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WORK EXPERIENCE

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| 2020-Present | Postdoctoral Researcher in Sociology and Social Demography University of Oxford, Department of Sociology Subfields: family sociology and demography |
| 2015-2020 | Doctoral Researcher in Labour Economics KU Leuven, Leuven Economics of Education Research (LEER) Subfields: education economics and family economics |

EDUCATION

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| 2015-2019 | Ph.D. in Economics KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium Thesis: "An Economic Perspective on School Dropout" Public defence: 15 November 2019 | |
| 2013-2014 | Master of Advanced Studies in Economics KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium | cum laude |
| 2012-2013 | Master of Business Administration University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium | magna cum laude |
| 2009-2012 | Bachelor of Business Administration University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium | magna cum laude |

AWARDS

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| 2020 | Council for the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings – Selected to participate in the 7 th Lindau Meeting in Economic Sciences |
| 2019 | OECD Youth ResearchEdge Competition – Winner |
| 2013-2014 | KU Leuven – Dean's list of best students in Economics and Business |
| 2012-2013 | University of Antwerp – Dean's list of best students in Economics and Business |

GRANTS

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| 2021-2024 | Research Foundation Flanders (FWO) – Junior Postdoctoral Fellowship |
| 2020 | Research Foundation Flanders (FWO) – Grant for a conference abroad |
| 2019 | Research Foundation Flanders (FWO) – Grant for a long stay abroad |
| 2016-2020 | Research Foundation Flanders (FWO) – Ph.D. Fellowship |

RESEARCH VISITS

- Sep. 2019 – Nov. 2019 VATT Institute for Economic Research (Helsinki, Finland) –
Mika Kortelainen
- May 2017 Hungarian Academy of Sciences (Budapest, Hungary) –
Daniel Horn
- Sep. 2016 – Apr. 2017 Maastricht University (Maastricht, The Netherlands) –
Sofie Cabus

WORKING PAPERS

- Badunenko, Oleg, Deni Mazrekaj, Kristof De Witte, and Subal Kumbhakar. “Persistent and Transient Efficiency in Adult Education.”
Revise and Resubmit. *Empirical Economics*.
- Mazrekaj, Deni, Kristof De Witte, and Thomas Triebs. “Mind the Gap: Measuring Academic Underachievement Using Stochastic Frontier Analysis.” **Submitted.**
- Mazrekaj, Deni, and Sofie Cabus. “Does a High School Diploma Matter? Evidence Using Regression Discontinuity Design.”
- Mazrekaj, Deni, Fritz Schiltz, and Vitezslav Titl. “Identifying Politically Connected Firms: A Machine Learning Approach.”

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- Mazrekaj, Deni, Kristof De Witte, and Sofie Cabus. Forthcoming. “School Outcomes of Children Raised in Same-Sex Families: Evidence from Administrative Panel Data.”
***American Sociological Review*.**
- Mazrekaj, Deni, and Kristof De Witte. 2020. “The Effect of Modular Education on School Dropout.” ***British Educational Research Journal* 46 (1): 92-121.**
- Schiltz, Fritz, Kristof De Witte, and Deni Mazrekaj. 2020. “Managerial Efficiency and Efficiency Differentials in Adult Education: A Conditional and Bias-Corrected Efficiency Analysis.” ***Annals of Operations Research* 288: 529-546.**
- Schiltz, Fritz, Deni Mazrekaj, Daniel Horn, and Kristof De Witte. 2019. “Does It Matter When Your Smartest Peers Leave Your Class? Evidence from Hungary.”
***Labour Economics* 59: 79-91.**
- Mazrekaj, Deni, Kristof De Witte, and Sarah Vansteenkiste. 2019. “Labour Market Consequences of a High School Diploma.” ***Applied Economics* 51 (21): 2313-2325.**

