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Curriculum Vitae

Rembert De Blander

Work Experience

- 2017- Researcher, NICC (National Institute on Criminalistics and Criminology), Belgium
- 2017- Contract research via Ekonometrie VOF, both for VDAB and the Flemish Government
- 2016-'17 Research Fellow, HIVA (Higher Institute of Labour Studies), KU Leuven, Belgium
- 2015-'16 Chargé de recherche, BSI (Brussels Studies Institute), ULB, Belgium
- 2014-'15 Research Fellow, HIVA (Higher Institute of Labour Studies), KU Leuven, Belgium
- 2013- Research Fellow, CES, KU Leuven, Belgium (10%)
- 2011- Chercheur invité, EcRu, Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium
- 2011-'13 Research Fellow, CES, KU Leuven, Belgium
- 2011-'12 Professeur invité, Facultés universitaires Saint Louis, Belgium
- 2008-'11 Chargé de recherche, EcRu, Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium
- 2007-'11 Seminar teacher and practical advisor, Quantitative Analysis in the Social Sciences, K.U.Brussel, Belgium
- 2004-'08 Researcher, HIVA (Higher Institute of Labour Studies), KU Leuven, Belgium
- 1997-'04 Researcher, Department of Economics, KU Leuven, Belgium

Education

- 2006 Ph.D. in Economics [Doctor in de Economische Wetenschappen], KU Leuven
Thesis: Essays on Endogeneity and Parameter Heterogeneity in Cross-Sectional and Panel Data
Committee: M. Verbeek (Supervisor - Erasmus University Rotterdam), G. Dhaene (KU Leuven), F. Spinnewyn (KU Leuven), H. Dewachter (KU Leuven), B. Melenberg (University of Tilburg), J.-P. Urbain (University of Maastricht)
- 2003 M.A. in Sociology [Licentiaat in de Sociologie], V.U.Brussel
Dissertation: Gender-Specific Effects of Social Capital on Political Participation [Genderspecifieke invloed van maatschappelijke op politieke participatie] (supervisor: Elchardus, M.)
- 1999 Master of Science in Economics (Doctum Colloquium), KU Leuven
Dissertation: Heterogeneity and Endogeneity in Panel Data (supervisor: Verbeek, M.)

- 1997 Master of Statistics, KU Leuven
Dissertation: Parameter Heterogeneity in Binary Choice Models (supervisor: Beirlant, J.)
- 1997 M.A. in Economics [Licentiaat in de Economische Wetenschappen], KU Leuven
Dissertation: Estimation of a Dynamic Model Using Repeated Cross-Sections [Het schatten van een dynamisch model met herhaalde cross-secties] (supervisor: Verbeek, M.)
- 1994 Master of Irrigation Engineering, KU Leuven
- 1992 M.A. in Electronics Engineering [Burgerlijk Elektrotechnisch-Werktuigkundig Ingenieur, richting Elektronica, optie Automatisatie en Computersystemen], KU Leuven
Dissertation: Cellular Automata Governed by a Strange Conservation Law [Cellulaire Automaten onder een vreemde behoudswet] (with Coulier, F.; supervisor: Barbé, A.)

Teaching

- 2012-'13 *Welfare economics*, KU Leuven, 6 ECTS.
- 2012 AGRODEP course in *Panel Data Econometrics*, Dakar, Senegal, 1 week.
- 2011-'12 *Economics seminar*, FUSL, Bruxelles, 5 ECTS.
- 2007-'11 *Research seminar* which encompasses writing a research proposal, giving a presentation and writing a review report, Quantitative Analysis in the Social Sciences, K.U.Brussel (changed to HUB), 3 ECTS. Supervision of master theses.
- 1997-'01 Tutorials and computer practicals (Stata) for the course *Introductory Econometrics*, Department of Economics, KU Leuven. Supervision of master theses.

