

TIMES² Research Center Activity Report 2024



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FOREWORD

Inaugurated in 2013, **TIMES²** (formerly named **International Centre for Innovation, Technology and Education Studies (iCite)**), is a research center of the **Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management** at Université Libre de Bruxelles.

TIMES² draws together researchers working at the intersection of management and economics and is conducting research in the areas of Technology & Transformation, Innovation & Impact, Management & Multidisciplinary, Entrepreneurship & Economics and Strategy & Sustainability.

We pursue a primarily quantitative-empirical research approach as well as quantitative methods. Our goal is to make a significant scientific contribution to our research fields, which is also expressed through publications in leading international journals. Members of our institute published in international journals such as the Journal of Product Innovation Management, Entrepreneurship Theory & Practice, Journal of Business Venturing, Management Science, Research Policy, Information Economics & Policy, and International Journal of Operations and Production Management.

Furthermore, we intend to provide companies and policymakers with new insights and practically relevant tools. Therefore, we conduct multidisciplinary research at the intersection of economics and management in collaboration with various corporate and government partners to ensure empirically relevant, scientific contributions and practical benefits for organizations and society.

Our research projects are funded by the European Commission, Fonds National de la Recherche Scientifique, National Bank of Belgium and Innoviris among others. Within ULB, we conduct extent collaborative projects with the I3H Institute (healthcare and translational medicine), FARI (AI and robotics), and the Start LabBrussels.

Our Ph.D.-students are jointly educated in our Doctoral schools in management and economics together with CEBRIG and ECARES. During the year, we organize research events and, among them, joined Brownbag series with our colleagues from VUB, we invite guest speakers and plan social events for our members.

Judith Behrens
Director

Michele Cincera
President

I. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Director

BEHRENS, Judith

Nationality: German

Position at ULB: Professor

Fields: corporate entrepreneurship, entrepreneurial thinking and cognition, decision making and innovation outcomes.

Funding: ULB payroll

PhD from WHU - Otto Beisheim School of Management

President

CINCERA, Michele

Nationality: Belgian and Italian

Position at ULB: Professor

Fields: corporate entrepreneurship, entrepreneurial thinking and cognition, decision making and innovation outcomes.

Funding: ULB payroll

PhD from ULB

Faculty Members

DEHON, Catherine

Nationality: Belgian

Position at ULB: Professor & Dean since 09/2024

Fields: nonparametric and robust statistics, econometrics and applied mathematics.

Funding: ULB payroll

PhD from ULB

DE MEULEMEESTER, Jean-Luc

Nationality: Belgian

Position at ULB: Professor

Fields: (comparative) higher education policies, economics of education, history of economic thought and methodology, economic history.

Funding: ULB payroll

PhD from ULB

DEWATRIPONT, Mathias

Nationality: Belgian

Position at ULB: Professor

Fields: industrial organization, contracts, and auctions

Funding: ULB payroll

PhD from ULB

EHRIG, Timo

Nationality: German

Position at ULB: Professor (chargé de cours)

Fields: strategy

Funding: ULB payroll

PhD from Max Planck/ University of Witten-Herdecke

GEORGE, Martine

Nationality: Belgian and American

Position at ULB: Professor

Fields: management practice

Funding: ULB payroll

PhD from ULB

ILZKOVITZ, Fabienne

Nationality: Belgian

Position at ULB: Professor

Fields: competition policy and EU integration

Funding: ULB payroll

PhD from ULB

VANPOUCKE, Evelyne

Nationality: Belgian

Position at ULB: Associate Professor

Fields: supply chain management, operations management, purchasing management, international manufacturing networks, buyer-supplier relationship.

Funding: ULB payroll

PhD from Ghent University

VAN POTTELSBERGHE DE LA POTTERIE, Bruno

Nationality: Belgian

Position at ULB: Professor and Dean (till 07/2024),

Rector of Corvinus University in Budapest since 08/2024.

Fields: economics of innovation and intellectual property: effectiveness of subsidies, R&D tax credit, patent system and international R&D spillovers.

PhD from ULB

VAN ZEEBROECK, Nicolas

Nationality: Belgian

Position at ULB: Professor and Adjunct to the President & Advisor to the Rector for IT and Digital (ULB)

Fields: economics of information and digital technology, knowledge diffusion, business process, innovation, digital business strategy, digital transformation

VERGAUWEN, Philippe

Nationality: Belgian

Position at ULB: Professor

Fields: banking, finance & accounting.

Funding: ULB payroll

PhD from KUL

WITMEUR, Olivier

Nationality: Belgian

Position at ULB: Professor and Vice-Dean

Fields: innovation, entrepreneurship & general management.

