

## Michael Rubens

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### Current position

UCLA, Department of Economics  
Assistant Professor, Mar. 2022 – current

### Past positions

Toulouse School of Economics  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Oct. 2021 – Feb. 2022  
  
KU Leuven, Department of Economics  
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Jun. 2020 – Feb. 2022  
  
Yale University, Department of Economics  
Visiting Scholar, Aug. 2017 – Jul. 2018

### Education

KU Leuven  
Ph.D., Economics, 2020 (Co-chairs: Jan De Loecker, Jo Van Biesebroeck)  
M.Sc., Economics, *Magna Cum Laude*, 2015  
  
Vrije Universiteit Brussel  
B.Sc., Business Engineering, *Magna Cum Laude*, 2014

### Publications

- [1] [Management, Productivity, and Technology Choices: Evidence from U.S. Mining Schools](#)  
*RAND Journal of Economics*, 54(1), March 2023, pp.165-186

### Working papers

- [2] [Market Structure, Oligopsony Power, and Productivity](#)  
*Conditionally accepted, American Economic Review*
- [3] [Oligopsony Power and Factor-Biased Technology Adoption](#)
- [4] [Colluding Against Workers](#) (with Vincent Delabastita)  
*Revision requested, Journal of Political Economy*

## Awards and Fellowships

2022	Faculty Research Award, UCLA Burkle Center Young Economist Essay Award, EARIE
2019	Pinxten Award for Best Paper in Economics, KU Leuven
2017	Monique Walravens Fellow, Belgian American Educational Foundation Fulbright Scholar McKinsey & Co. Award for Graduate Study in Business Fellow ('Aspirant') of the Research Foundation Flanders, FWO

## Grants

2022	Grant from the NBER Program on Economics of Innovation in the Energy Sector Grant from the UCLA Burkle Center
2021	Grant for Foreign Research, Research Foundation Flanders
2017	Alfred D. Chandler, Jr. Travel Grant, Business History Conference

## Teaching

UCLA:

2023	ECON 171 Industrial Organization: Policy and Regulation (UG)
2022-2023	ECON 272B Topics in Industrial Organization (G)

TSE:

2022	Empirical Industrial Organization (G)
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KU Leuven:

2015-2018	Dynamic Methods (G)
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## Professional Service

Refereeing: *AEJ: Microeconomics*, *American Economic Review*, *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, *Applied Economics*, *Economics of Innovation and New Technology*, *International Economic Review*, *International Journal of Industrial Organization*, *Journal of Applied Economics*, *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, *Journal of Competition Law & Economics*, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Industrial Economics*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *RAND Journal of Economics*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *World Development*

Departmental service: UCLA IO mini-conference organization (since 2022); Ph.D. admissions (since 2023)

Other service: Selections committee, Fulbright Scholarships

**Seminars and Conferences (\*scheduled)**

2023	Cal Poly San Luis Obispo; London School of Economics; University of Wisconsin, Madison*; Southern California Conference in Applied Microeconomics*; Federal Trade Commission*; Montreal Summer IO Conference*; University of California, Berkeley*; IIOC*
2022	Ohio State University; Arizona State University; U.S. Department of Justice; University of British Columbia; Georgetown University; University of Rochester; NBER Conference on Innovation in the Energy Sector; IIOC; Cowles Conference on Models and Measurement; BSE Summer Forum on Applied IO; CEPR IO; NBER IO Summer Institute; EARIE; Christmas Meeting of Belgian Economists
2021	New York University; MIT/Harvard University; University of Michigan; Toulouse School of Economics; ENSAE/Ecole Polytechnique; Stockholm School of Economics; SOLE Annual Conference; RIDGE IO Forum (discussant); EHA Annual Conference; FTC Microeconomics Conference
2020	Warwick University; ENSAE/Ecole Polytechnique; University of Chicago, Booth; Penn State University; Stanford University; University of California, Los Angeles; Tilburg University; Universitat Pompeu Fabra; LMU Munich; DICE Düsseldorf; Boston University; Institute for Fiscal Studies; IFN Stockholm; China Virtual IO Seminar; MaCCI Conference; IIOC; EEA Conference; China Economics Summer Institute
pre-2020	RES Conference; Warwick PhD Conference; IIOC; EARIE; BHS; NBER Megafirms (discussant); ESWM; University of Turin PhD Workshop; University of Nottingham GEP Conference