

Michael Rubens

UCLA, Department of Economics
Bunche Hall, Office 8345
315 Portola Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90095

rubens@econ.ucla.edu
<https://michaelrubens.github.io/>

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)
------	---------------------------------------

KU Leuven:

2015-2018	Dynamic Methods (G)
-----------	---------------------

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