Funding: ULB payroll

PhD from ULB

Associated Fellows

ALDIERI, Luigi

Nationality: Italian

Position at ULB: Associate Fellow

Fields: applied economics & econometrics, innovation, development, strategic management, economics & econometrics Analysis

Funding: Associate Professor at University of Salerno (Italy)

PhD from ULB

AMEYE, Nicolas

Nationality: Belgian

Fields: information system and digital business

Position at ULB: Doctoral Researcher

Supervisor: Nicolas van Zeebroeck

Funding: external funding

BUGHIN, Jacques

Nationality: Belgian

Position at ULB: Associate Fellow – Professor of management practice

Fields: labor economics, agribusiness economics, economics, Web 2.0

Funding: Adjunct Professor and Freelance consultant

PhD from UCL

BUISSON, Bernard

Position: Pedagogical adviser at Ecole Polytechnique Executive Education – Paris Saclay

PhD from ULB

DANGUY, Jérôme

Position: Chief Economist at Wallonie Entreprendre

PhD from ULB

DEVILLE, Hervé

Nationality: Belgian

Position at ULB: Associate Fellow

Fields: public management, political economy, labor economics

Funding: Expert-Analyst at the CEG “Centre d'études GEORGIN” advice of the Brussels ministry for employment and professor at Université Catholique de Lille.

PhD from ULB

FALAGARA SIGALA Ioanna

Position at ULB: Associated researcher
PhD from University of Vienna

FOMBASSO TOYEM, Gilles Eric,

PhD from ULB

GASSNER, Marjorie

Nationality: Belgian and American
Position at ULB: Professor
Fields: mathematical aspects of electoral systems
Funding: ULB payroll
PhD from ULB

HASSAN, Emmanuel

Nationality: French
Position at ULB: Associate Fellow
Funding: private consulting
PhD from Paris Dauphine, ULB

INCE, Ela

Nationality: Belgian
Position: Project Officer – European Commission
PhD from ULB

LUI, Guangyuan

PhD from ULB

MARQUES SANTOS, Anabela

Nationality: Portuguese
Position at ULB: Associate Fellow
Fields: innovation, entrepreneurship & general management
Position: Economic Analyst - European Commission
Funding: external funding
PhD from ULB

MEYER, Malwina

PhD from ULB

MONCADA PATERNO CASTELLO, Pietro

Position: Senior Expert Economics and Policy of Industrial Research & Innovation -
European Commission
PhD from ULB

PARY, Nicolas,

PhD from ULB

RAVET, Julien

Nationality: Belgian

Position: Economic Analysis - European Commission

Position at ULB: Associate Fellow

Fields: economic analysis

Funding: ULB payroll

PhD from ULB

SAKUMA, Kyoko

Position: Senior Advisor at Metzler Asset Management

PhD from ULB

SHAUCHUK, Palina,

Position: Research Manager at SBS-EM, ULB

Funding: ULB

PhD from ULB

VERADI, Vincenzo

Nationality: Italian

Position at ULB: Associate Professor

Funding: FNRS payroll

PhD from ULB

VEUGELERS, Reinhilde

Nationality: Belgian

Position at ULB: Associate Fellow

Funding: KUL payroll

PhD from KUL

THI HANH, Vu

Position: Foreign Trade University, Vietnam.

PhD from ULB

Doctoral Students

BAKKALI, Samira

Nationality: Belgian

Fields: innovation, entrepreneurship, digital transformation

Position at ULB: Doctoral Researcher and Teaching Assistant

Supervisor: Nicolas van Zeebroeck

Funding: ULB payroll

DEMANET, Elodie

Nationality: Belgian

Fields: circular economy in agri-zones Congo

Position at ULB: Doctoral Researcher

Supervisor: Bruno van Pottelsberghe de la Potterie

Funding: external funding

DE BIN, Giorgio

Nationality: Italian

Fields: economics, statistics, mathematics & data science

Position at ULB: Doctoral Researcher

Supervisor: Bruno van Pottelsberghe de la Potterie

Funding: external funding

DOUHARD, Joran

Nationality: Belgium

Fields: circular economy and business model innovation

Position at ULB: Doctoral Researcher

Funding: ULB payroll

Supervisor: Bruno van Pottelsberghe de la Potterie

FAYYAZ RISHEHCHI, Mohammad

Nationality: Iranian

Fields: operations & supply chain management

Position at ULB: Doctoral Researcher

Supervisor: Evelyne Vanpoucke

GIMENO FABRA, Lluís

Nationality: Spanish

Fields: patent research

Position at ULB: Doctoral Researcher

Supervisor : Bruno van Pottelsberghe de la Potterie

GOSSE, Julien

Nationality: Belgian

Fields: innovation, entrepreneurship & general management

Position at ULB: Doctoral Researcher

Supervisor: Nicolas van Zeebroeck

Funding: Innoviris grant

GUAN, Lisi

Nationality: Chinese

Fields: green supply chain management

Position at ULB: Doctoral Researcher

Supervisor: Evelyne Vanpoucke

Funding: external – co-supervision U Maastricht

HOFFREUMON, Charles

Nationality: French

Fields: digital economics

Position at ULB: Doctoral Researcher

Supervisor: Nicolas van Zeebroeck

Funding: external funding

KALUKUTA MAHINA, Lena

Nationality: Belgian

Fields: sustainable development

Position at ULB: Doctoral Researcher

Supervisor: Bruno van Pottelsberghe de la Potterie

Funding: ULB payroll

KASHEF, Shafagh

Nationality: Iran

Fields: team creativity, resilience & project transitions (effects of rewards on entrepreneurial team creativity)