OTHER JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- Mazrekaj, Deni, Kristof De Witte, and Sofie Cabus. Forthcoming. “Hoe presteren de kinderen in gezinnen van gelijk geslacht op school? [How do children in same-sex families perform in school?].” ***Leuvense Economische Standpunten*.**
- Mazrekaj, Deni, Kristof De Witte, and Fritz Schiltz. 2019. “Het rendement van ondernemerschapsonderwijs op de Vlaamse arbeidsmarkt [The returns to entrepreneurship education on the Flemish labour market].”
***Over. Werk. Tijdschrift van het Steunpunt Werk* 29 (2): 83-90.**
- Mazrekaj, Deni, Kristof De Witte, and Sarah Vansteenkiste. 2017. “Het rendement van een diploma middelbaar onderwijs op de Vlaamse arbeidsmarkt [The returns to a diploma secondary education on the Flemish labour market].”
***Over. Werk. Tijdschrift van het Steunpunt Werk* 27 (1): 10-15.**

De Rick, Katleen, Deni Mazrekaj, and Kristof De Witte. 2016. “Hoe kunnen we weten of opleidingen in het beleidsdomein Werk renderen? [How can we know whether programs in policy area Work pay off?].”

Over. Werk. Tijdschrift van het Steunpunt Werk 26 (2): 83-90.

De Witte, Kristof, and Deni Mazrekaj. 2016. “Vroegtijdig schoolverlaten in het (deeltijds) beroepsonderwijs [Early school leaving in (part-time) vocational education].”

Over. Werk. Tijdschrift van het Steunpunt Werk 26 (1): 111-119.

POLICY REPORTS

Mazrekaj, Deni, Fritz Schiltz, and Vitezslav Titl. (2020). *Monitoring and Reporting of Sustainable Development Goals in the European Union*.

Brussels: European Environmental Bureau.

European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop). 2017. *On the way to 2020: data for vocational education and training policies. Country statistical overviews – 2016 update*. Luxembourg: Publications Office of the European Union.

POLICY REPORTS IN DUTCH

De Witte, Kristof, Deni Mazrekaj, and Fritz Schiltz. 2019. *Economisch effect van SYNTRA-opleidingen [The Economic Effect of Entrepreneurship Programs]*.

Brussels: SYNTRA Flanders.

Juchtmans, Goedroen, Deni Mazrekaj, Christina Meert, Katleen De Rick, and Kristof De Witte. 2017. *Schoolverzuim in het Brussels Hoofdstedelijk Gewest [Truancy in Brussels]*.

Brussels: Perspective.Brussels.

De Rick, Katleen, Deni Mazrekaj, and Kristof De Witte. 2016. *Het rendement van opleidingen in het beleidsdomein “Werk” [The returns to programs in policy area “Work”]*. Brussels: Flemish Ministry of Work and Social Economy.

De Witte, Kristof, and Deni Mazrekaj. 2015. *Vroegtijdig schoolverlaten: meer ambitie nodig om een verloren generatie te vermijden [Early school leaving – More ambition is necessary to avoid a lost generation]*. Brussels: Itinera.

BOOKS / BOOK CHAPTERS IN DUTCH

De Witte, Kristof, and Deni Mazrekaj. 2017. “Vroegtijdig schoolverlaten: Evidence based aanbevelingen [Early school leaving: Evidence based recommendations].” In *De Geslaagde School [The Successful School]*, by Kristof De Witte and Jean Hindriks, 85-117. Brussels: Itinera; Ghent: Skribis.

PRESS

The Washington Post – New York Post – The Boston Globe – National Post – San Francisco Chronicle – Hartford Courant – Orlando Sentinel – The Connecticut Mirror – The Times-Picayune – The London Free Press. 6 February 2019.

“Children raised by same-sex couples do better in school, new study finds.”

PRESS IN DUTCH

Knack. 1 September 2017. “Wat zijn de zwakke plekken van ons onderwijs? [What are the weaknesses of our education system?].”

De Standaard. 2 June 2017. “Geen diploma? Dat kost u later 37 procent loon [No diploma? That will cost you 37 percent of your salary in the future].”

Trends – De Tijd – Het Nieuwsblad – Gazet Van Antwerpen - L’Echo – Le Soir – La Libre. 10 November 2015. “*Vroegtijdig schoolverlaten: meer ambitie nodig om een verloren generatie te vermijden [School Dropouts: more ambition is necessary to avoid a lost generation].*”

SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

University of Lugano. 14 January 2020. Switzerland: Lugano.

