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Academic Employment

since 2023	Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Department of Economics, Universität Mannheim
2022–2023	Research Fellow, Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique–FNRS
2019–2022	Research Fellow, Université catholique de Louvain

Education

2019–2023	PhD in Economics, Université catholique de Louvain European Doctoral Program in Quantitative Economics
2017–2019	Mphil in Economics, Singapore Management University
2015–2018	BSc in Economics (Quantitative Economics), Singapore Management University Exchange: Nanyang Technological University (2016)

Research Interests

Fields: Industrial Organisation, Behavioural Economics

Topics: Digital economy, Platform design and regulation, Digital Media, Economics of AI

Working Papers

"Harvesting Ratings" *with Johannes Johnen.* link to paper
Revise and Resubmit, 2nd round, **Management Science**

"Free and Open–Source Software: Coordination and Competition" link to paper
Under Review

"Ratings with Heterogeneous Preferences" *with Jonathan Lafky.* link to paper
Under Review

"Moderating Content-Hosting Platforms" *with Greg Taylor.* link to paper
Under Review   ]

"Competition Through Recommendations" link to paper

Selected Work In Progress

"Expectations Management" *with Philipp Brunner.*

Teaching and Supervision

Universität Mannheim

2025–	Digital Markets, Bachelor
2024–	Internet Economics Seminar Most recent evaluation: 1.8/1.0
2023–2025	Microeconomics A, Bachelor (Intermediate Microeconomics) Most recent evaluation: 1.7/1.0
2023–2025	Internet Economics, Master

Singapore University of Social Science

2021–2023	Economic Ideas and Models, Bachelor (Introductory Economics) Most recent evaluation: 4.45/5.0
2021–2022	Statistics, Bachelor Most recent evaluation: 4.34/5.0

Supervision

Universität Mannheim: Weimiao Wang (MSc); Julius Röder (BSc)

Awards & Grants

2025–2027	Graduate Research Fellowship, SSRC/SMU
2022–2024	ASP Research Fellowship, FNRS
2022–2024	Graduate Research Fellowship, SSRC/SMU
2023	Travel grant (OII), FWB
2023	Research visit award, DERN
2019–2023	PhD Fellowship, UCLouvain
2022	Stay abroad (PSE), FNRS
2017–2019	Research Master Scholarship, SMU
2018	Excellence Award, SMU
2016–2017	Dean's List, SMU
2015	Dean's Honours List, UniMelb

Professional Activities

Departmental

since 2024	Organiser, Micro-Theory Lunch (Mannheim)
2020–2023	Organiser, CORE Brown Bag (Louvain)

Refereeing

Journals:	The RAND Journal of Economics; The Journal of Industrial Economics; Information Economics and Policy
Conferences:	SMYE2022; MYE2023; EAYE2024; EAYE2025

Research stays

Frankfurt School of Finance and Management, Heiko Karle, May–July 2025

University of Oxford, Greg Taylor, January–July 2023

Paris School of Economics, Bernard Caillaud, January–July 2022

Recent short visits

Université catholique de Louvain, Johannes Johnen, April 2026

University of Oxford, Greg Taylor, March 2026

University of Copenhagen, Egor Starkov, October 2025

ESMT Berlin, David Ronayne, September 2025

Singapore Management University, Aljoscha Janssen, August–September 2025

Tilburg University, Shiva Shekhar, June 2025

Affiliations

since 2023	Member, Collaborative Research Center Transregio 224, Project B05
since 2023	Junior Member, Mannheim Center for Competition and Innovation
2019–2024	Research Affiliate, Platform Regulation and Operations in the Sharing Economy
2019–2023	Research Affiliate, Center for Operations Research and Econometrics
2019–2023	Research Affiliate, Research Observatory on Sharing Economy, Law and Society

Seminar Talks

2025	Humboldt University of Berlin; Université catholique de Louvain; Nanyang Technological University; Singapore Management University; ESMT Berlin; University of Copenhagen
2024	ZEW; University of Bern; Toulouse School of Economics
2023	University of East Anglia; University of Oxford; Singapore Management University; Université catholique de Louvain
2022	Université catholique de Louvain; Paris 1; Aix–Marseille School of Economics; Paris School of Economics; Nanyang Technological University
2020	Université catholique de Louvain

Conferences and Workshops

2026	CLEEN workshop; Credence Goods and Expert Markets Webinar
2025	MaCCI Workshop on Digital Markets; MaCCI Annual Conference; CRC TR 224 Retreat; ZEW IGComp Workshop; MaCCI IO Day; MaCCI Summer Institute; Econometric Society World Congress; INFORMS Annual Meeting CRC TR 224 Retreat
2024	MaCCI Annual Conference; CRC TR 224 Retreat; IIOC; MaCCI IO Day; Lisbon Meeting; MaCCI Summer Institute; ZEW ICT; IBEO Workshop; EARIE summer school; EARIE
2023	IIOC; Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society; CRC TR 224 Retreat; European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society
2022	Market Studies and Spatial Economics Workshop; SMYE; ECORES Summer School; ZEW ICT Conference; FUR; MaCCI Summer School on Platform Economics; EEA–ESEM Congress; NUS Platform Workshop; NA–ESA Meeting
2021	IWABE Workshop; LED YES; Doctoral Workshop on The Economics of Digitization; Behavioural and Environmental Economics Workshop; Belgian Winter Doctoral Workshop
2020	Belgian Winter Doctoral Workshop

Miscellanea

Software experience: MATLAB, Stata, EViews, Mathematica, Python, oTree
Languages: English (CEFR: C2/Native), Mandarin (O-levels), Germany (CEFR: A1), French (CEFR: A1)

References

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