Position at ULB: Doctoral Researcher

Supervisor: Judith Behrens

Funding: ULB payroll

MAURO, Gabriele

Nationality: Italy

Fields: sustainable supply chains

Position at ULB: doctoral researcher

Supervisor: Evelyne Vanpoucke

Funding: ULB payroll

MIAN, Mohammed

Nationality: Belgian

Fields: innovation, entrepreneurship & general management

Position at ULB: doctoral researcher

Supervisor: Michele Cincera

Funding: ULB payroll

NSONSUMUNA, Jean

Nationality: Belgian

Fields: sustainable development

Position at ULB: Doctoral Researcher

Supervisor: Olivier Witmeur

Funding: external funding

ORGUN SENEL, Asli Irem

Nationality: Turkey

Fields: innovation, entrepreneurship & general management

Position at ULB: Doctoral Researcher

Supervisors: Olivier Witmeur & Judith Behrens

Funding: ULB Payroll

PETIT, Elise

Nationality: Belgian

Position at ULB: Doctoral Researcher

Fields: innovation, entrepreneurship & general management

Supervisor: Bruno van Pottelsberghe

Funding: ULB payroll

PLATTEAU, Antoine

Nationality: Belgian

Position at ULB: Doctoral Researcher

Fields: education economics, innovation, entrepreneurship & general management

Supervisor: Catherine Dehon

Funding: ULB payroll

ROSERO DELGADO Gabriela Alexandra

Nationality: Ecuadorian

Position at ULB: Doctoral Researcher

Fields: political economics

Supervisor: Evelyne Vanpoucke

Funding: ULB payroll

RUFFAT, Agnès

Nationality: French

Position at ULB: Doctoral Researcher

Fields: political innovation

Supervisor: Michele Cincera

Funding: external

SANCHEZ HERNANDEZ, Arthur

Nationality: Belgian

Fields: sustainable development, circular economy, waste management

Position at ULB: Doctoral Researcher

Supervisor: Bruno van Pottelsberghe

Funding: ULB Payroll

TABATABAEI, Fatemeh

Nationality: Belgian

Fields: econometrics, statistics, mathematics & data science

Position at ULB: Doctoral Researcher

Supervisor: Michele Cincera

Funding: external funding

Post-Docs**ALEXANDRE DE LIMA Felipe**

Nationality: Brazilian

Fields: innovation

Position at ULB: Post-Doctoral Researcher

Supervisor: Evelyne Vanpoucke

Funding: U Kassel

II. PUBLICATIONS

Papers in International Scientific Revues (with Referees)

Ameye, N., Bughin, J., & van Zeebroeck, N. (2024). From experimentation to scaling: what shapes the funnel of AI adoption? *Economics of innovation and new technology.*, 24|3940.

Bughin, J. (2024). Le plateau de performance des modèles de langage (LLM) : un épisode, pas une fin de l'AI génératrice (GenAI). *Management et Datascience*, Article 0039227. <https://doi.org/10.36863/mds.a.39227>.

Bughin, J. (2024). Briser la courbe de Beveridge grâce à l'Intelligence Artificielle. *Management et Datascience*, 8(1). <https://doi.org/10.36863/mds.a.27467>.

Bughin, J. (2024). Doing versus saying: responsible AI among large firms. *AI & SOCIETY*, 1-13.

Bughin, J. (2024). The role of firm AI capabilities in generative AI-pair coding. *Journal of Decision Systems*, 1-22.

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Bughin, J. (2024). What drives the corporate payoffs of using generative artificial intelligence? *Structural Change and Economic Dynamics*, 71, 658-668.

Bughin, J. (2024). Inside the successful make-up of 'AI-first' organisations. *Journal of AI, Robotics & Workplace Automation*, 3(3), 16-25.

Guan, L., Vanpoucke, E., Quintens, L., (Accepted) (2024), The Role of Importance and Urgency in prioritising Green Supply Chain Practices (GSCPs), *International Journal of Production Research*.

Hoffreumon, C., Forman, C. C., & van Zeebroeck, N. (2024). Make or buy your artificial intelligence? Complementarities in technology sourcing. *Journal of economics & management strategy*, 33, 452-479.

Vanpoucke, E. and Klassen, R.D., (2024). Reducing forced labour in supply chains: what could traditional companies learn from social enterprises? *International Journal of Operations & Production Management*, 44 (10), 1803-1830.

Moshtari, M., Zaefarian, G., **Vanpoucke, E.** (2024), How Stakeholder Pressure Affects the effectiveness of International-Local NGO Collaboration in Localization of Humanitarian Aid, *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, 53 (4), 866-897.

