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### PERSONALIA

Place and date of birth: Kapellen (Belgium) – December 19, 1980  
Sex: Female  
Citizenship: Belgian

### CURRENT POSITION

Jul 2008 - **Economist/Policy Analyst** at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs – Social Policy Division). Project: Analysis of social policies and labour markets in the OECD accession countries (Chile, Estonia, Israel, Russia and Slovenia)

### PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE

Feb 2006 - Jul 2008 Researcher and Coordinator of China Economic Research at **LICOS Centre for Institutions and Economic Performance** at the Catholic University of Leuven

Sep 2004 - Jul 2008 Research/Teaching Assistant of Prof. F. Abraham at the **Catholic University of Leuven**  
Teaching activities:

- ‘Economics of European Integration’ (English and Dutch course)
- Supervision of theses related to ‘International Economics’ and ‘Chinese Economy’

Research activities:  
Transition Economics (China & CEEC) – Empirical Industrial Organization – Institutions and market structure – Micro-econometric enterprises analysis – International Economics – Policy Implications

Jul – Oct 2007 Summer Internship at the **International Monetary Fund**, Washington DC. Policy research project under supervision of Franek Rozwadowski: “Productivity Growth, Firm Finance and Competitiveness in Estonia – A Panel Study”

Apr – Jun 2007 Visiting Researcher at **Peking University** (China Center for Economic Research), Beijing, China – Project: “Job reallocation and its impact on the wages distribution: Evidence from China”

Jul 2006 Visiting Researcher at **Fudan University** (China Center for Economic Studies), Shanghai, China – Project: “FDI Spillovers in the Chinese Manufacturing Sector: Evidence of Firm Heterogeneity”

Jun - Nov 2004 Internship at the **Belgian Foreign Trade Agency** – Achievements:

- Country study of the People’s Republic of China and Country study of India.
- Organization of and participation in the Belgian economic mission to the People’s Republic of China, presided by H.R.H. Prince Philippe, Crown Prince of Belgium (21-28 November 2004)

- Jan - Mar 2004      Research Assistant at the **Institute for World Economics** (IfW), Kiel, Germany  
(Project: 'Trade Effects of Monetary Integration in Large, Mature Economies')
- Jul 1998 - Jun 1999      Volunteer in **Guatemala** – English language teacher, engagement in social support activities and natural disaster services (hurricane Mitch)

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Research Fellow of LICOS Centre for Institutions and Economic Performance at the Catholic University of Leuven
- Participation as Young Leader in the first edition of the Women's Forum for the Economy and Society (October 2005)
- AFS Intercultural Program Volunteer (1997-2003)

## EDUCATION

- 2004-2009 (exp)      **Ph.D. in Economics** at the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium.  
Topic: "Institutions and market structure in transition countries" - Supervisors:  
Prof. Filip Abraham and Prof. Joep Konings
- 2003-2004      **Advanced Studies Program in International Economic Policy Research** at  
the Institute for World Economics, Kiel, Germany
- Sep 2002 - Feb 2003      **Erasmus** Exchange Program at the Université des Sciences Sociales Toulouse I,  
France
- 2001-2003      **M.A. in Economics** at the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium  
Specialization in International and Development Economics
- 1999-2001      **B.A. in Economics** at the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium
- 1998-1999      AFS Intercultural Exchange Program (San Pedro Sacatepéquez, Guatemala)

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

Dutch:	mother tongue	Spanish:	fluent
English:	fluent	German:	good
French:	fluent	Chinese:	basic (Mandarin)

## COMPUTER SKILLS

Microsoft Office (Spreadsheet, Word Processing, and Presentation Applications), Database and Statistical Analysis Applications (Stata), Visual Basic, Latex, Web Page Development (HTML).

## PUBLICATIONS & WORKING PAPERS

- Moreno-Badia, M.; Slootmaekers, V.; Van Beveren, I. (2008). "**Globalization Drives Strategic Product Switching**", IMF Working Paper 08/246 (Washington: International Monetary Fund).
- Van Assche, A.; Hong, C.; Slootmaekers, V. (2008). "**Compétitivité Internationale de la Chine: Une Réalité à Réévaluer**". In Aubert, B. (ed.), *Le Québec à l'Heure de la Mondialisation*, CIRANO, Montréal.
- Moreno-Badia, M.; Slootmaekers, V.; Van Beveren, I. (2008). "**New Dimensions of Adjustment to Globalization**", LICOS Discussion Paper 209 (Catholic University Leuven).

- Moreno-Badia, M.; Sloomakers, V. (2008). “**The Missing Link between Financial Constraints and Productivity: Evidence from Estonia**”, LICOS Discussion Paper 208 (Catholic University Leuven).
- Van Assche, A.; Hong, C.; Sloomakers, V. (2008). “**China's International Competitiveness: Reassessing the Evidence**”, LICOS Discussion Paper 205 (Catholic University Leuven).
- Abraham, F.; Konings, J.; Sloomakers, V. (2007). “**FDI Spillovers in the Chinese Manufacturing Sector: Evidence of Firm Heterogeneity**”, CEPR Discussion Paper No. 6573. (*revise and resubmit*)
- Sloomakers, V. (2007). “**Job Reallocation and its Impact on the Wage Distribution: Evidence from China**”, *work in progress*.
- Sloomakers, V. (2004). “**Trade Effects of the EU-Mexico Free Trade Agreement**”, *ASP Working Paper 416*, IfW, Kiel.
- Rovira Kaltwasser, P.; Sloomakers, V. (2004). “**Is Argentina Ready for Inflation Targeting?**”, *ASP Working Paper 408*, IfW, Kiel.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Conferences: ETSG, Warsaw - Poland (September 2008) // China Summer Institute, Dalian - China (June 2008) // CAED, Budapest - Hungary (May 2008) // ETSG, Vienna - Austria (September 2006) // Chinese Economists Society Annual Conference, Shanghai - China (July 2006) // GEP Postgraduate Conference, University of Nottingham - UK (April 2006) // ETSG, Nottingham - UK (September 2004).

Invited seminars: IMF, Washington DC - USA (September and October 2007) // LICOS, Leuven - Belgium (November 2005, March 2006 and December 2007) // University of Ljubljana - Slovenia (June 2006) // Université Catholique de Louvain - Belgium (January 2006) // Fudan University, Shanghai - China (July 2006) // Catholic University of Leuven - Belgium (October 2004 and November 2006).

## GRANTS

- 2004-2008: PhD Grant 4 years, Department of Economics, Catholic University of Leuven
- 2003-2004: Grant tuition fee for outstanding students in masters program, Institute for World Economics (IfW), Kiel, Germany
- 2002-2003: Erasmus Grant 1 semester, Faculty of Economics, Université des Sciences Sociales Toulouse I, France