

## Michael Rubens

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### Employment

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

KU Leuven, Department of Economics  
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Jun. 2020 – Feb. 2022

### Visiting positions

Toulouse School of Economics  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Oct. 2021 – 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

### Working papers

- [4] [Colluding Against Workers](#) (with Vincent Delabastita)  
*Revision requested, Journal of Political Economy*
- [3] [Oligopsony Power and Factor-Biased Technology Adoption](#)

### Publications

- [2] [Market Structure, Oligopsony Power, and Productivity](#)  
*American Economic Review*, 113(9), September 2023.
- [1] [Management, Productivity, and Technology Choices: Evidence from U.S. Mining Schools](#)  
*RAND Journal of Economics*, 54(1), pp.165-186, March 2023.

## Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

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| 2023 | Kramer Award for Technology and Society, Terry and Suzan Kramer Family Foundation<br>Academic Senate Faculty Research Grant, UCLA  |
| 2022 | Young Economist Essay Award, EARIE<br>Faculty Research Award and Seed Grant, UCLA Burkle Center<br>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<br>McKinsey & Co. Award for Graduate Study in Business<br>Monique Walravens Fellowship, Belgian American Educational Foundation<br>Fellow ('Aspirant') of the Research Foundation Flanders, FWO<br>Alfred D. Chandler, Jr. Travel Grant, Business History Conference |

## Teaching

UCLA:

2023-... ECON 171 Industrial Organization: Policy and Regulation (UG)

2022-... ECON 272B Topics in Industrial Organization (G)

TSE:

2022 Empirical Industrial Organization (G)

KU Leuven:

2015-2018 Dynamic Methods, as T.A. (G)

## Advising

Ph.D. students: Antonio Martner Sota, Christopher Saw, Angela Wu, Felipe Leal

## Professional Service

Refereeing: *American Economic Review*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics*, *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*, *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)**

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| 2024     | ASSA San Antonio (invited)*   |
| 2023     | Cal Poly San Luis Obispo; LSE Economics; LSE Management; UW Madison; IIOC; Southern California Conference in Applied Microeconomics; FTC; Montreal Summer IO Conference; Stanford SITE Labor*; University of Toronto*; UC Berkeley Economics*; UC Berkeley Haas*; UNC/Duke*; HEC Paris*; Helsinki GSE*  |
| 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  |