Papers in Scientific Revues (without Referees)

Cincera, M., Ince, E., Santos, A., Revisiting the innovation-competition nexus: Evidence from worldwide manufacturing and service industries, *Structural Change and Economic Dynamics*, Volume 69, Elsevier, June 2024, Pages 586-603.

Santos, A., Cincera, M., Cerulli, G., Sources of financing: Which ones are more effective in innovation-growth linkage? *Economic Systems*, Volume 48, Issue 2, Elsevier, June 2024, 101177.

Articles in National Peer-reviewed Journals

Dehon, C., & Leboutellier, L. (2024). A comparison between two systems of university education: years of study versus credit accumulation. *Education Economics*, 10.1080/09645292.2023.2301333. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09645292.2023.2301333>.

Altepe, C., Chetail, F., & **Dehon, C.** (2024). Réussir à l'université : rôle des prérequis disciplinaires et intérêt d'un test diagnostique à l'entrée du parcours supérieur. *E-Journal of International Research in Education and Finance*, 10(1), 5.

Lurquin, F.O., **Petit, E.L.,** Ahn, S.A., Rousseau, M.F., Hermans, M.P. (2024). Groupes sanguins ABO et risque macrovasculaire dans le DT2. *Annales d'Endocrinologie*, Volume 85, issue 5 octobre 2024 pages 529-555 doi.org/10.1016/j.ando.2024.08.491.

Peer-reviewed Academic Proceedings

Dewatripont, M., Tirole, J., The Mortality of Markets. The University of Chicago. *Journal of Political Economy* 132 (8), 2655-2694, 2024.

Ehrig, T., Prioritizing beliefs and the formation of expectations, <https://doi.org/10.1111/emre.12602>, *European Management Review*, 2024.

Rishehchi Fayyaz, M., Vanpoucke, E., Kocabasoglu-Hillmer, C., The Silver Lining of an Asymmetry: Does Power Asymmetry Strengthen Supply Chain Network Resilience Amid Catastrophic Disruptions, Proceedings for the Euroma conference 2024, Barcelona, 2024.

Mauro, G., Gualandris, J., **Vanpoucke, E.,** The Economic Performance Implications of Pursuing Carbon Neutrality through Diverse Carbon Abatement Technologies, Proceedings of the EurOMA conference 2024, Barcelona, 2024.

Mauro, G., Vanpoucke, E., Empowering Renewable Energies: Artificial Intelligence Capabilities in Power Networks, Proceedings of the EurOMA conference 2024, Barcelona, 2024.

Peer-reviewed Professional Proceedings

Ehrig, T., Competing with Theories: How Entrants use Awareness to Capture Rents from Disrupting an Industry.

Published Online: 9 July 2024 <https://doi.org/10.5465/AMPROC.2024.85bp>, Academy of Management.

Ehrig, T., Felin, T., Zenger, T., Causal Reasoning and the Scientific Entrepreneur: Beyond Bayes, SSRN, August 2024.

Paper under Review

Lurquin, F.O., **Petit, E.L.**, Ahan, S.A., Rousseau, M.F., Hermans. Cross-prevalence of large and small vessels disease in type 2 diabetes: overview from a Belgian academic center.

Working Papers

Ameye, A., Bughin, J., van Zeebroeck, N., From AI Adoption to Exploitation: The Role of Complements and Competition, Times² WP2024-073, ULB.

Bakkali, S., Cincera, M., van Zeebroeck, N., The Inverted U-Shaped Relationship between Broadband Penetration and International R&D Collaboration: Evidence from 19 OECD Countries, Times² WP2024-074, ULB.

Bughin, J., & van Zeebroeck, N., Strategic Renewal and Corporate Return of Digital Transformation. Times² WP2024-071, ULB.

Bughin, J., Gossé, J., Hoffreumon, C., van Zeebroeck, N., Value and Integrative Dynamic Capabilities: An Empirical Confirmation, Times² WP2024-072, ULB.

Bughin, J., Inside the Successful Make-up of 'AI-first' Organisations, Times² WP2024-075, ULB.

Bughin, J., The Role of Firm AI Capabilities in Generative AI-pair Coding, Times² WP2024-076, ULB.

Bughin, J., Doing versus Saying: Responsible AI among Large Firms, TIMES² WP2024-077, ULB.

Ehrig, T., Zenger, T., Competing with Theories: Using Awareness and Confidence to Secure Resources and Rents, Times² WP2024-078, ULB.

Chapters in Books

Brogniaux, A., **Dehon, C.**, Emplit, P., Toma, C., (2024). Gender Bias in Closed-Ended Questions with Negative Points. (2024).10.1007/978-3-031-61853-6_21.

Altepe, C., **Dehon, C.**, Chetail, F. (2024). Réussir à l'université : le rôle des compétences langagières.

Books

Dewatripont, M. (2024), Eric S. Maskin, The Palgrave Companion to Harvard Economics, 975-998, 2024 Springer International Publishing.

van Zeebroeck, N. (2024). L'économie numérique : Enjeux et ressorts d'une révolution. Bruxelles, Editions de l'Université libre de Bruxelles.

