

## 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

### Fields

Industrial Organization (Primary), Labor Economics (Secondary)

### Education

KU Leuven  
Ph.D., Economics, 2015 – 2020 (Committee co-chairs: Jan De Loecker, Jo Van Biesebroeck)  
M.A., Economics, *Magna Cum Laude*, 2014 – 2015  
  
Vrije Universiteit Brussel  
B.Sc., Business Engineering, *Magna Cum Laude*, 2011 – 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](#)  
*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, Fellowships, and Grants

2023	Academic Senate Faculty Research Grant, UCLA
2022	Young Economist Essay Award, EARIE Faculty Research Award and Seed Grant, UCLA Burkle Center Grant from the NBER Program on Economics of Innovation in the Energy Sector
2021	Grant for Foreign Research, Research Foundation Flanders
2019	Pinxten Award for Best Paper in Economics, KU Leuven
2017	Fulbright Scholarship McKinsey & Co. Award for Graduate Study in Business Monique Walravens Fellow, Belgian American Educational Foundation Fellow ('Aspirant') of the Research Foundation Flanders, FWO 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, as T.A. (G)
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## Advising

Ph.D. students:

Antonio Martner Sota (Ongoing)

Angela Wu (Ongoing)

Christopher Saw (Ongoing)

## 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-conferences/seminars (since 2022); Ph.D. admissions committee (since 2023)

Other service: Fulbright scholarships selection committee (2023)

**Talks (\*scheduled)**

2024	ASSA San Antonio
2023	Cal Poly San Luis Obispo; LSE Economics; LSE Management; University of Wisconsin, Madison; IIOC; Southern California Conference in Applied Microeconomics; Federal Trade Commission; Montreal Summer IO Conference*; Stanford SITE Labor*; UC Berkeley Economics*; UC Berkeley Haas*
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; CREST Paris; Stockholm School of Economics; SOLE Annual Conference; RIDGE IO Forum (discussant); EHA Annual Conference; FTC Microeconomics Conference
2020	Warwick University; CREST Paris; 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