#) and [Minchul Yum](#))

Published Papers

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

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

SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS

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

MISCELLANEOUS

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

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