Case Studies

Gimeno-Fabra, L., Coherency in Scope ? A Technology-based Study on Patent Office Granting Behavior.

ULB Publications

Vergauwen, P. & Mughal, I., (2024), Controlled Navigation of the Venture Capital Funding Maze, Presse Universitaire de Bruxelles - PUB Press, Université Libre de Bruxelles, D/2024/0098/087, ISBN 9782500016019.

Vergauwen, P., (2024), The Laws of Human Stupidity & GroupThink, Discussion Note (Master Spécialisé en Gestion Industrielle, SBS-EM, ULB), 5p.

Vergauwen, P., (2024), The Laws of Human Stupidity & The Collapse of Nokia's Mobile Phone Business, Discussion Note (Master Spécialisé en Gestion Industrielle SBS-EM, ULB), 6p.

Articles in Newspapers

van Zeebroeck, N. (2024). L'échiquier mondial de l'IA : entre régulations et soft power. The Conversation, Source, ULB.

III. VISITS

Presentation to International Conferences

Behrens, J. & Tybra, A, Keeping R&D Employees Engaged in Failure Contexts: The Role of Managerial Responsibility, Academy of Management, Chicago (USA), 2024.

Kashef, S. & Behrens, J., Resilience in entrepreneurial teams, Technology Transfer Society (T2S), Brussels, 2024.

Orgun, I., Behrens, J. & Witmeur, O., How does sustainability influence VCs investment cycle? Technology Transfer Society (T2S), Brussels, 2024.

Orgun, I., Behrens, J. & Witmeur, O., How does sustainability influence VCs investment cycle? Technology Transfer Society (T2S), Brussels, 2024.

Orgun, I., Behrens, J. & Witmeur, O., Sustainability activities of venture capitalists: A content-analysis-based systematic literature review, Belgium, 2024.

Presentation to National Conferences

Shafagh Kashef, presented at the Belgian Entrepreneurship Research Day (BERD) 2024, TTO, Brussels.

Elise Petit, presented at the EIT Brownbag series with VUB in the area of entrepreneurship, innovation and technology management.

Invited seminars

Evelyne Vanpoucke: Doctoral workshop, ESADE, July 2024.

Participation to International Conferences

Evelyne Vanpoucke: Participations to the EurOMA conference, Barcelona, July 2024.

Participation to National Conferences

Elise Petit: Participation to the I3h seminars in the area of health innovation.

Shafagh Kashef: Participation to Technology Transfer Society (**T2S**) Annual Meeting 2024 (T2S2024), StartLAB. Brussels, Pitch XXL 2024.

Other Visits

Philip Vergauwen participated and contributed to the AACSB, EMEA Annual Conference, Malta, Keynote Speaker, Cultivating Critical Thinking Leaders, Innovation in Higher Invited, Malta, November 2024.

Philip Vergauwen visited Navigator Project, European Union Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Programme, Expert Group member (<https://eunav.eu>), Brussels, June 2024.



IV. ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES

Judith Behrens & Olivier Witmeur organized the **Technology Transfer Society Annual Meeting (T2S) 2024** on September 11-13, 2024, in Brussels, Belgium, <https://www.t2s2024.be>.

They also organised the **Belgium Entrepreneurship Day 2024 (BERD 2024)** on April 25, 2024, in Brussels, Belgium.



V. NOTORIETY & INVOLVEMENT IN ASSOCIATIONS AND NETWORKS

Advisory Functions in Policy & Industry

Lluis Gimeno-Fabra is advisor to the Vice-President Patent Granting Process at the European Patent Office.

Nicolas van Zeebroeck is Member of the Advisory Board of AI4Belgium (since 2021) and Member of Belgium's High Council for Employment (since 2020).

Philip Vergauwen is Chairman of the International Advisory Council, UNU-Merit, Maastricht University & University United Nations.

He is also member of the Expert Group, European Council on Foreign Relations (EFCR), Navigator Project, Institut des Etudes Européennes, Centre for European Law & Faculté de Droit (ULB).

He is Chair, NVAO accreditation panel, Nijmegen School of Economics & Management (Radboud Universiteit, NL) & Faculty of Military Science (Dutch Defense Academy – Nederlandse Defensie Academie, Breda, NL) and Chair, External Evaluation Committee, Cyprus Quality Assurance Agency, University Central Lancashire (UCLan), Larnaka (CY).

Editorial Positions

Judith Behrens is member of the journal of Product Innovation Management, Entrepreneurship Theory & Practice.

Evelyne Vanpoucke is Associate Editor of International Journal of Operations and Production Management.

Nicolas van Zeebroeck is member of the board of Journal of Industrial and Business Economics (JIBE).

Best Student Paper Award

Gabriele Mauro, (with **Evelyne Vanpoucke**) with paper title “Carbon-neutral operations and shareholder wealth: examining the role of carbon abatement technologies”, at EDSI, 14th Annual EDSI Conference, June 2024, Venice, Italy.

