

## *3<sup>rd</sup> Belgian Macroeconomics Workshop*

Friday September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ University of Louvain

Location: IRES, Place Montesquieu 3, 1348, Louvain-la-Neuve [Map and Route](#)

### Programme

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**9:15 – 9:30**      **Registration** @IRES

**9:30 – 9:35**      **Welcome** @room 61, Collège Leclercq  
Luca Pensieroso (IRES, University of Louvain).

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**Session 1** @room 61, Collège Leclercq  
*Chair:* Joris Wauters (Ghent University).

**9:35 – 10:25**      Sven Damen (University of Leuven), Frank Vastmans (University of Leuven),  
Erik Buyst (University of Leuven):  
“The effect of mortgage interest deduction and mortgage characteristics on house  
prices”.

*Discussant:* TBA ()

**10:25 – 11:15**      Brecht Boone (Ghent University), Freddy Heylen (Ghent University):  
“Cross-country Differences in Unemployment: Fiscal Policy, Unions and  
Household Preferences in General Equilibrium”.

*Discussant:* Rigas Oikonomou (IRES, University of Louvain)

**11:15 – 12:00**      Coffee Break @IRES

**12:00 – 13:00**      *Invited lecture*  
Philippe Weil (ECARES, University of Bruxelles)  
“Optimal inflation with corporate taxation and financial frictions”.

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**13:00 - 14:15**    **Lunch** @IRES

**Session 2** @room 61, Collège Leclercq

*Chair:* Vivien Lewis (University of Leuven).

**14:15 – 15:05**    Oxana Babecká Kucharčuková (Czech National Bank), Peter Claeyns (University of Brussel, Bořek Vašíček (Czech National Bank):  
“Spillover of the ECB’s Monetary Policy outside the Euro Area: How Different Is Conventional from Unconventional Policy?”

*Discussant:* TBA ()

**15:05 – 15:55**    Lorenzo Ricci (ECARES, University of Bruxelles):  
“On the Identification of Non-normal shocks in Structural VAR”.

*Discussant:* Raf Wouters (National Bank of Belgium)

**15:55 – 16:30**    Coffee Break

**16:30 – 17:20**    Ilse Ruyssen (Ghent University), Sara Salomone (IRES, University of Louvain):  
“Female Migration: a Way out of Discrimination?”.

*Discussant:* Guilhem Cassan (University of Namur).

**17:30 – 19:00**    **Drink** @La Crêperie Bretonne

Each presenter has 35 minutes (including questions for clarification from the audience), and each discussant has 15 minutes.

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