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**Current position**

Economic Adviser, Economics Department, Reserve Bank of New Zealand.

**Education and training**

★ ***Academic qualifications***

- ♦ PhD in Economics. Ghent University, Belgium. Jan 2006-May 2010.  
Evaluation Committee: Gert Peersman, Freddy Heylen, Robert Kollmann, Roland Straub and Rafael Wouters.
- ♦ PhD student. Department of Economics, Iowa State University, USA. 2004-2005.
- ♦ Master of Science in Economics. Tilburg University, the Netherlands. 2002-2003.
- ♦ Certificate programme in International Business, Tilburg University, the Netherlands. 2002.
- ♦ Master of Business Economics. Cochin University of Science and Technology, India. 2000-2002.
- ♦ Bachelor of Arts in Economics. Calicut University, India. 1996-1999.

★ ***Additional training***

- ♦ *DYNARE* summer school. Banque de France, June 2018.
- ♦ Efficient programming in *MATLAB*. Mathworks. October 2017.
- ♦ Open-economy macroeconomics. Kiel Institute of Advanced Studies, August 2017.
- ♦ Applied bayesian macroeconometrics. Bank of England, August 2016.

**Previous work experience**

- ★ Senior Analyst, Modelling team, Nov 2016-May 2018.
- ★ Senior Analyst, Forecasting team, April 2016- Nov 2016.
- ★ Senior Economic Analyst, Research team, Nov 2012-April 2016.
- ★ Post-doctoral researcher, *École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne*, Sept 2011-Sept 2012.
- ★ Post-doctoral researcher, Ghent University, Oct 2010-Sept 2011.
- ★ Dissertation intern, Research Department of the National Bank of Belgium, Aug 2008-Jan 2009.
- ★ Lecturer in Economics, Department of Applied Economics, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Jan 2004-May 2004.

## Research experience

### ★ *Academic papers*

- ♦ 'A prudential stable funding requirement and monetary policy in a small open economy'. 2018. With Anella Munro. Accepted for publication at *the Journal of Banking and Finance*.
- ♦ 'Deep habits, price rigidities and the consumption response to government spending'. 2015. *Journal of Money, Credit and Banking* 47(2-3), 481-510.
- ♦ 'Dissecting the dynamics of the US trade balance in an estimated equilibrium model'. 2013. With Gert Peersman. *Journal of International Economics* 90(2), 302-315.
- ♦ 'Deep habits and exchange rate pass-through'. With Lenno Uusküla. Submitted.

### ★ *Policy notes*

- ♦ Estimating the NAIRU and the natural rate of unemployment for New Zealand. With Martin Wong. Reserve Bank of New Zealand Analytical Note 2018/04.
- ♦ Estimated policy rules for two monetary regimes: Flexible inflation targeting versus a dual mandate. With Amber Wadsworth. Work-in-progress.
- ♦ The flattening of New Zealand's Phillips Curve: Rounding up the suspects. With Thomas Van Florenstein Mulder. Work-in-progress.

### ★ *Refereeing*

Journal of Banking and Finance (x2); Journal of Money, Credit and Banking; Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control (x2); Journal of Macroeconomics (x2); Economic Modelling; New Zealand Economic Papers (x2); Journal of Economic Surveys; Reserve Bank of New Zealand Bulletin and Analytical Note Series; Journal of Peace Research.

### ★ *PhD examination committee*

Ewoud Quaghebeur, Ghent University, Belgium. June 2017.

### ★ *Presentations at conferences and invited seminars*

**2018:** National Bank of Belgium **2015:** Central Bank Macroeconomic Modelling Workshop, RBNZ; Bank of Estonia; Melbourne Institute Macroeconomic Policy Workshop. **2012:** RBNZ; HEC Lausanne. **2011:** HEC Lausanne; Annual Meeting of the Society for Economic Dynamics, Ghent; *École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne*. **2010:** RBNZ Annual Conference, Wellington; Victoria University of Wellington; 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the Money, Macro and Finance Research Group, Cyprus; University of Münster. **2009:** 5<sup>th</sup> Dynare Conference at the Norges Bank; 24<sup>th</sup> Congress of the European Economic Association, Barcelona; 13<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference on Macroeconomic Analysis and International Finance, Crete. **2008:** *Université Libre de Bruxelles*; National Bank of Belgium; 4<sup>th</sup> Dynare Conference at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston; Doctoral Workshop, Rochehaut, Belgium.

## Scholarships

- ★ Doctoral grant from the Flemish Fund for Scientific Research, Ghent University. 2006-2009.
- ★ Centre for Economic Research (CentER) Scholarship, Tilburg University. Sept 2002-Aug 2003.
- ★ Jan Tinbergen Scholarship, the Government of the Netherlands, Sept 2001- Feb 2002.

## Languages

English (Excellent), Hindi (Good), Malayalam (Native), Dutch (Beginner).