Mohammad Rishchchi Fayyaz, (with **Evelyne Vanpoucke** and Canan Kocabasoglu-Hillmer) awarded for the paper entitled “The Silver Lining of an Asymmetry: Does Power Asymmetry Strengthen Supply Chain Network Resilience Amid Catastrophic Disruption”, EurOMA 2024 Conference, July 2024, Barcelona, Spain.

Orgun Senel paper was nominated for the best doctoral student paper at IPDMC 2024 Title for the conference: How does sustainability impact Venture Capitalists' investment cycle? coauthors are **Judith Behrens & Olivier Witmeur**.

Prizes & Distinctions

Evelyne Vanpoucke and Chris Voss won the Best Paper Award, EurOMA (together with **Mohammad Rishchi Fayyaz**).

Olivier Witmeur is Chairman of the Board of TAPIO, WE INVEST, L'ILOT ASBL.
He is also member of la Commission des licenses de la Royal Belgian Football Association.



VI. PhD SUPERVISIONS

Ongoing PhD

Amaniyan, Rahman, Supply Chain and Operations Management, Sustainability and Resilience, Data-driven Social Network Theory Analysis.

Supervisor: **Evelyne Vanpoucke**.

Bakkali, Samira, Essays on R&D Practices and Digital Resources.

Supervisor: **Nicolas van Zeebroeck**.

Belkadi, Oumaima, Entrepreneurship.

Supervisor: **Judith Behrens**.

Bontempi, Lucia, Essays on Economic Education.

Supervisor: **Catherine Dehon**.

De Bin, Giorgio, Essays on Entrepreneurial Finance in Europe.

Supervisor: **Bruno van Pottelsberghe**.

Douhard, Joran, Essays on Circular Economy and Economic Performances of Firms.

Supervisor: **Michele Cincera**.

Fayyaz, Rishehchi, Mohammad, Designing Resilient Networks to Cope with Supply Chain Disruption Risks.

Supervisor: **Evelyne Vanpoucke**.

Gimeno-Fabra, Lluís, Essays on the Procedural Aspects of the Global Patent System.

Supervisor: **Bruno van Pottelsberghe**.

Guan, Lisi, Developing Green and Smart Supply Chain Practices: Antecedents, process and recovery.

Supervisor: **Evelyne Vanpoucke**, co-supervision with U. Maastricht.

Hoffreumon, Charles, Three Essays on the Adoption of AI Technologies in Firms.

Supervisor: **Nicolas van Zeebroeck**.

Kalukuta, Lena, Development of Circular Solutions for a Sustainable Agricultural Sector in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Supervisor: **Bruno van Pottelsberghe**.

Kashef, Shafagh, Resilience of Entrepreneurial Teams.
Supervisor: **Judith Behrens**.

Mauro, Gabriele, Carbon Neutral Operations.
Supervisor: **Evelyne Vanpoucke**.

Molica, Francesco, Economics of innovation, innovation policy, regional economics, regional science.
Supervisor: **Michele Cincera**.

Mian, Mohammed Ashraf, Towards Sustainable Innovation Ecosystems: Designing and Implementing New Models for Incubators and Accelerators.
Supervisor : **Michele Cincera**.

Nsonsumuna, Jean, Les conditions de succès du lancement d'une plateforme de crowdfunding en République démocratique du Congo (RDC).
Supervisor: **Olivier Witmeur**, co-supervision with U. Kongo (RDC)

Orgun, Irem, Sustainable Entrepreneurial Ecosystems by Finance&invest.brussels.
Supervisor: **Judith Behrens & Olivier Witmeur**.

Platteau, Antoine, Impact of Tutorial Support on Students' Learning Journey in Higher Education.
Supervisor : **Catherine Dehon**.

Ruffat, Agnes, Souveraineté de la donnée : enjeu national et international. Pourquoi les politiques publiques doivent-elles favoriser l'investissement en R&D dans les services publics. Cas d'usage : La modélisation des flux de mobilité dans les transports grâce à l'IA pour la Prédiction de l'évolution des services publics.
Supervisor: **Michele Cincera**.

Stranart, Nathan, Post-growth Entrepreneurship.
Supervisor: **Judith Behrens**.

Petit, Elise, Essays on the Economics of Patent Systems.
Supervisor: **Bruno van Pottelsberghe**

Sanchez, Arthur, Life-cycle Analyses through Bottom-up and Top-down Approaches.
Supervisor: **Bruno van Pottelsberghe**

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Supervisor: **Michele Cincera**.

Co-supervisions

Olivier Witmeur, co-supervision of **Jean Nsonsumuna** with Université Kongo in RDC with an ARES grant, ULB-Développement.

Evelyne Vanpoucke, co-supervision of **Lisi Guan** with Maastricht University.

Defended PhD dissertations in 2024

Gossé, Julien, Essays on Digitalization and Sustainability: An Empirical Investigation of Firms' Adoption of Digital Technologies and Environmental Management Practices.
Supervisor : **Nicolas van Zeebroeck**.

