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Current Position

August 2022 – present: Associate Professor, Hasselt University, Faculty of Business Economics

Previous Positions

August 2017 – 2022: Assistant Professor, Hasselt University, Faculty of Business Economics

October 2016 – October 2019: Postdoctoral Fellow of the Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO – Vlaanderen), Hasselt University

January 2016 – October 2016: Postdoc Researcher, Hasselt University

Education

Ph.D. In Economics, 2015, Hasselt University

Ph.D. In Law, 2015, University of Antwerp

Master in Applied Economic Sciences (Policy Evaluation), Hasselt University, Belgium, 2012

Bachelor in Applied Economic Sciences, Hasselt University, Belgium, 2011

Fields of Interest

Law and Economics, Economics of Crime, Economics of Litigation, Judge Behavior

Working Papers

"Discrimination in Prosecutor Decisions after Major Terrorist Attacks", with Naci Mocan.

"The impact of Modified Prosecutorial Procedures on Recidivism".

"Examining the Treatment Gap Between Expert and Semi-Expert Patients in Obstetrics Using a Difference-in-Differences Approach", with Lotte Daniels.

"Gender Ingroup Bias in Belgian Asylum Appeals", with Diego Vaes and Peter Grajzl.

"Virtual Reality Evidence on the Impact of Physicians' Open Versus Defensive Communication on Patients", with Lotte Daniels and Wim Marneffe.

International Publications

"Sanctions for Intimate Partner Sexual Violence: Is the Law in Books the Law in Action?", with Peter Grajzl and Valentina Dimitrova. Journal of Interpersonal Violence, 37:11-12, 9635-9666, 2022.

"Racial Bias and In-Group Bias in Virtual Reality Courtrooms", with Naci Mocan and Wim Marneffe. Journal of Law and Economics. 64:2, 269-300, 2021.

"Prosecution or Persecution? An Empirical Case Study from the Netherlands", with Peter Grajzl. Journal of Empirical Legal Studies. 18:4, 765-800, 2021.

"Blame Based on One's Name? Extralegal Disparities in Criminal Conviction and Sentencing", with Peter Grajzl and Wim Marneffe. European Journal of Law and Economics, 51, 469-521, 2021.

"Gender-Based Judicial Ingroup Bias in Sex Crime Sentencing: Evidence from Belgium", with Peter Grajzl. International Journal of Law, Crime and Justice, 62, 1-13, 2020.

"Quality of Judicial Institutions, Crimes, Misdemeanors, and Dishonesty", with Naci Mocan and Wim Marneffe. European Journal of Political Economy, 61, 1-30, 2020.

"Investigating Medical Malpractice Victim Compensation: Micro-Level Evidence from a Professional Liability Insurer's Files", with Peter Grajzl and Wim Marneffe. European Journal of Health Economics, 20:8, 1249-1260, 2019.

"Consumer Confidence and Household Saving Behaviors - A Cross-country Empirical Analysis", with Willem Vanlaer and Wim Marneffe. Social Indicators Research, 147:2, 677-721, 2019.

"The Resolution Process and the Timing of Settlement of Medical Malpractice Claims", with Peter Grajzl and Wim Marneffe. Health Economics, Policy and Law, 15:4, 509-529, 2020.

"The Duration of Judicial Deliberation: Evidence from Belgium", with Wim Marneffe, Peter Grajzl and Valentina Dimitrova-Grajzl, Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics, 174:2, 303-333, 2018.

"Backlogs and Litigation Rates: Testing Congestion Equilibrium Across European Judiciaries", with Ludo Peeters, Wim Marneffe and Lode Vereeck, International Review of Law and Economics, 53, 9-22, 2018.

"How Courts Decide Federalism Disputes: Legal Merit, Attitudinal Effects and Strategic Considerations in the Jurisprudence of the Belgian Constitutional Court", with Patricia Popelier, Publius: the Journal of Federalism, published online (<https://doi.org/10.1093/publius/pjy033>)

"Procedural Events, Judge Characteristics, and the Timing of Settlement", with Peter Grajzl and Wim Marneffe, International Review of Law and Economics, 52, 97-110, 2017.

"Are Courts to Blame for Delays in Belgian Civil Procedures?: A Decomposition of Case Duration", with Wim Marneffe, Justice System Journal, 38:4, 399-420, 2017.

"Testing the lawyer-induced litigation hypothesis in Europe", with Wim Marneffe, Applied Economics, 50:16, 1837-1851, 2017.

"A Conceptual Framework on the Impact of Regulatory Quality on Litigation", with Wim Marneffe and Patricia Popelier, Theory and Practice of Legislation, 3:1, 25-45, 2015.

"A Cross-country Analysis of the Impact of Regulatory Quality on Commercial Case Disposition Time", with Wim Marneffe and Lode Vereeck, European Journal of Law and Economics, 39:3, 455-474, 2015.

"An Empirical Analysis of Case Disposition Time in Belgium", with Wim Marneffe and Lode Vereeck, Review of Law and Economics, 11:2, 293-316, 2015.

