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Current position

2012 – present Postdoctoral research fellow
Nuffield College, University of Oxford

Education

2008 – 2012 University of Amsterdam/Tinbergen Institute
PhD in Economics, thesis title: “Essays on Optimal Experimentation”
Advisor: Sweder van Wijnbergen

2007 – 2008 University College London
MSc in Economics (with distinction)

2003 – 2007 Tilburg University
BSc & MSc in Economics (with distinction)

Publications

1. “Analyzing the effects of U.S. monetary policy shocks in dollarized countries”, *European Economic Review*, 61, 2013.

2. “Imperfect information, lagged labour adjustment and the Great Moderation”, *Oxford Economic Papers*, 65, 2013, with Sweder van Wijnbergen.

Working Papers

1. “Political accountability and policy experimentation: why to elect left-handed politicians?”

2. “Optimal learning on climate change: why climate skeptics should reduce emissions”, with Sweder van Wijnbergen

3. “Learning dynamics and the support for economic reforms: why good news can be bad”, with Sweder van Wijnbergen

4. “Actively learning by pricing: a model of an experimenting seller”

5. “Identifying U.S. monetary policy shocks through sign restrictions in dollarized countries”, with Alessandro Gobbi

6. “Estimating the output gap: unobserved components meets DSGE”

Research Interests

Active learning, optimal experimentation, imperfect information, monetary policy, applied econometrics, political economics

Research Visits

April 2012: Toulouse School of Economics

Oct – Dec 2011: Sveriges Riksbank (PhD intern in research department)

External Seminars and Conference Presentations (including scheduled)

2013: LSE; RES-conference, Royal Holloway; VU Amsterdam; EAERE-conference, Toulouse; EBRD; SITE-conference, Stockholm

2012: RES-conference, Cambridge

2011: SED-conference, Ghent ; NHH-workshop, Bergen; Uppsala University; IIES Stockholm; Sveriges Riksbank

2010: NAKE-conference, Utrecht; EEA-conference, Glasgow

2009: EC²-conference, Aarhus; University of Groningen; Tilburg University

Refereeing

German Economic Review, Review of Economics and Statistics

Teaching Experience

2012 (Oxford) - Macroeconomics (MPhil course, tutorials)

2010 (UvA) - Macroeconomics: Growth Theory (MSc course, with Rick van der Ploeg)

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Software Knowledge

Matlab, Fortran, Gauss, Mathematica, Eviews, Stata, OxMetrics

Personal

Date of birth: September 9th, 1985

Gender: Male

Nationality: Dutch

Languages: Dutch (native), English (fluent), German (intermediate), French (basic)

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