Nsonsumuna, Jean, Les conditions de succès du lancement d'une plateforme de crowdfunding en République démocratique du Congo.
Supervisor: **Olivier Witmeur**, co-supervision with U. Kongo (RDC).

Petit, Elise, Essays on the Economics of Patent Systems.
Supervisor: **Bruno van Pottelsberghe**

Visiting PhD Students

Gianluca Monturano, Università du Modena e Reggio Emilia, Italy.

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Syed Muhammad Ali Shah, Università Politecnica delle Marche, Italy.

VII. POST DOCS

Ioanna Falagara Sigala, PhD of the Institute for Transport and Logistics Management in Vienna, was Post-Doc of **Evelyne Vanpoucke**.



VIII. RESEARCH FUNDING

Shafagh Kashef, European Cybersecurity Competence Centre and Innoviris projects.

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IX. TIMES² EVENTS

EIT (Entrepreneurship, Innovation & Technology) with the following seminar presentations

January 25, **Mohammad Fayyaz Rishehchi**, Designing Resilient Networks to cope with Supply Chain Disruption Risks.

February 6, **Shafagh Kashef**, Resilience of entrepreneurial teams.

March 5, **Elise Petit**, Essays on the Economics of Patent Systems.

October 17, **Gabriele Mauro**, Carbon Neutrality Announcement and Shareholder Value: Examining the Role of Carbon Abatement Technologies.

November 21, **Lena Kalukuta Mahina**, Challenges for a circular agriculture in Africa: a literature survey on maize.

BERD 2024 - Belgian Entrepreneurship Research Day April 24, 2024

Complete program is available [here](#).

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of the Belgian Entrepreneurship Research Day (BERD) 2024, held at the Solvay School of Economics and Management. This event was a remarkable gathering of scholars, practitioners, and enthusiasts dedicated to advancing the field of entrepreneurship research.

We were honoured to host prestigious invited speakers, **Rebecca Preller** and **Scott Shane**, whose enlightening keynotes captivated the audience and added immense value to the day's discussions. Their profound insights and expertise not only set the tone for the event but also sparked engaging conversations that enhanced our collective understanding of current trends and challenges in entrepreneurship.

In addition to their keynote addresses, the day was enriched by a series of compelling presentations showcasing a diverse array of research papers. Each presentation brought forth innovative ideas, methodologies, and findings, contributing to a vibrant atmosphere of learning and exploration. The exchange of knowledge and experiences among participants fostered a collaborative spirit that is essential for the growth and evolution of entrepreneurial research.

As we reflect on the success of this year's event, we look forward to our next rendezvous in Namur, where we will continue this journey of learning, collaboration, and entrepreneurial excellence. Together, we will build on the momentum generated at BERD 2024, further enriching the entrepreneurial landscape in Belgium and beyond.

Thank you once again to all our speakers, participants, and organizers for making this event a memorable and inspiring experience. Let us keep the dialogue going as we strive to push the boundaries of entrepreneurship research!



Conference: T2S September 11 to 13, 2024



Together with our esteemed colleagues **Thomas Crispeels, Kevin De Moortel, & Marie Gruber** from Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), we had the privilege of organizing the **Technology Transfer Society Annual Meeting 2024** in the heart of Brussels. This prestigious event spanned three enriching days filled with inspiring presentations, cutting-edge research papers, and thought-provoking keynote speeches.

The program was meticulously curated to provide attendees with a comprehensive overview of the latest advancements and trends in technology transfer. Those interested in the specifics of our agenda can find the program details here: [Technology Transfer Society Annual Meeting 2024 Program](#).

Among the distinguished invited speakers, we were honoured to host Petra Andries from Ghent University, Alessandra Scandura from the University of Turin, and Chris Hayter from the Georgia Institute of Technology. Each of these experts brought unique insights and perspectives to the discussions, enriching the experience for all participants.

One of the highlights of the event was an evening gathering at the historic Maison Grand Place, where we welcomed Maribel Guerrero from Arizona State University. Her captivating speech resonated deeply with attendees, emphasizing the importance of collaboration and innovation in technology transfer.

Overall, the Technology Transfer Society Annual Meeting 2024 was an incredible opportunity for professionals in the field to learn, share knowledge, and forge valuable connections. The atmosphere was electric with creativity and collaboration as participants engaged in meaningful discussions and explored new ideas. We are grateful to everyone who contributed to making this event a resounding success and look forward to continuing these vital conversations in the future.



