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Research Interests economics of innovation, science and technology, digitization, strategic management of

R&D

Ph.D. KU Leuven, 2021 (expected) **EDUCATION**

Business Economics

• Dissertation Title: Empirical Essays on the Economics of Information Access, Knowledge Spillovers and Cumulative Innovation

• Advisors: Sam Arts, Reinhilde Veugelers

• Doctoral Committee: Dirk Czarnitzki (KU Leuven), Hanna Hottenrott (TU Munich), Stijn Kelchtermans (KU Leuven), Martin Watzinger (LMU)

M.Sc. University of Marburg, 2014

Business Economics, magna cum laude

B.Sc. TU Dortmund University, 2012

Economics & Management

Spring 2016 KU Leuven, Dpt. of Management, Strategy and Innovation RESEARCH VISITS

Visiting Researcher, host: Dirk Czarnitzki

Honors & Awards 2017-2021Ph.D. Fellowship, Research Foundation - Flanders (FWO)

2016 - 2017Ph.D. Scholarship, KU Leuven 2015 Conference Travel Grant, DAAD

RESEARCH Papers The Impact of Broadband Internet on Invention: Evidence from the U.K., with Sam

Arts, Mattia Nardotto and Jesse Wursten, working paper (first draft)

Online Repositories, Internal Search Costs and Cumulative Innovation, job market

paper

Work in Progress The Role of Inventor-Authors in Building Technologies on Prior Scientific Advance,

with Sam Arts and Reinhilde Veugelers, work in progress

Hidden Figures? Peer Effects and Female Scientists' Productivity, with Dennis Verho-

even, work in progress

Teaching KU Leuven

EXPERIENCE 2016-2020 Empirical Master's Theses (>30)

Daily Supervisor, Business Engineering, Business Economics

2 x Best Thesis Award (both 2020)

	2014-2016	Tutorial Strat. Mgmt. of Techn. & Innov. (master, fall) Instructor, 20-25 students, evaluated: 4.5/5 (2015-16)
	2015-2016	Tutorial Mgmt. of Techn. & Innov. (bachelor, spring) Instructor, >100 students
	2014-2016	Guest lectures in:
		 Strat. Mgmt. of Techn. & Innov. (master, 75-100 students) Intell. Property Mgmt. (master, 75-100 students)
		 Innov. Mgmt.: Methods & Proc. (master, 75-100 students) Mgmt. of Techn. & Innov. (bachelor, >300 students)
	2014-2016	Master's, Bachelor's Theses (>20)
		Daily Supervisor, Business Economics
	2013	Emp. Quant. Methods (bachelor, spring)
		Tutor, 25-30 students
Research Experience	2014-2016	University of Marburg, School of Business & Economics
		Research Assistant, Group TIM
		Advisor: Michael Stephan
Languages	English (fluent), German (fluent), Italian (fluent)	
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