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Education

Ph.D. in Economics	2019 - 2024
Erasmus University Rotterdam and Tinbergen Institute	
Advisors: Prof. Dr. Anne C. Gielen and Prof. Dr. Robert Dur	
Visiting PhD student, University of Cologne	October 2023
Hosted by Prof. Sebastian Siegloch	
IZA Summer School in Labor Economics	2022
MPhil in Economics, Tinbergen Institute	2017 - 2019
BSc in Economics, <i>cum laude</i> , Erasmus University Rotterdam	2014 - 2017
Exchange program, University of Mannheim	2016

References

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Research interests

Labor Economics, Family Economics, Health Economics, Applied Microeconomics

Working papers

Female Labor Supply and Intergenerational Spillovers: Evidence from a Tax Reform

Job Market Paper

Female labor supply has increased substantially over the past century. Consequently, more women and men have observed their mother employed which may affect their own labor supply. In this paper, I exploit a reform which stimulated labor supply among women with low labor supply. I find that mothers directly affected by the reform increased their labor supply. However, their daughters decrease their labor supply and are more likely to have a partner and children. I do not find these effects for sons.

Activating the Long-Term Inactive: Labor Market and Mental Health Effects

with Robert Dur and Anne C. Gielen

R&R at Labour Economics

IZA Discussion Paper No. 15891, Tinbergen Institute Discussion Paper 2023-003/V

In many Western countries, a sizeable group of people live on welfare benefits for a long time. Many of them suffer from mental health issues. This paper studies the labor market and mental health effects of an activation program targeting these long-term inactive people. We exploit the staggered implementation of the program in a difference-in-differences design. We find that the activation program hardly affects labor market outcomes. However, for those on mental health medication prior to the start of the program, the use of mental health medication substantially drops in the years following the start of the program. This effect is particularly pronounced for men. We also study spillover effects on the children of those targeted by the program, finding some suggestive evidence for improved learning and mental health outcomes.

Work in progress

Turning the Tide: Long-Term Gains of Graduating in a Recession for Low Educated Entrants

Economic conditions at time of labor market entry have been shown to have large negative effects on labor market outcomes for an extended period of time. The immediate effects have been shown to be worse for lower educated entrants. In the long run, the effects may be very different as low and high educated have different possibilities to accommodate this negative shock, high educated entrants can downgrade and low educated entrants cannot. This paper estimates the long-term effects of economic conditions at labor market entry on income and employment for high and low educated separately up to 40 years after graduation. I exploit regional variation in unemployment and proxy for time and location of labor market entry using birth region and nominal duration of education. For both high and low educated labor market entrants between 1971 and 1988, I find short-lived negative effects immediately after graduation. These negative effects on earnings and employment remain for high educated in the long run. Low educated benefit as they end up in more stable jobs. This can be explained by low educated entrants shifting to less cyclical sectors, which shields them from future recessions, as a result of high educated entrants downgrading.

Teaching experience

2019 - present	Applied Econometrics (Graduate) Teaching Assistant, Erasmus University Rotterdam
2020 - present	Supervision of Bachelor and Master theses Erasmus University Rotterdam
2022	Seminar Cases in Policy Evaluation (Graduate) Teaching Assistant, Erasmus University Rotterdam
2016	Applied Microeconomics (Undergraduate) Teaching Assistant, Erasmus University Rotterdam
2015 - 2016	Academic Skills (Undergraduate) Teaching Assistant, Erasmus University Rotterdam
2015	Microeconomics (Undergraduate) Teaching Assistant, Erasmus University Rotterdam

Presentations

** are presentations by co-authors*

2023	Univeristy of Cologne; Economics Seminar, Leiden Univeristy; Learning and Work Seminar, Maastricht University; Symposium “Sociale zekerheid en gezondheid” (Social security and health), KVS (Dutch Economists Association)*; 1 st Diversity and Human Capital Workshop: Gender, Exeter; Workshop on Families, Human Capital, and Inequality, Mannheim/Bonn ; 35 th Conference of the European Association for Labor Economists, Prague; 36 th Conference of the European Society for Population Economics, Belgrade; TI PhD Jamboree; ESE Brown Bag seminar; TI PhD Lunch seminar
2022	23 rd IZA Summer School in Labor Economics; Workshop ‘Inequality within and across generations’, Rotterdam; 35 th Conference of the European Society for Population Economics, Calabria; 34 th Conference of the European Association for Labour Economists, Padova; TI PhD Lunch seminar; ESE Brown Bag seminar
2021	6 th Workshop on Labour Economics, Trier; 34 th Conference of the European Society for Population Economics; 77 th Congress of the International Institute for Public Finance; 33 rd Conference of the European Association for Labour Economists
2020	Workshop on Labour Economics, Trier (<i>cancelled</i>); Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (<i>cancelled</i>)
2019	4 th Dondena Workshop of Public Policy, Milan; TI PhD Lunch seminar; ESE Brown Bag seminar

Grants and awards

2020	Rotterdam Thesis Award for ‘Labor Market and Health Effects of an Activation Program for Long-term Inactive’ Erasmus University Rotterdam and Municipality of Rotterdam
2017 - 2019	Partial scholarship, Tinbergen Institute

Relevant experience

2018 - 2019	Research assistant to Prof. Anne C. Gielen, Erasmus University Rotterdam
2017	Research assistant to Prof. Hans van Kippersluis, Erasmus University Rotterdam Bastiaans, M., & Kippersluis, H. van (2017). Prikkels voor gezond gedrag: een overzicht van theoretische kaders. <i>TPEdigitaal</i> , 11(2), 6-21.

Language and software skills

Languages	Dutch (native), English (fluent), German (basic)
Software skills	Stata, LaTeX