Contributed Projects

Belpo: Recidive, VIONA onderzoeksprogramma, Steunpunt Werk (HIVA), Autonomie Assurance (BSI), IWT - SBO project FLEMOSI (<http://www.flemosi.be>), EC (FP7/2007-2013) project FACEPA (grant # 212292) (<http://facepa.slu.se/>), ADAGE Research Project, POD Wetenschapsbeleid (Samenleving en Toekomst), project INCLUSIM (TA/00/02), POD Wetenschapsbeleid (Social Cohesion) grant #SO/01/060, FWO grant # G.0198.97, IUAP grant # P4/01 (A1281)

Research Interests

Panel data econometrics, discrete choice models, policy evaluation, poverty, labour market, price convergence, agricultural economics, duration models

Articles

- De Blander, R. (2006). *Essays on Endogeneity and Parameter Heterogeneity in Cross-Sectional and Panel Data*. Ph. D. thesis, Department of Economics, K.U.Leuven.
- De Blander, R. (2008a). Sen's capabilities methode. *Kwartaalschrift Economie* 5(1), 47–70.
- De Blander, R. (2008b). Which null hypothesis do overidentification restrictions actually test? *Economics Bulletin* 3(76), 1–9.
- De Blander, R. (2010). A simple estimator for the correlated random coefficient model. *Economics Letters* 106(3), 158–161.

- De Blander, R. (2011). Review of "Mostly harmless econometrics" by Angrist and Pischke. *European Review of Agricultural Economics* 38(2), 281–283.
- De Blander, R. (2017). Iterative estimation correcting for error autocorrelation in short panels. *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics* (submitted).
- De Blander, R. and G. Dhaene (2012). Unit root tests for panel data with AR(1) errors and small T. *Econometrics Journal* 15(1), 101–124.
- De Blander, R. and B. Henry de Frahan (2010). Estimating flexible cost functions using EU-FADN and Eurostat data. In K. Boone and C. Teeuwen (Eds.), *Pacioli 18. Proceedings of the 18th International Workshop on Micro-Economic Databases in Agriculture*, Number 2010-075 in LEI report, pp. 27–32.
- De Blander, R. and I. Nicaise (2005). De impact van maatschappelijke keuzen op de armoededynamiek. *Belgisch Tijdschrift voor Sociale Zekerheid* 47(4), 675–708.
- De Blander, R. and I. Nicaise (2009). Shooting at moving targets: Short versus long term effects of anti-poverty policies. In A. Zaidi, A. Harding, and P. Williamson (Eds.), *New Frontiers in Microsimulation Modeling*, Public Policy and Social Welfare, Chapter 18, pp. 471–497. Farnham, Surrey: Ashgate.
- De Blander, R., I. Schockaert, A. Decoster, and P. Deboosere (2017). Projected population, inequality and social expenditures. the case of Flanders. *International Journal of Microsimulation* 10(3), 92–133.
- Groenez, S. and R. De Blander (2010). The dynamics of skill formation: Evidence from a Flemish cohort study. *Longitudinal and Life Course Studies* 1(3), 193. supplement.
- Gullstrand, J., R. De Blander, and S. Waldo (2014). The influence of biodiversity provision on the cost structure of Swedish dairy farming. *Journal of Agricultural Economics* 65(1), 87–111.
- Henry de Frahan, B., A. Baudry, R. De Blander, P. Polomé, and R. Howitt (2011). Dairy farms without quotas in Belgium: Estimations and simulations with a flexible cost function. *European Review of Agricultural Economics* 38(4), 469–495.
- Henry de Frahan, B. and R. De Blander (2010). La politique agricole commune: horizon 2014. *Reflets et perspectives de la vie économique* 49(2-3), 137–156.
- Henry de Frahan, B., J. Dong, and R. De Blander (2017). Farm household incomes in OECD member countries over the last 30 years of public support. In A. K. Mishra, D. Viaggi, and S. Gomez y Paloma (Eds.), *Public Policy in Agriculture: Impact on Labor Supply and Household Income*, Routledge Studies in Agricultural Economics, Chapter 8, pp. 124–151. Oxon, UK: Routledge.
- Henry de Frahan, B., T. Nkuzimana, and R. De Blander (2009). Vulnerability of Mexican farm households in a changing economy. *Review of Business and Economics* 54(3), 273–293.
- Schockaert, I., R. De Blander, I. Nicaise, and S. Groenez (2011). Patterns of mobility into and out of poverty: the role of work and education. First results of the INCLUSIM microsimulation model. *Reflets et perspectives de la vie économique* 50(4), 143–154.
- Wolszczak-Derlacz, J. and R. De Blander (2009). Price convergence in the European Union and in the new member states. *Bank i Kredyt* 40(2), 37–59.