Times² Research Day

December 4, 2024

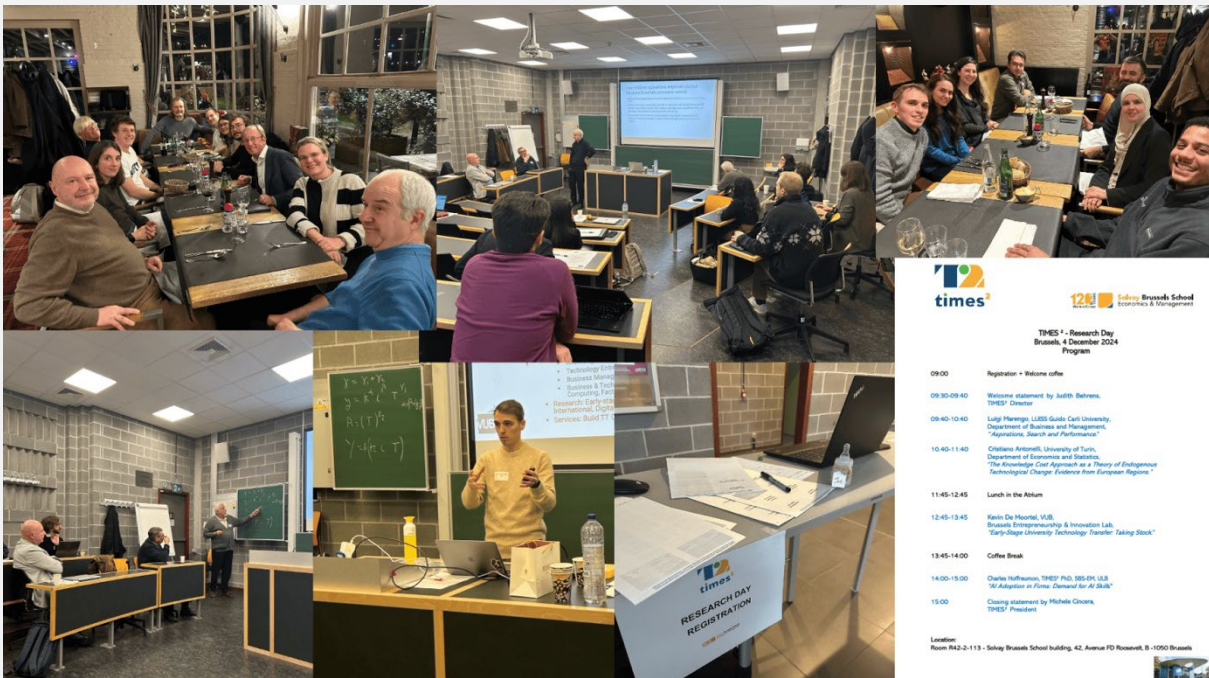
We reflected on an inspiring TIMES³ Research Day 2024 that brought together brilliant minds to share groundbreaking ideas. We are deeply grateful to our esteemed guests who presented their remarkable work, sparking thought-provoking discussions and new perspectives.

Luigi Marengo, LUISS Guido Carli University, Department of Business and Management, “Aspirations, Search, and Performance”.

Cristiano Antonelli, University of Turin, Department of Economics and Statistics, “The Knowledge Cost Approach as a Theory of Endogenous Technological Change: Evidence from European Regions”.

Kevin De Moortel, VUB, Brussels Entrepreneurship & Innovation Lab, “Early-Stage University Technology Transfer: Taking Stock”.

Charles Hoffreumon, TIMES² PhD, SBS-EM, ULB, “AI Adoption in Firms: Demand for AI Skills”.



Farewell of Judith Behrens as Director of Times² Nicolas van Zeebroeck appointed new Director During the December Annual Assembly

After an enriching and transformative four-year tenure as the Director of the TIMES2 Research Center, **Judith Behrens has announced that she will be passing the torch to Nicolas van Zeebroeck.** This transition marks a significant milestone for both Judith and the center, as she reflects on the myriad experiences and accomplishments that have defined her leadership.

Judith emphasized the profound impact that leading the center has had on her professional life. "Overseeing our diverse research activities, managing our budget and dedicated staff, and shaping our long-term strategy have been both exhilarating and rewarding," she remarked, her eyes sparkling with enthusiasm as she recounted the journey. She noted that addressing the challenges faced by PhD candidates and initiating innovative programs, such as the EIT Brownbag Series and Research Day, have not only fostered a vibrant research community but have also created invaluable opportunities for collaboration and knowledge exchange.

Judith also highlighted the fruitful partnerships that have emerged during her time at TIMES2, particularly the exciting collaborations with VUB Vrije Universiteit Brussel. These alliances have strengthened the center's research capabilities and expanded its reach, paving the way for groundbreaking discoveries and impactful contributions to the field.

As she prepares to embark on a new chapter, Judith expressed her heartfelt gratitude to her colleagues and collaborators for their unwavering support and commitment. "It has truly been an incredible journey and a privilege to work alongside such talented individuals," she said, her voice filled with emotion. She is confident that under Prof. van Zeebroeck's leadership, the TIMES2 Research Center will continue to thrive, pushing the boundaries of research and innovation in the years to come.

With a sense of optimism for the future, Judith looks forward to seeing how the center will evolve and grow, continuing to inspire and empower the next generation of researchers. As she steps away from her directorial role, she leaves behind a legacy of excellence and an enduring commitment to advancing knowledge and fostering collaboration within the academic community.



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