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English (*mother tongue*)
French, Dutch (*advanced*)
Danish (*beginners*)

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Education

PhD Economics, Candidate, completion in Sept. 2010

- Tinbergen Institute and Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands
- Microeconomics, Industrial Organization
- Supervisor: Maarten Janssen (EUR, University of Vienna)

M.Phil. Economics, Cum Laude

2007

- Tinbergen Institute and VU University Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Focus on Game Theory and Econometrics
- Top grade point average in cohort ($\sim 9/10$)
- Thesis Title: *Conspicuous Consumption and the Strength of Social Ties*

B.Sc. Joint Honours Physics and Mathematics

2003

- McGill University, Montreal, Canada
- Graduated with Distinction

Research Interests

- Markets with Boundedly Rational / Status Seeking Consumers
- Information Transmission and Signaling
- Advertising, Capacity Constraints

Working Papers

- Targeted Advertising and Social Status (job market paper) 2009
- Capacity Constraints and Naive Consumers' Beliefs About Demand 2009
- The Breakdown of Morale 2009

Letters of Reference

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Awards and Distinctions

- Participant, European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society** 2009
- One of 18 selected job market participants for the 2009 meeting in Budapest
- C. Willems Stichting Travel Grant** 2009
- Value of €1,800
 - Awarded to finance a visit to the Stockholm School of Economics
- HSP Huygens Scholarship** 2006-2007
- Value of €14,000
 - Awarded to promising international Masters' students by the *Netherlands organization for international cooperation in higher education* (Nuffic)
- Entrance Scholarship, Tinbergen Institute** 2005-2006
- Value of €13,500
 - Awarded on the basis of quality of application to the Institute
- JW McConnell Scholarship, McGill University** 1999-2002
- Annual value of \$3,000 CAN
 - Awarded and renewed on a yearly basis for academic excellence

Invited Seminars

- Copenhagen University, Department of Economics 2009
- Stockholm School of Economics 2009

Academic Visits Abroad

- Stockholm School of Economics, March-June 2009

Academic Conference Participation

- Royal Economic Society Annual Conference, University of Surrey, UK 2010
- European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society, Budapest 2009
- ASSET 2009, Bogazici University, Istanbul Turkey 2009
- Spring Meeting of Young Economists, University of Marmara, Turkey 2009
- Royal Economic Society Annual Conference, University of Surrey, UK 2009

Teaching Experience

- Teaching Assistant for Microeconomics and Markets, International Business Administration, Erasmus University 2008-2010
- Teaching Assistant for Introductory Microeconomics, International Bachelor Economics and Business, Erasmus University 2007-2009
- Teaching Assistant for Micro V, Informational and Behavioral Economics, MPhil programme Tinbergen Institute 2007
- Teaching Assistant for Micro III, General Equilibrium, MPhil programme Tinbergen Institute 2006

Work Experience

Vice President University Affairs, FEUQ 2004-2005

- Executive committee member of the federation representing 170,000 Quebec university students
- Coordinated research on academic affairs, relations with political parties and the university community
- Official spokesperson for English language media

Vice President International and Federal Affairs, FEUQ 2003-2004

- Coordinated research on trade in services and higher education, relations with Canadian and international student groups

Political and Related Experience

Labour Union Activities 2008-2009

- Member of the Youth Sector Committee, ABVAKABO-FNV
- Member of the Financial Advisory Committee, ABVAKABO-FNV
- Panel member for discussions on “verenigingsvernieuwing” (structural renewal of the voluntary association), ABVAKABO-FNV

Presentations to Government Committees 2004-2005

- Social Affairs Committee of the Quebec National Assembly, hearings on the Council for the Status of Women.
- Culture Committee of the Quebec National Assembly, hearings on immigration levels.
- Standing Committee on Human Resources and Skills Development, Canadian Parliament, hearings on Bill C-5 (Federal learning bonds).

Other Activities

- Member of Editorial Board, Tinbergen Institute Magazine 2008-2010