



# 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Meeting of Belgian economists

Friday December 22, 2023

Ghent University

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**09.30-10.00:** Registration with coffee.

**10.00-11.00:** First keynote: **Michael Rubens** (UCLA): *"Exploiting or augmenting labor?"*

**11.00-11.30:** Coffee break

**11.30-12.00:** **Olivier Sterck** (University of Oxford): *"A new distribution sensitive index for measuring welfare, poverty and inequality."*

**12.00-12.30:** **Olivier De Groote** (Toulouse School of Economics): *"College admission mechanisms and the opportunity cost of time."*

**12.30-13.00:** **Lore Vandewalle** (Geneva Graduate Institute): *"Customer knowledge and the price-quality gradient."*

**13.00-14.00:** Lunch break

**14.00-14.30:** **Lorenzo Pozzi** (Erasmus University Rotterdam): *"Cyclical consumption."*

**14.30-15.00:** **Bert Van Landeghem** (University of Sheffield): *"Reservation wages and reservation prices for commuting time, flexibility and job security."*

**15.00-15.30:** **Mathias Reynaert** (Toulouse School of Economics): *"An evaluation of protected area policies in the European Union."*

**15.30-16.00:** Coffee break

**16.00–16.30: Damien de Walque** (World Bank): *“Early education, preferences, and decision-making abilities.”*

**16.30-17.30: Second keynote: Wouter Dessein** (Columbia University): *“Test-optional admissions.”*

**17.30 - ...:** Early Christmas drink