

# Dr. Bert G.M. Van Landeghem

## General Information

- Date of birth: 26/01/1982
- Place of birth: Ekeren (Belgium)
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## Research Fields

Labour Markets; Well-Being; Econometrics; Developing Countries.

## Education

- 2005-2010: PhD in Economics, University of Leuven, Belgium.
- September 2007 - January 2008: Research visit at the University of Warwick, United Kingdom.
- 2004-2005: Master of Advanced Studies in Economics, University of Leuven (high distinction).
- 2000-2004: Master of Arts in Economics, University of Leuven, (distinction).
- September 2003 - January 2004: Exchange Student at the University of Southampton, United Kingdom.
- 1994-2000: Humanities, Greek-Latin, College van het Eucharistisch Hart, Essen, Belgium.

## On-Going Projects

### *Coaching Styles and Their Impacts on the Reintegration and Well-Being of the Unemployed*

As for many other commercial and non-commercial organisations, employment agencies are substituting face-to-face service provision for automated self-service applications. This project aims to help us understand how and for which groups this move towards E-coaching will affect the behaviour, the re-employment chances and well-being of the unemployed.

Backed by the management of the Flemish employment agency and by the Flemish Ministry of Labour, we are preparing together with a local team manager the implementation of a randomized trial to evaluate the importance of the timing of a first face-to-face meeting with a job coach. The detailed administrative data as well as the possibility to send out surveys to customers will allow us to look beyond just the impact on unemployment spells.

### *Successful Labour Participation of Older Workers*

Demographic ageing has been a trigger for policy makers to seek possibilities to extend the period during which individuals are actively on the labour market. It is not obvious, however, for older workers who become unemployed, to reintegrate into the labour market e.g. due to the relative high wage costs and the short time horizon in which training investments will need to pay off. This project aims to evaluate the effectiveness of a substantial employer's

subsidy in Flanders, introduced in April 2006, to hire individuals older than fifty years of age. The administrative data allow various identification strategies, and both the evaluation of short-term and long-term effects.

### **Working Papers**

- Van Landeghem, B. (2011). Human Well-Being and Adaptation to Income: Panel Data Evidence Across Countries. *Working paper*.
- Van Landeghem, B. (2012). Panel Conditioning and Subjective Well-Being: A Comparison of Results from International Panel Data and Repeated Cross-Sections. *SOEPpapers* No. 2012/484.

### **Publications**

- Blanchflower, D.G., A.J. Oswald, & B. Van Landeghem (2009). Imitative Obesity and Relative Utility. *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 7, 528-538.
- Van Landeghem, B. (2009). The Course of Subjective Well-Being over the Life Cycle. *Schmollers Jahrbuch / Journal of Applied Social Science Studies*, 129, 261-267.
- Van Landeghem, B., J. Swinnen, & L. Vranken (2013). Land and Happiness: Land Distribution and Subjective Well-Being in Moldova. *Eastern European Economics* 51, 61-85.
- Van Landeghem, B. (2012). A Test for the Convexity of Human Well-Being over the Life Cycle: Evidence from a 20-Year Panel. *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* 81, 571-582.

### **Presentations at International Conferences**

- Oxford GPRG-Conference, Oxford, United Kingdom, March 2007;
- 8th International German SocioEconomic Panel Users Conference, Berlin, Germany, July 2008;
- 12th Congress of the European Association of Agricultural Economists, Ghent, Belgium, August 2008;
- Well-Being Conference, Cassino, Italy, September 2008;
- The HEIRS Conference, Venice, Italy, June 2009;
- The 4th Italian Congress of Econometrics and Empirical Economics, Pisa, Italy, January 2011;
- The Royal Economic Society Conference 2011, London, United Kingdom, April 2011;
- The IZA Workshop on Sources of Well-Being, Bonn, Germany, October 2011;
- The Royal Economic Society Conference 2012, Cambridge, United Kingdom, March 2012;
- The 2012 EEA/ESEM Conference, Malaga, Spain, August 2012.

### **Presentations at Seminars**

- Institute for the Study of Labor (Germany);
- London School of Economics;
- Maastricht University (The Netherlands);
- University of Bern (Switzerland);
- University of Freiburg (Germany);
- University of Leuven (Belgium);
- University of Rome Tor Vergata (Italy),
- University of Warwick (United Kingdom);

### **Refereeing**

Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization (4), Social Choice and Welfare, Economics and Human Biology, Land Economics, Journal of Wine Economics, Journal of Population Ageing, Journal of Applied Social Science Studies.

### **Press Coverage**

The research on obesity as well as on well-being over the life cycle has received attention in both the national and international written and spoken press in August 2008 and April 2011.

### **Professional Experience**

- April 2010 - Current: Postdoctoral researcher at ROA Research Centre for Education and the Labour Market.
- October 2005 - April 2010: Research/teaching assistant at LICOS Centre for Institutions and Economic Performance (University of Leuven).
- Teaching assistance for courses 'Development Economics', 'Problems of the Developing Countries', 'Advanced Development Economics', 'Introductory Economics'.
- Supervision of undergraduate and master dissertations.
- Research assistance (planning and organizing seminars, workshops and conferences).
- July-September 2004: Volunteer work for the NGO TRIAS: putting together a database of MFI-FIS (Financial Intermediaries for Microfinance Institutions) and their properties.

### **Grants and Awards**

- October 2004 - September 2008: Ph.D. scholarship awarded by the University of Leuven
- December 2009: OECD Consultancy on Subjective Well-being and Disability (€3500)
- March 2011: OECD Consultancy on Subjective Well-being and Parental Leave (€5000)
- November 2010 - November 2011: Postdoctoral RUBICON grant, awarded by the Dutch Organization for Scientific Research (NWO)
- July 2012 - September 2013: €65000 VIONA-Research Project under the authority of the Flemish ministry of labour on "Impact Measurement of Inspection on Compliance" (main applicant)
- December 2012: A €2000 SWOL grant and a 3500 GSBE grant co-applied for with Dr. Olivier Marie in order to organize a conference on "the Economics of Law Enforcement" to be held in September 2013
- January 2011 - December 2013: Meteor Small-Scale Research Grant (€4000)

### **Language Skills**

- Dutch: native.
- English and French: fluent.
- German: basic knowledge.

### **Computer Skills**

- Proficient with Microsoft applications Word, Excel, Outlook and Powerpoint.
- Experienced with the statistical software package Stata.
- Advanced working knowledge of the typesetting language LaTeX.