Reports

- Bahta, S., F. Offermann, R. De Blander, B. Henry de Frahan, L. Cesaro, S. Marongiu, A. Zanoli, F. Arfini, M. Donati, S. Cernicchiaro, N. Delame, J.-P. Butault, R. Soboh, R. Popov, B. Ivanov, M. Anastasova, D. Nikolov, E. Matveev, and M. Sepp (2011). Comparative ex-post analysis of past CAP reforms across selected member states and regions with FADN data. FACEPA Deliverable 9.3, FACEPA. Edited by Bahta, S. and Offermann, F. and Henry de Frahan, B. Report

for the European Community's Seventh Framework Programme (FP7/2007-2013), agreement no. 212292.

De Blander, R. and S. Groenez (2016). Estimation of outplacement effects on the probability of finding a new job: Combining structural estimation with a regression discontinuity sample design. WSE Report 2016 nr. 04, Steunpunt Werk en Sociale Economie — HIVA, KU Leuven.

De Blander, R., J. Gullstrand, and S. Waldo (2010). The influence of landscape services on farm costs: The case of Swedish milk farmers. FACEPA Deliverable 7.2, FACEPA. Report for the European Community's Seventh Framework Programme (FP7/2007-2013), agreement no. 212292.

De Blander, R., B. Henry de Frahan, and F. Offerman (2011). Ex-post evaluations of agricultural and environmental policies in the EU with FADN data: Methods and results. FACEPA Deliverable 9.1, FACEPA. Report for the European Community's Seventh Framework Programme (FP7/2007-2013), agreement no. 212292.

De Blander, R., I. Nicaise, and G. Van den Broeck (2005). Structural poverty, societal choices and social cost. HIVA Rapport 975, HIVA - K.U.Leuven.

De Blander, R., I. Schockaert, A. Decoster, and P. Deboosere (2013). The impact of demographic change on policy indicators and reforms. FLEMOSI Discussion Paper 25, KU Leuven. Report of the SBO-project "FLEMOSI: A Tool for Ex Ante Evaluation of Socio-Economic Policies in Flanders", funded by IWT Flanders.

De Brouwer, H., D. Verté, D. Dumont, R. De Blander, C. Mahieu, A. Vandenbroucke, E. Slautsky, M. De Spiegelaere, and V. De Greef (2016). Vers une assurance autonomie bruxelloise – naar een Brusselse zelfstandigheidsverzekering. Etude réalisée pour la Commission communautaire commune de Bruxelles-Capitale – studie uitgevoerd in opdracht van de Gemeenschappelijke Gemeenschapscommissie van Brussel-Hoofdstad, Brussels Studies Institute — CoCom.

Vandermeerschen, H., P. De Cuyper, R. De Blander, and S. Groenez (2017). *Kritische succesfactoren in het activeringsbeleid naar mensen met een buitenlandse herkomst*. HIVA, KU Leuven.

