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Date of birth : 5th June 1967  
Nationality: Belgian

## Employment

- July 2012-current : [Full Professor](#), IRES-IMMAQ, [Economics School of Louvain \[ESL\]](#), [UCL](#)
- July 2016-current : [International Affairs Academic Coordinator](#), Economics School of Louvain, UCL
- 2015 -2019: [member of the scientific board of Louvain4ageing](#),UCL
- Sept. 2010- Aug. 2013: Head of the Economics Department, Louvain School of Economics , UCL.
- Jan. 2005-2012: Professor, IRES, Louvain School of Economics , UCL.
- Sept. 2000-2005: Associate Professor, IRES, Economics Department, UCL.
- Sept. 1997-2000: Assistant Professor, IRES, Economics Department, UCL.
- Sept. 1996-Aug. 1997: Researcher, IRES, Economics Department, UCL.
- Nov. 1993-Aug 1996: Researcher and Ph.D Student, IRES, Economics Department, UCL.

## Other posts held

- Sept. 2007-2009: Senior Economist, OECD, ELS, Paris
- Feb & May 2007: Visiting fellow, STICERD/CASE, LSE, London.
- Sept & Dec 2005: Visiting fellow, European Institute & CEP, LSE, London.
- 2002 - Co-Promotor of the ARC project (Actions de Recherches Concertées) «Les modes de régulation du système éducatif: enjeux en termes d'efficacité et d'équité ».
- 2004-2005: Director of Girsef/UCL
- 1997-2002: Holder of the Collinet Chair in Economics of Education.
- March- April 2000: Visiting fellow, STICERD/CASE, LSE, London.
- Jan. -Aug. 1997: Consultant (A3 level), CERI (Centre for Educational Research and Innovation), working on the Human Capital Investment project, OECD, Paris.
- Jan- June 1995: Visiting researcher, Center for Educational Research at Stanford (CERAS), Stanford, University, Stanford, CA 94305, USA. Supervisor : H.M. Levin.

## Education

Ph.D. in Economics 1996

UCL

BS in Economics (candidature) 1988	UCL
MA in Economics 1991	UCL
Special Degree in Philosophy 1990	UCL

## Areas of specialisation

LABOUR ECONOMICS  
ECONOMICS OF AGEING  
HUMAN CAPITAL

APPLIED ECONOMETRICS

## Publications

### in refereed reviews (recent)

- Vandenberghe, V. (2020) Health, Cognition and Work Capacity Beyond the Age of 50. International Evidence on the Extensive and Intensive Margin of Work forthcoming in *International Labour Review* <https://doi.org/10.1111/ilr.12174> [2020]
- Vandenberghe, V. (2019) Alternatives to Polynomial Trend-Corrected Differences-In-Differences Models, *Applied Economic Letters*, 26(5), pp. 358–361.
- Vandenberghe, V. (2019), The Contribution of Educated Workers to Firms' Efficiency Gains, The Key Role of Proximity to the 'Local' Frontier, *De Economist*, Springer, vol. 166(3), pp 259-283
- Delmez, F. & Vandenberghe, V. (2018), Long working hours make us less productive but also less costly, *Labour: Review of Labour Economics and Industrial Relations*, 32(4), pp. 259-287
- Vandenberghe, V. (2018), Treatment-Effect Identification Without Parallel Paths, *Economics: The Open-Access, Open-Assessment E-Journal*, Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW), 12 (2018-9): pp. 1-19
- Vandenberghe, V. (2017), The Productivity Challenge. What can be expected from better-quality labour and capital inputs? *Applied Economics*, 49(40), pp. 4013-4025
- Vandenberghe, V. (2016), Is Workforce Diversity Good for Efficiency. An Approach Based on the Degree of Concavity of the Technology, *International Journal of Manpower*, 37(2), pp. 253-267
- Vandenberghe, V. & Belot, M. (2014) Evaluating the "Threat" Effects of Grade Repetition, *Education Economics*, 22(1), pp. 73-89.
- Vandenberghe, V. & L. Lebedinski (2014), Assessing education's contribution to productivity using firm-level evidence, *International Journal of Manpower*, 35(8), pp. 1116-1139
- Vandenberghe, V. (2013), Are firms willing to employ a greying and feminizing workforce? (2012), *Labour Economics*, 22, pp. 30-46
- Vandenberghe, V. Rigo, M. & Waltenberg, F. (2013), Ageing and Employability. Evidence from Belgian Firm-Level Data (2012), *Journal of Productivity Analysis*, 40(1), pp. 111-1368
- Vandenberghe, V. (2011), Firm-level Evidence on Gender Wage Discrimination in the Belgian Private Economy, *Labour: Review of Labour Economics and Industrial Relations*, 25(3), pp. 330-349
- Vandenberghe, V. (2011) Introduction to Special Issue on “Ageing Workforces”, *De Economist*, 159(2), pp. 89-94.
- Vandenberghe, V. (2011) Boosting the employment rate of older men and women. An empirical assessment using Belgian firm-level data on productivity and labour costs, *De Economist*, 159(2), pp. 159-191