"Litigation Decision", with Wim Marneffe and Lode Vereeck, In Encyclopedia of Law and Economics, edited by Jürgen Backhaus, Alain Marciano and Giovanni B Ramello. New York: Springer, 2015

"Transaction Costs", with Wim Marneffe and Lode Vereeck, In Encyclopedia of Law and Economics, edited by Jürgen Backhaus, Alain Marciano and Giovanni B Ramello. New York: Springer, 2015

Publications in Belgian Journals

"Een empirische analyse van de complexiteit van Vlaamse decreten", with Diego Vaes, Tijdschrift voor Wetgeving, 2022:4, 176-188, 2022.

"De Positie van het Grondwettelijk Hof in Bevoegdheidsconflicten: Een Verborgene Agenda?", with Patricia Popelier, Rechtskundig Weekblad, 82:26, 1003-1016, 2019.

"De Effectiviteit van het Strafrechtelijk en Arbeidsmarktbeleid. Een Rechtseconomische Analyse van Crimineel Gedrag", with Eline Luys, Rechtskundig Weekblad, Forthcoming 2019.

"Zelffinanciering als Bedrijfsmodel voor Openbare Diensten: Gevalstudie Justitie", with Leentje Sourbron and Lode Vereeck, Vlaams Tijdschrift voor Overheidsmanagement, 2017:4, 69-88, 2017.

"De ene Grifie is de Andere Niet : Een Vergelijkende Analyse van Werkprocessen in de Rechtbank Eerste Aanleg Limburg", with Jana Indesteege and Wim Marneffe, Ius & actores, 2016:1, 11-39, 2016.

"Digitalisering van de Rechtspleging: De Perceptie van Vlaamse Advocaten", with Wim Marneffe, Rechtskundig Weekblad, 79:35, 1363-1377, 2015.

"De Budgettaire Impact van de Gerechtelijke Hervorming", with Wim Marneffe, Jana Indesteege and Patricia Popelier, Ius & actores, 2015:1, 109-146, 2015

"De Invloed van de Toegang tot Justitie op de Instroom van Rechtszaken: Een Empirische Analyse", with Wim Marneffe and Patricia Popelier, Rechtskundig Weekblad, 2014:30, 1163-1174, 2015.

"Life is Short and Trials are Long. Empirische Studie Naar de Doorlooptijden van Bouwgeschillen", with Wim Marneffe and Patricia Popelier, Rechtskundig weekblad, 2015-16:1, 3-15, 2015.

"De Impact van Wetgevingskwaliteit op de Gerechtelijke Achterstand", with Wim Marneffe, Anne Ooms and Lode Vereeck, Tijdschrift voor Wetgeving, 2013:4, 302-311, 2013.

Grants and Fellowships

Postdoctoral Fellow, Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO – Vlaanderen), 2016

Teaching

2022 – present: Causal Inference (Master)
2019 – present: Applications in Policy Management (Master)
2019 – present: Methods in Impact Assessment (Master)
2016 – present: Policy project (Master)
2016 – 2022: Quantitative Economics (Master)
2021 – 2022: Quantitative Research methods (Bachelor)
2019 – 2021: Micro-Economic Optimization 2 (Bachelor)
2017 – 2021: Intermediate Microeconomics (Bachelor)
2013 – 2018: Policy management (Bachelor)
2018 – 2019: Policy Evaluation (Master)
2013 – 2016: Econometrics (Bachelor) – Teaching Assistant

Conference and Workshop Presentations

International Empirical Legal Studies Conference, Amsterdam, 2022

Hamburg Lecture in Law and Economics, Hamburg, Germany, 2021.

Judicial Politics Workshop, Ljubljana, Slovenia, 2020.

Annual Conference of the Spanish Association of Law and Economics, Porto, Portugal, 2019.

Annual Economic Analysis of Litigation Workshop, Granada, Spain, 2019.

Economic Consequences of Legal Development, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, 2018

Annual Conference of the European Association of Law and Economics, Milan, Italy, 2018.

Workshop on Economic Consequences of Legal Development, Leuven, Belgium, 2018

Annual Conference of the Spanish Association of Law and Economics, Lleida, Spain, 2018

Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies in Europe, Leuven, Belgium, 2018

Annual Economic Analysis of Litigation Workshop, Paris, France, 2017.

Annual Conference of the European Association of Law and Economics, London, UK, 2017.

Annual Economic Analysis of Litigation Workshop, University of Montpellier, France, 2016.

Annual Meeting of the German Law and Economics Association, Düsseldorf, Germany, 2015.

Annual Economic Analysis of Litigation Workshop, Torino, Italy, 2015.

Annual Conference of the European Association of Law and Economics, Vienna, Austria, 2015.

Annual Meeting of the German Law and Economics Association, Ghent, Belgium, 2014.

Annual Conference of the European Association of Law and Economics, Aix-en-Provence, France, 2014.

Annual Economic Analysis of Litigation Workshop, Catania, Italy, 2014.

International Research Stays

Washington & Lee University (Lexington, VA): May-June 2015

Louisiana State University (Baton Rouge, LA): January 2016

Washington & Lee University (Lexington, VA): May-June 2016

Louisiana State University (Baton Rouge, LA): January 2017

Washington & Lee University (Lexington, VA): July 2017

Louisiana State University (Baton Rouge, LA): January 2018

Washington & Lee University (Lexington, VA): October 2018

Louisiana State University (Baton Rouge, LA): November 2018

Louisiana State University (Baton Rouge, LA): May 2019

Louisiana State University (Baton Rouge, LA): November 2019