KU Leuven. 12 December 2019. Belgium: Leuven

KU Leuven. 1 July 2019. Belgium: Leuven.

Stanford University. 4 April 2019. United States: Stanford, California.

KU Leuven. 4 March 2019. Belgium: Leuven

Loughborough University. 20 February 2019. United Kingdom: Loughborough.

KU Leuven. 14 May 2018. Belgium: KU Leuven.

University of Antwerp. 24 May 2017. Belgium: Antwerp.

Maastricht University. 17 January 2017. The Netherlands: Maastricht.

Hungarian Academy of Sciences. 8 December 2016. Hungary: Budapest.

KU Leuven. 1 October 2015. Belgium: Leuven.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

AEA 2020 – Conference of the American Economic Association.

4 January 2020. San Diego Marriott Marquis. United States: California, San Diego.

EALE 2019 – Conference of the European Association of Labour Economists.

20 September 2019. Uppsala University. Sweden: Uppsala.

EEA 2019 – Conference of the European Economic Association.

26 August 2019. University of Manchester. United Kingdom: Manchester.

ASA 2019 – Conference of the American Sociological Association.

10 August 2019. Sheraton New York. United States: New York City, New York.

APPAM 2019 – Conference of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management. 29 July 2019. Pompeu Fabra University. Spain: Barcelona.

ESPE 2019 – Conference of the European Society for Population Economics.

20 June 2019. University of Bath. United Kingdom: Bath.

EURO 2019 – Conference of the Association of European Operational Research Societies.

23 June 2019. University College Dublin. Ireland: Dublin.

SEHO 2019 – Conference of the Society of Economics of the Household.

27 May 2019. University of Lisbon. Portugal: Lisbon.

RES 2019 – Conference of the Royal Economic Society.

17 April 2019. University of Warwick. United Kingdom: Coventry.

PAA 2019 – Conference of the Population Association of America.

10 April 2019. JW Marriott Austin. United States: Austin, Texas.

AEA 2019 – Conference of the American Economic Association.

4 January 2019. Atlanta Marriott Marquis. United States: Atlanta, Georgia.

EALE 2018 – Conference of the European Association of Labour Economists.

13 September 2018. Lyon Convention Centre. France: Lyon.

ESPE 2018 – Conference of the European Society for Population Economics.
26 June 2018. University of Antwerp. Belgium: Antwerp.

ESPE 2017 – Conference of the European Society for Population Economics.
16 June 2017. University of Strathclyde. United Kingdom: Glasgow.

LAGV 2017 – International Conference in Public Economics.
12 June 2017. Aix-Marseille School of Economics. France: Aix-en-Provence.

IAAE 2016 – Conference of the International Association for Applied Econometrics.
22 June 2016. University of Milano-Bicocca. Italy: Milan.

WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

BERD 2019 – Belgian Entrepreneurship Research Day.
3 May 2019. Université Catholique de Louvain. Belgium: Louvain-la-Neuve.

LESE 2019 – Lisbon Workshop on Economics, Statistics and Econometrics of Education.
24 January 2019. University of Lisbon. Portugal: Lisbon.

EdEN 2018 – Education Economics Network Workshop.
22 November 2018. Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Hungary: Budapest.

BIWB–WB 2018 – Bank of Italy – World Bank International Research Workshop.
16 November 2018. Bank of Italy. Italy: Rome.

COMPIE 2018 – European Commission Workshop for Counterfactual Methods for Policy Impact Evaluation. 27 September 2018. Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. Germany: Berlin.

BDLE 2018 – Belgian Day for Labour Economists.
7 June 2018. Université Libre de Bruxelles. Belgium: Charleroi.

LEER 2018 – Leuven Economics of Education Research Workshop on Education Economics. 28 March 2018. KU Leuven. Belgium: Leuven.

TIER 2017 – Top Institute for Evidence Based Education Research Workshop on Education Economics. 13 December 2017. Maastricht University. The Netherlands: Maastricht.