### b.in edited volumes (recent)

- Vandenberghe, V. (2019), Augmenter la durée des carrières : la seule réponse possible au

- vieillesse ? (en préparation du 23<sup>eme</sup> congrès des Economistes, nov. 2019, Charleroi)
- Vandenberghe, V. (2014), La productivité et le coût salarial des travailleurs âgés en Belgique , *Actes du XX Congrès des Economistes de Langue Française de Belgique*, CIFOP, Charleroi.
  - Vandenberghe, V. (2012), [Industrial restructuring and the challenge of an ageing workforce](#) , *Actes du XIX Congrès des Economistes de Langue Française de Belgique*, CIFOP, Charleroi.
  - Vandenberghe, V. (2010), *Inter-regional educational discrepancies in Belgium. How to combat them?*, Re-Bel e-book 8, Re-Bel initiative and University Foundation, Brussels
  - Bélot, M. & Vandenberghe, V. (2009), [Redoublement et performance éducative](#). Analyse de l'impact de la réforme de 2001 en Communauté française de Belgique,, *Actes du XVIII Congrès des Economistes de Langue Française de Belgique*, Charleroi.

### c.Books

- Destexhe, A, Vandenberghe, V. & Vlaeminck , G. (2004), *L'Ecole de l'échec. Comment la réformer*, Labor, coll. La Noria, Bruxelles.
- Vandenberghe, V. (2002), *L'enseignement : état des lieux et utopie*, Labor, coll. Quartiers Libres, Bruxelles.
- Vandenberghe, V. (ed.) (2000), *La formation professionnelle continue. Transformations, contraintes et enjeux*, Academia-Bruylant, Louvain-la-Neuve.
- Vandenberghe (1996), *Functioning and Regulation of Educational Quasi-Markets*, Nouvelle série No 283, CIACO, Louvain-la-Neuve.

