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FIELDS OF INTEREST

Applied Microeconometrics, Labor and Family Economics, Economics of Culture

CURRENT POSITION

Tilburg University, Department of Economics, Post-Doctoral Researcher *October 2018 - Present*

EDUCATION

PhD in Economics, **European University Institute** *September 2014 - December 2019*
Dissertation: Essays in Empirical Microeconomics
Committee: Andrea Ichino, Michèle Bélot, Yann Algan and Eleonora Patacchini

MRes Economics, **University College London**, Average grade 65/100 *2012 - 2013*

MSc Economics and Econometrics, **University of Essex**, Distinction *2009 - 2010*

MA International Relations, **Sciences Po Paris**, Distinction *2007 - 2009*

BA (equivalent) in Political Sciences, **Sciences Po Paris** *2004 - 2007*

Exchange, **Moscow State Institute for Foreign Relations (MGIMO)** *2006 - 2007*

REFERENCES

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RESEARCH

Working Papers:

Ethnic Enclaves and Cultural Assimilation, Job Market Paper

This paper studies whether growing up in an ethnic enclave slows down immigrants' cultural assimilation. To identify neighbourhood influence, I exploit the random allocation of asylum seekers to government housing in the Netherlands between 1996 and 2012. Using individual level administrative data on drug usage, I define cultural assimilation for Non-Western immigrant females as using contraceptives during their teenage years. My results show that cultural assimilation is slow and cannot be accelerated by limiting the formation of ethnic enclaves. Using machine learning techniques, I do not find evidence that this baseline result hides heterogeneous effects on a relevant sub-population.

The Intergenerational (Im)mobility of Immigrants, Under Review

This paper studies the influence of pre-migration social background on the long-term economic assimilation of immigrants. I use unique French survey data to trace family histories over three generations, in both the origin and destination countries, before and after migration. While many immigrants experience an occupational downgrading at migration, their children strongly benefit from the high socioeconomic status their family had in the origin country. As a result, characteristics of immigrant grandparents' are more predictive of grandchildren's achievements than are characteristics of native grandparents. These findings are consistent with a model where immigrants cannot fully transfer their human capital between labour markets but transmit it across generations.

Who influences young immigrants? with Eva Johansen (Aarhus University)

Is teenagers decision to use contraceptives influenced by peers? To identify peer effects, we rely on cross-cohort variation in students usage in Danish high-schools. To address the reflection problem, we focus on the influence of older cohorts on younger ones. Contraception not being prevalent among young women with a non-Western background, its usage is a good measure of cultural adaptation. Looking at the effect of different peers group is indicative of which is influential. Immigrant teenagers adapt their behaviours to what other immigrants (but not what other natives) do. Their probability of using contraceptives and of having an abortion becomes lower, but not their likelihood of being treated for chlamydia.

Research in Progress:

The presence of ethnic minorities and voting in the Netherlands *with Sabina Albrecht (Queensland), Riccardo Ghidoni (Bicocca) and Sigrid Suetens (Tilburg)*

Stranger Danger: Parental Attitudes, Child Development and the Fear of Kidnapping *with Agnès Charpin (EUI)*

Work flexibility, parents careers and children outcomes *with Michèle Bélot (Cornell) and Arnaud Chevalier (RHUL)*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate, Tilburg University Economics for non-Economists (1 st year Bachelor) Instructors: M. Curuk, R. Gerlagh, G. van den Kuilen and S. Suetens	<i>2019 - 2020</i>
Teaching Assistant, Graduate, European University Institute Microeconometrics (1 st year PhD) Instructor: M. Bélot	<i>2017 - 2018</i>
Supervision, 2 BSc and 1 MSc theses, Tilburg University	<i>2019 - 2020</i>

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Editorial Assistant to Prof. Andrea Ichino for <i>Economic Policy</i>	<i>2017 - 2018</i>
Organisation for Economic Development and Cooperation, Statistician	<i>2013 - 2014</i>
J-PAL Europe, Research Assistant	<i>2010 - 2011</i>
Groupe d'Economie Mondiale and World Trade Organization, Research Assistant	<i>2008 - 2009</i>

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

2016 Associazione Italiana Economisti del Lavoro (Trento)

2017 Royal Economic Society (Bristol), OECD-CEPII Annual Conference (Paris)

2018 Macroeconomics Lunch Seminar (Louvain), IZA Summer School in Labor Economics, European Society for Population Economics (Antwerpen), European Association of Labour Economists (Lyon)

2019 European Association of Labour Economists (Uppsala), Royal Economic Society (Warwick), Society of Labor Economics (Arlington), Spring Meeting of Young Economists (Brussels), European Winter Meetings of the Econometric Society (Rotterdam)

2020¹ Royal Economic Society (Belfast), EALE/SOLE/AASLE World Conference (Berlin), Spring Meeting of the Young Economists (Bologna), 18th IZA Migration Meeting, World Congress of the Econometric Society (Milan)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

ODISSEI, Microdata access discount	<i>2019 - Present</i>
EUI Presidential Fund (6,000 euros)	<i>2018</i>
Contrat Doctoral (PhD funding), <i>Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales</i>	<i>2015 - 2018</i>
MRes Funding, <i>European University Institute</i>	<i>2014 - 2015</i>

RELEVANT POSITION

Organizer Behavioral and Experimental Group , <i>Tilburg University</i>	<i>2019 - Present</i>
Organizer Applied Microeconomics Reading Group, <i>European University Institute</i>	<i>2016 - 2017</i>
Elected Student Representative, Department of Economics, <i>European University Institute</i>	<i>2016</i>

SOFTWARE

Stata, MATLAB & R

LANGUAGES

French (Native), **English** (Fluent), **Spanish** (Fluent), **Russian** (Fluent), **Italian** (Conversational)

¹Including scheduled but cancelled because of the COVID pandemic