EEW 2017 – Equity in Education Workshop.
1 December 2017. KU Leuven. Belgium: Leuven.

CVER 2017 – Workshop of the Centre for Vocational Education Research.
11 September 2017. London School of Economics and Political Science. UK: London.

IWAEE 2017 – International Workshop on Applied Economics of Education.
19 June 2017. Best Western Perla Del Porto. Italy: Catanzaro.

BDLE 2017 – Belgian Day for Labour Economists.
5 May 2017. Université Catholique de Louvain. Belgium: Louvain-la-Neuve.

LEER 2017 – Leuven Economics of Education Research Workshop on Education Economics. 30 March 2017. KU Leuven. Belgium: Leuven.

ORBEL 2017 – Workshop of the Belgian Operational Research Society.
2 February 2017. KU Leuven. Belgium: Brussels.

LESE 2017 – Lisbon Workshop on Economics, Statistics and Econometrics of Education.
26 January 2017. University of Lisbon. Portugal: Lisbon.

EE 2016 – Workshop on Efficiency in Education.
21 October 2016. Politecnico di Milano. Italy: Milan.

CVER 2016 – Workshop of the Centre for Vocational Education Research.
6 September 2016. London School of Economics and Political Science. UK: London.

AEDE 2016 – Meeting of the Economics of Education Association.

30 June 2016 and 1 July 2016. Universidad de Extremadura. Spain: Badajoz.

TIER 2016 – Top Institute for Evidence Based Education Research Workshop on Education. 23 March 2016. Maastricht University. The Netherlands: Maastricht.

EEDB 2015 – Efficiency in Education and the Use of Big Data Workshop.

19 November 2015. KU Leuven. Belgium: Leuven.

DW 2015 – Doctoral Workshop in Economics.

5 May 2015. Université Catholique de Louvain. Belgium: Louvain-la-Neuve.

TEACHING

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| 2018–2019 | Methods of economic policy analysis, BSc. Economics, KU Leuven |
| 2017–2018 | Theses supervision, MSc. Economics, KU Leuven |
| 2016 | Guest Lecture: From Evidence to Policy, Master of Evidence Based Innovation in Teaching (MEBIT) |
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PH.D. STUDENTS

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| 2019-2023 | Silvia Palmaccio (Co-advisor) KU Leuven – Ph.D. in Economics Thesis: <i>The returns to education in heterogeneous family compositions</i> |
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PROJECTS

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| 2020-2021 | European Research Council. <i>Family size matters: How low fertility affects the (re)production of social inequalities (FAMSIEMATTERS).</i> |
| 2020 | European Environmental Bureau. <i>Development of a model for Sustainable Development Goals monitoring, reviewing and report at EU-level.</i> |
| 2017–2019 | SYNTRA Flanders. <i>Effectiviteit en Efficiëntie van Ondernemerschapsonderwijs [Effectiveness and Efficiency of Entrepreneurship Education].</i> |
| 2017–2018 | Perspective.Brussels. <i>Schoolverzuim in het Brussels Hoofdstedelijk Gewest [Truancy in Brussels].</i> |
| 2016–2018 | European Commission. <i>Horizon 2020 Project: Education Economics Network (EdEN).</i> |
| 2017 | European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop). <i>On the way to 2020: data for vocational education and training policies – Country statistical overviews – 2016 update.</i> |
| 2016 | Flemish Ministry of Work and Social Economy. <i>Leerrendement van opleidingen in het beleidsdomein “Werk”: een conceptuele analyse en ontwikkeling van een meetsysteem [Returns to learning of programs in policy domain “Work”: a conceptual analysis and development of a measurement system].</i> |
| 2015 | Flemish Ministry of Education and Training. <i>Evaluatieonderzoek van het decreet “Leren en Werken” [Evaluation study of the decree “Learning and Working”].</i> |

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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| Journal reviewer | American Sociological Review, European Sociological Review, Economics of Education Review, Applied Economics Letters, Public Policy and Administration, BMC Psychology. |
| Conference reviewer | Spring Meeting of Young Economists (SMYE 2020) |

REFERENCES

- Kristof De Witte (*Ph.D. advisor*)
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