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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Primary: Labor Economics.

Secondary: Applied Microeconomics, Public Policy.

## CURRENT POSITION AND AFFILIATIONS

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- 2024 – Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Postdoctoral Fellow.
- 2022 – Postdoctoral Researcher, Erasmus University Rotterdam.
- 2024 – IZA Research Affiliate.

## EDUCATION.

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- 2017 – 2022 PhD in Economics, Université Libre de Bruxelles.
- 2022 Visiting PhD student, CREST (ENSAE Paris).
- 2021 Visiting PhD student, Erasmus University Rotterdam.
- 2014 – 2016 MSc Business Economics, Université libre de Bruxelles, *Magna cum laude*.
- 2015 Exchange student, Universidad de Chile.
- 2011 – 2014 B.Sc. Economics, Université libre de Bruxelles, *Cum laude*.

## RESEARCH

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### PUBLICATIONS

Leduc, E., & Tojerow, I. (2024). Home Work: Exploring the Labor Market Effects of Subsidizing Domestic Services. *Labour Economics*, 2024, vol. 90.

**Abstract:** This paper analyzes subsidies for the domestic services sector, an increasingly popular policy to create employment opportunities for low-skilled workers. Using Belgian administrative data, a differences-in-differences approach, and a shift-share instrumental variable, we estimate the local effects of the policy in targeted industries as well as overall effects on the labor market. We find that domestic service subsidies can increase female employment in the subsidized industries as well as the overall employment rate. This increase in employment is primarily driven by an increase in (formal) labor market participation and, to a lesser extent, a reduction in the rate of participation in unemployment insurance and in other social welfare programs. We also find that these subsidies can lead to an increase in the rate of work incapacity, likely due to the fact they broaden the population that can access the social safety net.

**Related material:** [policy brief](#), [non-technical video](#).

**De Brouwer, O., Leduc, E., & Tojerow, I. (2023). The Consequences of Job Search Monitoring for the Long-Term Unemployed: Disability Instead of Employment? *Journal of Public Economics*, 224, 104929.**

**Abstract:** We study the effect of job search monitoring (JSM) on individual labor market outcomes of the long-term unemployed. Exploiting the implementation of a JSM program targeted at jobseekers under the age of 49, we set up a regression discontinuity design that credibly identifies the program's causal effect on unemployment, employment, and disability insurance (DI) participation and participation in other social welfare programs within a three-year period. We find that JSM increases exits from unemployment to DI without affecting transitions into employment or other social welfare programs. We further find that the effect of JSM on DI materializes before any sanction can be imposed and monitored individuals are still 10 percentage points more likely to be on DI three years after the start of monitoring. Ultimately, exploring fiscal implications reveals that the decrease in unemployment transfers as a result of JSM is entirely offset by the increase in DI transfers.

**Related material:** [policy brief](#).

## WORK IN PROGRESS

**“Training Unemployed Workers to Address Labor Shortages: An Experimental Study on Information Barriers and Employment Effects”** (with Ilan Tojerow).

**“Long-term Effects of a Housing Policy Reform”** (with Anne Gielen, Olivier Marie and Tommaso Tulkens).

**“Understanding Reskilling Decisions to Address Mismatch Unemployment”** (with Benjamine Dejardin, Alexia Delfino, Raffaella Sadun, and Ilan Tojerow).

**“Finding the Perfect Employment Fit: Mismatch Unemployment and Occupational Training Programs”** (with Benjamine Dejardin and Ilan Tojerow).

## FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

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2024	Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Postdoctoral Fellowship (€200,000), European Commission
2024	PDR grant (€200,000), Belgian National Science Foundation (FRS-FNRS), co-PI with I. Tojerow.
2023	Postdoctoral Research Fellowship (on leave), Belgian National Science Foundation (FRS-FNRS)
2022; 2021	Research Visit Fellowship, Belgian National Science Foundation (FRS-FNRS)
2019	4-Year PhD Fellowship, Belgian National Science Foundation (FRS-FNRS)

## TEACHING

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2024 – 2025	FEB-13065 Seminar Economics of the Public Sector <i>Erasmus University Rotterdam</i>
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2024	ECON-S-414 Advanced topics in Public Economics <i>Université libre de Bruxelles</i>
2018 – 2021	ECON-S-301 Introduction to Public Economics (Teaching Assistant) <i>Université libre de Bruxelles</i>

## **ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS**

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2024	<b>Conferences:</b> Bristol Applied Economics Meetings (Bristol), LEER (Leuven), Advances in Field Experiments (London), ZEW Workshop on Research with and within organizations (Mannheim), 7th LISER and IDSC of IZA Workshop: Matching Workers and Jobs Online (Esch-sur-Alzette), MORSE conference (Maastricht), AASLE (Bangkok). <b>Seminars:</b> ROA Maastricht University, Erasmus University Rotterdam Brown Bag Seminar.
2023	<b>Conferences:</b> SOLE (Philadelphia), ESPE (Belgrade), Belgian Day for Labour Economists (Brussels). <b>Seminars:</b> Turku School of Economics Research Seminar, Erasmus University Rotterdam Brown Bag Seminar.
2022	<b>Conferences:</b> Belgian Day of Labor Economists (Brussels), Field Days (Cologne), Dulbea-ROA Workshop on Experiments on Information Frictions and Job Search (Brussels), EEA (Milan), EALE (Padova), 4th QMUL Economics and Finance Workshop for PhD & Post-doctoral Students (London). <b>Seminars:</b> Ghent University, Université Saint-Louis – CEREC, University of Antwerp, CREST, CEBRIG.
2021	<b>Conferences:</b> EALE (online), 20th Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet (Marseille), ESPE (online), SOLE (online), IES Applied Economics Conference (online). <b>Seminars:</b> Erasmus School of Economics Brown Bag Seminar, ECARES internal seminar, National Bank of Belgium, KU Leuven Brussels, LISER, INAMI.
Before 2021	<b>Conferences:</b> EEA, Journées des Economistes de la Santé Français, DULBEA Workshop on the Economics of Disability. <b>Seminars:</b> UCLouvain, INAMI-RIZIV, CEB Brown Bag Seminar.

## **REFEREE ACTIVITY**

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European Economic Review, Review of Economics of the Household.

## **RELEVANT POSITIONS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

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2023-.	Co-organizer of the “Research on Monday” seminar series, Erasmus University Rotterdam.
2024	Co-organizer of the 37 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the European Society of Population Economics (Rotterdam).
2022	Co-organizer of the Dulbea-ROA Workshop on Experiments on Information Frictions and Job Search (Brussels).

2019 Co-organizer of the 24<sup>th</sup> Spring Meeting of Young Economists (Brussels).  
2016 – 2017 Consultant – PriceWaterhouse Coopers (Department: Governments, Infrastructure and Network Industries).

**MISCELLANEOUS**

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<b>Languages</b>	French – English	Native
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	Spanish	Basic