#### e. Working papers (recent)

- Vandenberghe, V (2020), The Rather Limited Role of Mental Ill Health in Driving Work Beyond 50, forthcoming in IRES WP No 2020-xx
- Vandenberghe, V (2020), Differentiating Retirement Age to Compensate for Health Differences, IRES WP No 2020-15
- Vandenberghe, V (2020), Ageing Calls for Shorter Tertiary Education and Increased Continuing Education, IRES WP No 2020-1
- Vandenberghe, V (2019), Health, Cognition and Work Capacity Beyond the Age of 50. International Evidence on the Extensive and Intensive Margin of Work GLO Discussion Paper, No. 295 [also IRES WP No 2019-2]
- Vandenberghe, V (2018), Alternatives to Polynomial Trend-Corrected Differences-In-Differences Models, *GLO Discussion Paper*, No. 172 [also *IRES Discussion papers* N0 2018-1]
- Vandenberghe, V (2017), Working long hours: less productive but less costly? Firm-level evidence from Belgium [with F. Delmez], *IRES Discussion Papers* No 2017-22.
- Vandenberghe, V (2017, ) Raising And Mobilising Skills To Boost Productivity And Inclusiveness In Belgium [with , L. Demmou and M. Frohde], *OECD-Economics Department Working Papers* No. 1452
- Vandenberghe, V (2017) Treatment-Effect Identification Without Parallel-Path. An illustration in the case of Objective 1-Hainaut/Belgium 1994-2006; *Economics Discussion Papers*, No 2017-23, Kiel Institute for the World Economy [also CEB-ULB Working Paper N° 16/051 Dec. 2016 and *IRES Discussion Papers* No 2016-31
- Vandenberghe, V. (2015), Is Workforce Diversity Good for Efficiency. An Approach Based on the Degree of Concavity of the Technology, *IRES Discussion Papers* No 2015-15
- Vandenberghe, V (2014), Assessing the role of ageing, feminising and better-educated workforces on TFP growth, IRES working paper No 17-2014 [also published as NBB working paper series, No 265] [with A. Ariu]
- Vandenberghe, V. (2013), Assessing education's contribution to productivity using firm-level evidence, IRES WP, No 2013-17 [with L. Lebedinski]
- Vandenberghe, V. (2012), Ageing and Employability. Evidence from Belgian Firm-Level Data (2012), IRES WP, No 2012-11 [with M. Rigo & F. Waltenberg]
- Bélot M. & Vandenberghe V. (2011), Evaluating the "Threat" Effects of Grade Repetition (2011), IRES WP, No 2011-26
- Vandenberghe, V. (2011), Firm-level Evidence on Gender Wage Discrimination in the Belgian Private Economy (2011), IRES WP, No 2011-16

#### d. in other reviews or magazines/columns (recent)

- Vandenberghe, V. (2019), Proximus: la Belgique est-elle mal équipée pour gérer le personnel vieillissant? (*Le Soir*)
- Vandenberghe, V (2018), Budget de l'enseignement supérieur: comment faire contribuer les étudiants européens (*Le Soir*)
- Vandenberghe, V (2017), Les robots et l'intelligence artificielle sont partout ... sauf dans les statistiques de productivité (*L'Echo*, carte blanche)
- Vandenberghe, V. (2016) The Organisational and Financial Corollaries of Individual Academic Freedom, Workshop on Utopian Universities, LLN, Sept, Chaire Hoover
- Yzerbit, V. & V. Vandenberghe (2016), Refinancer l'enseignement supérieur via un voucher, (*L'Echo*), Avril
- Vandenberghe, V. (2016), Booster l'emploi senior (*La Libre Entreprise*, rubrique Universités), Février
- Vandenberghe, V. (2016) Jan 16 Augmenter l'âge de la retraite: le seule réponse possible au vieillissement? (*Le Soir*, carte blanche), Janvier
- Vandenberghe, V. (2014) "Les enjeux du vieillissement de la force de travail," *Regards*

*Economiques* N°111, IRES-UCL.

- Vandenberghe, V. (2013), Projet Marcourt et concurrence, *La Libre*, Avril
- Vandenberghe, V. (2012), L'enseignement supérieur ne peut faire l'objet d'une politisation [avec P. Nihoul et V. Dujardin], *Le Soir*, Décembre.
- Vandenberghe, V. (2012), Pôles : Marcourt est à côté de la plaque, *La Libre*, Décembre
- Vandenberghe, V. (2012) (*Ons Recht*, interview) Pact voor vijftigplussers graag!
- Vandenberghe, V. (2011) (*L'Echo*, carte blanche) Un vrai "Pacte de l'Age"
- Vandenberghe, V. (2011) (*Le Soir*, carte blanche) Relever le taux d'emploi des plus de 50 ans? Pas si simple aujourd'hui..;
- Vandenberghe, V. (2011) (*L'Echo*, carte blanche), Minerval plus cher, études plus courtes
- Vandenberghe, V. (2011) (*La Libre*), Redistribuer le capital plutôt que le revenu
- Vandenberghe, V. (2011) (*Le Soir*, carte Blanche), Limitons la durée cumulée des études [ à propos des études d'instit. en 5 ans]

