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SOCIETAL IMPACT

Why are more people never becoming parents?

Why are more and more people never becoming parents? The latest issue of *Regards économiques* explores this major demographic shift through new research by **David de la Croix (IRES)**, Thomas Baudin and Paula Eugenia Gobbi.

The study shows that rising childlessness is shaped by a **combination of economic and social factors**, from housing affordability and labour market uncertainty to changing partnership patterns and the unequal costs of parenthood. It also calls for policies that better support people who wish to become parents.

[Read the full article to](#)



ALUMNI

From LIDAM to the Paris School of Economics

Former IRES PhD candidate at LIDAM, Jing-Rong Zeng is now a **Postdoctoral Fellow at the Paris School of Economics**.

In this interview, she looks back on her international academic journey and reflects on how her PhD at UCLouvain prepared her for a career in research.

From overcoming funding challenges to **developing research, collaboration and communication skills**, her story offers valuable insights for anyone interested in an academic career.

[Read the full interview and discover her journey >](#)



AWARD

A prestigious international distinction for Yurii Nesterov

Yurii Nesterov, Emeritus Professor at **CORE & ICTEAM**, has been awarded the prestigious **2026 Carl Friedrich Gauss Prize** at the International Congress of Mathematicians.

Presented every four years, this distinction recognizes mathematical research with a **significant impact on society**, highlighting the global influence of his pioneering work in optimization.

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THESES



■ **Leïla Van Keirsbilck** (CORE)

will defend her thesis entitled:

[Essays on the econometrics of financial and economic networks](#)

Supervisor: Prof. Francesca Monti (CORE)

September 7, 2026 • 14:00 • LIDAM D.251



■ **Nabil Sheikh Hassan** (IRES)

will defend his thesis entitled:

[Income Inequality and Wage Coordination in Belgium](#)

Supervisors: Prof. Bruno van der Linden and Prof. Vincent Bodart (IRES)

September 10, 2026 • 16:30 • AGORA 12



■ **Edouard Motte** (ISBA)

will defend his thesis entitled:

[Stochastic Pathways in Incomplete Markets: Volterra Processes, Stopping Times, and Path-Signatures](#)

Supervisor: Prof. Donatien Hainaut (ISBA)

September 11, 2026 • 15:00 • MORE 53

WELCOME TO

■ **Valentine Lefèvre**



(ISBA, CORE & LFIN)

New administrative coordinator
Office: ISBA D.106

Valentine joins the administrative team as Administrative Coordinator, supporting the ISBA, CORE and LFIN entities.



■ Virginia Calabrese
(IRES)

Research Assistant

Supervisor:
David de la Croix

Office: IRES D.215



■ Jade Deschryver
(SMCS)

Consultant

Office : SMCS C.312



■ Giacomo Lo Conte
(IRES)

Post-doc

Supervisor:
Vincent Vandenberghe

Office: IRES D.221



■ Leon Rofagha
(ISBA)

PhD researcher

Supervisors : Anouar El
Ghouch & Ingrid Van
Keilegom
Office : ISBA D.379

VISITORS



■ Cinzia Daraio
(Sapienza Università di
Roma)

Invited by Prof. Christian
Hafner & Prof. Léopold
Simar
From 23/08/2026 to
28/08/2026



■ Simone Di Leo
(Sapienza Università di
Roma)

Invited by Prof. Christian
Hafner & Prof. Léopold
Simar
From 23/08/2026 to
28/08/2026



■ Saba Vashakmadze
(Università della
Calabria)

Invited by Prof.
Leonardo Iania
From 01/09/2026 to
01/02/2027

Other visitors

■ Yoshihiro Takamatsu (Meiji Gakuin University)

JOBS

■ PhD position in Energy Economics

- A full-time doctoral scholarship of approximately €2,400 net/month, tax-exempt
 - Starting in Autumn 2026, no later than January 2027
- [More info >](#)

■ PhD position / Causal AI for Smart Buildings

- A full-time PhD position
 - Temporal causal inference, time series, machine learning, building energy systems.
 - Starting in October 2026
- [More info >](#)

■ PhD position in Operations Research

- A full-time PhD position
Starting in October 2026 or as soon as possible thereafter
 - Research in operations research, applied mathematics, and energy systems and markets
 - Deadline: Until the position is filled.
- [More info >](#)

EVENTS



Workshop on Electricity markets at the interface of Economics and Operation Research

September 11, 2026
N-Side, Louvain-la-Neuve
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Crise climatiques et politiques environnementales : quel impact sur le travail ?

September 18, 2026
ULB, Brussels
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Historical human capital in the age of big data

September 21-23, 2026
Louvain-la-Neuve
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STATISTICAL TRAININGS



Certificat universitaire en Junior Data Analyst

[20 crédits] - [début le 09-10-2026]

Vous songez à vous orienter vers un métier à l'interface entre le business, l'informatique et la statistique ? Devenez junior data analyst !

Des compétences concrètes pour
accéder aux nouvelles carrières
du traitement de données

VOTRE FORMATION CONTINUE À L'UCLOUVAIN

Notions de base en **probabilité** et **inférence statistique**

[8 demi jours] - [début le 10-09-2026 à 09:00]

Introduction to experimental design with **JMP**

[8 half days] - [starts on 22-09-2026 at 09:00]

Introduction au **calcul de taille d'échantillon**

[4 demi jours] - [début le 01-10-2026 à 09:30]

Initiation au logiciel NVivo

[4 demi jours] - [début le 19-10-2026 à 09:30]

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