Conference and Seminar Presentations

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| 2000 | 9 th Conference on Panel Data, Geneva, June 22 th – 23 th . |
| 2004 | 59 th Econometric Society European Meeting, Madrid, August 20 th – 24 th . |
| 2005 | 6 th Day for Belgian Labour Economists, Ghent, May 30 th . |
| 2005 | Joint ECARES-CORE-KUL Econometrics Seminar, Louvain, November 24 th . |
| 2005 | ESPRU Workshop on Discrete Labour Supply Models, Galway, December 8 th – 9 th . |
| 2006 | ECHP workshop, TLM.NET, Antwerp, January 13 th . |
| 2006 | 13 th Conference on Panel Data, Cambridge, July 7 th – 9 th . |
| 2006 | ESRC Econometric Study Group, Bristol, July 13 th – 15 th . |
| 2006 | RC28, ISA World Congress, Durban, July 23 th – 29 th . |
| 2007 | 1 st IMA Conference, Vienna, August 20 th – 22 nd . |
| 2007 | 15 th Annual Meeting of the Belgian Statistical Society, Antwerp, October 19 th – 20 th . |
| 2008 | International Conference in Memory of Carlo Giannini, Bergamo, January 25 th – 26 th . |

- 2008 Dag van de sociologie, Louvain, May 29th.
- 2008 *ESRC Econometric Study Group*, Bristol (UK), July 10th – 12th.
- 2008 *ISA - RC33 7th International Conference on Social Science Methodology*, Naples, September 1st – 5th.
- 2008 *DIW Macroeconometric Workshop*, Berlin, November 28th – 29th.
- 2009 *Young European Statisticians Workshop on Paradigms of Model Choice*, Eindhoven, October 5th – 7th.
- 2010 PACIOLI, 18th International Workshop on Micro-Economic Databases in Agriculture, Ghent, September 6th – 8th.
- 2010 *Applied Statistics Workshop*, Institut de Statistique, Biostatistique et Sciences Actuarielles, Louvain-la-Neuve, December, 3rd.
- 2011 1st *Lisbon Research Workshop on Economics and Econometrics of Education*, ISEG, Lisbon, January 7th – 8th.
- 2011 43^e *Journées de Statistique*, Tunis, May 23th – 27th.
- 2011 *EAAE Congress*, Zürich, August, 30th - September 2nd.
- 2012 2nd *Microsimulation Research Workshop*, Bucharest, October 11th – 12th.
- 2013 *ECORE seminar*, Louvain-la-Neuve, May, 13th.
- 2015 *WSE Arbeidsmarktcongres*, Louvain, February 11th.
- 2015 8th *Nordic Econometric Meeting*, Helsinki, May 28th – 30th.
- 2015 2nd *Annual Conference of the International Association for Applied Econometrics (IAAE)*, Thessaloniki, June 25th – 27th.
- 2015 5th *World Congress of the International Microsimulation Association (IMA)*, Esch/Alzette, September, 2nd – 4th.
- 2016 8th *Leuven Statistics Days* on “Probabilistic and Statistical Techniques for Disentangling Complex Dependencies and Dynamics”, Leuven, October 20th – 21st.
- 2017 3rd *International Workshop on “Financial Markets and Nonlinear Dynamics” (FMND)*, Paris, June 1st – 2nd.
- 2017 32nd *Annual Congress of the European Economic Association*, Lisbon, August 21st – 25th.
- 2017 73rd *Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology*, Philadelphia, November 15th – 18th.

Working Papers

- 2017 “Iterative Estimation Correcting for Error Autocorrelation in Short Panels”, submitted to the *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*.

Work in Progress

- “The Dynamics of Skill Formation” (with Groenez, S.)
- “Where do Peer Effects Originate? A Look at Instruction Time Allocation” (with Ooghe, E.)

Refereeing

Reviewer for Comparative Economic Studies, Recherches Economiques de Louvain - Louvain Economic Review; Belgisch Tijdschrift voor Sociale Zekerheid; International Journal of Microsimulation.

Computer Skills

Administration L^AT_EX, L^YX, Scientific Workplace, OpenOffice, Microsoft Office, WordPerfect

Programming Assembler, Basic, Fortran, Pascal, C, Gauss, R/S/S-plus

Statistics Stata, SAS, SPSS

Mathematics Maxima, Maple, Matlab