#### f. Reports (recent)

- Konings, J, F. Rycx & V. Vandenberghe, V. (2015), Employment, Wage discrimination & Poverty – EDIPO final report to BELSPO (Belgian Science Policy)
- Vandenberghe, V. (2012), Ageing Workforces and the Productivity of Belgian Firms, report to BELSPO (Belgian Science Policy) [also available in French]
- Vandenberghe, V. (2009), How to Combat Low Educational Attainment in Belgium ?, Degroof Bank Foundation, Brussels. Vandenberghe, V. (2005), in: Equity in European Educational Systems. A Set of Indicators, European Group for Research on Equity in Educational Systems (EGREES), Brussels.

#### Scientific visits, short stays

- Dec 2015 Kobe university, graduate school of economics, Kobe, Japan
- April 2015 Harvard, Department of global health and population, School of public health
- Feb 2015, Munich center for the economics of aging (MEA), Max Planck institute for social law and social policy
- Dec 2013: J.E. Walker, Economics Department, Clemson University, SCA, USA
- Sept-Dec 2013: CES (Centrum voor Economische Studien), KULeuven, Leuven, Belgium
- April 2011: Centro de Estudos sobre Desigualdade e Desenvolvimento – CEDE, Programa de Pós-Graduação em Economia – PPGEn Universidade Federal Fluminense – UF, Brazil
- Feb & May 2007: STICERF/CASE, LSE, London
- Nov 2005: Institute for European Studies & CEP, LSE, London.
- March & April 2000: STICERD/CASE, LSE, London.
- January to June 1995: Center for Educational Research at Stanford (CERAS), Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305, USA. Supervisor : H.M. Levin.

#### Editorial boards, refereeing

- Referee: *Industrial Relations, Journal of Public Economics, De Economist, European Journal of Political Economy, Higher Education, Economic Journal, Economie Internationale, Education Economics, Louvain Economics Research, Economics of Education Review, Education*

*Economics, Annals of public and cooperative economics, Journal of Regional Science, Oxford Economic Papers, Canadian Public Policy/Analyse de Politiques, The Journal of the Economics of Ageing...*

- Editorship: *Regards Economiques, Reflets et Perspectives de la Vie Economiques, De Economist (Special Issue on Ageing Workforces), International Journal of Manpower (Special Issue on Firm-level productivity and wage alignment)*

### Teaching

- UCL: *Post Grad*- Firm-level analysis of labour (and related) issues *Grad* - Labour Productivity, Economics of Education, Applied Economics Seminar; *Undergraduate* - Methodology Seminar
- UCL : *Adult education program-Grad*: Economics of Education, Public Economics, Economics of Ageing
- Other : TCDublin: *Post-grad Msc*, Research Topics (occasional lecturer), FUCAM- Mons: *Grad Public and Non-Profit Sector Economics* (invited lecturer)

### Expert interventions, consultancy (recent)

- 2014: member of the evaluation panel. Call for Proposals on “Strengthening Human Capital” by NWO (Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research), The Netherlands
- 2009-.2010: membre du *Conseil scientifique* mis en place par le *Haut Commissaire à la Jeunesse, Martin Hirsch* (France) en charge des expérimentations de politiques en faveur de la jeunesse
- 2007-2009: Advising the OECD: *Jobs for youth OECD review*, DELSA, Paris (including missions to Netherlands, Canada, Norway, Australia, Poland and Denmark).
- Oct 2009 : « How to Combat Low Educational Attainment in Belgium ? », conference organized by the *Degroof Bank Foundation*, Brussels, 9 October.
- May 2008: « Asymmetric Mobility », Bologna Conference - Fostering student mobility: next steps?, ULB, Brussels, 28-19 May.
- Nov 2007: «Jobs for Youth », fact finding mission, consultant for the OECD, Den Hague, the Netherlands.

### Linguistic knowledge

French	Mother tongue
English	Very Good
Dutch	Good

### Scientific software/programming skills

SAS, STATA