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Research interests Agricultural economics, Regional economics and Growth, Empirical industrial organization

Education

KU Leuven Belgium
PhD candidate in Economics Spring 2023 (expected)
Dissertation: "Subsidies, competition and growth: evidence from EU regions, agriculture and food chains"

Visiting scholar at the Ohio State University US
Invited by Prof. Mark Partridge Spring 2022

Predoctoral student 2019

University of Hohenheim Germany
MSc in Organic Agriculture and Food System (*Cum laude*) 2014
Erasmus in Wageningen University 2013
Thesis: "Assessment of changes in household food availability, access, utilisation and stability using farm stratification associated with the introduction of legume technology in Salima district, Malawi"

Ewha Womans University South Korea
BSc in Food Science and Engineering (*Magna cum laude*) 2012
Minor in Statistics

Positions

OECD France
Research consultant Winter 2020
Literature review on the taxonomy of agricultural value chains

KREI (Korea Rural Economic Institute) South Korea
Researcher 2015 – 2017
Policy research on agri-environmental issues

IFOAM Asia South Korea
Intern Summer 2015
Managed farm membership and assisted with organizing an international conference and field trips to local farms

References

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KU Leuven & IFPRI
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Research economist
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Work in progress

Does agriculture matter in rural economies? evidence from agricultural multipliers in the EU (*Job market paper*)

The effects of the cohesion policy and the Common Agricultural Policy on regional growth together with Alessandro Olper

Competition and relational contracts in local food supply chains together with Anusha De, Bjorn Van Campenhout, and Jo Swinnen

Publications

Market power, markup volatility and the role of cooperatives in the food value chain: evidence from Italy

Lee, Hyejin and Van Cayseele, Patrick
European Review of Agricultural Economics, forthcoming.

Subsidies and agricultural productivity in the EU

Garrone, Maria; Emmers, Dorien; Lee, Hyejin; Olper, Alessandro; Swinnen, Johan.
Agricultural Economics, 2019.

Unfair trading practices: a review of the history and literature

Vandevelde, Senne; Lee, Hyejin; Swinnen, Jo.
In C. Russo (Ed.), *Pass-through of unfair trading practices in EU food supply chains: methodology and empirical application*, 2020. Publications Office of the European Union; Luxembourg.

Presentations

20th PhD Symposium of Belgium Association of Agricultural Economists; The Annual Conference of The Agricultural Economics Society (AES) 2020 (canceled due to Covid-19); 31st International Conference of Agricultural Economists (ICAE); PhD Research Seminar at AEDE of the Ohio State University; 9th EAAE PhD Workshop; AgEconMeet 2022

Scholarships

Dean's list scholarship 2008, 2009, 2011; Ewha International Foundation 2011; N2Africa fieldwork travel grant 2013; PhD scholarship 2019-2023; AES Travel Award - Study Visit 2022; FWO conference grant 2022

Skills	<p>Computer skills STATA, Latex, R (basic), Office</p> <p>Languages Korean (native), English (advanced), French (A2-B1)</p>
Referee service	<i>Applied Economics Letters, China Agricultural Economic Review</i> , Abstract reviewer and a session chair of the ICAE
Teachings	Guest lecture on the Solow growth model at KU Leuven 2022
Service	Master thesis examiner of Faculty of Economics and Business 2020 – Present LICOS seminar organizer 2018 – 2021
Other research outputs (in Korean)	<p>Policy reports (Selected)</p> <p>Jeong, H., Lim, Y., & Lee, H. (2016). <i>Climate-Smart Agriculture in Korea and Policy Direction</i>. KREI.</p> <p>Kim, C., Lee, H., & Jeong, H. (2016). <i>Organic agricultural policies in selected countries: Germany, Denmark, Switzerland and the US</i>. KREI.</p> <p>Kim, C., Koo, J., Jeong, H., & Lee, H. (2016). <i>The Economic Assessment of Non-Market Values of Organic Farming</i>. KREI.</p> <p>Jeong, H., Kim, Y., & Lee, H. (2016). <i>Strategy for Vitalizing Low-Carbon Emission Agriculture Adapted to New Climate Regime</i>. KREI.</p> <p>Kim, S., Heo, J., & Lee, H. (2016). <i>Conservation and Use Strategy of Agricultural Genetic Resources for Nagoya Protocol (Access and Benefit Sharing)</i>. KREI.</p> <p>Lim, Y., Lee, H., & Kim, B. (2016). <i>Analysis of OECD Research Trends and Countermeasure in the Agricultural and Environmental Sector</i>. KREI-EPIS.</p> <p>Journal article</p> <p>Kim, C., Koo, J., Jeong, H., Kim, Y., & Lee, H. (2016). Non-market Valuation of Organic Farming Using Choice Experiments. <i>Korean Journal of Agricultural Management and Policy</i>, 43(1), 1-23.</p> <p>Book chapter</p> <p>Lee, H. (2016). Chapter 3. Organic agricultural policies in selected European countries. <i>The Economic Assessment of Non-Market Values of Organic Farming</i>. KREI and Rural Development Administration.</p> <p>Periodicals</p> <p>Lee, H. (2022). Summary of the OECD’s agricultural policy monitoring and evaluation: EU. <i>World of Agriculture</i>. KREI.</p> <p>Lee, H. (2021). Unfair trading practices in the EU. <i>World of Agriculture</i>. KREI.</p> <p>Lee, H. (2018). Agriculture in Belgium. <i>World of Agriculture</i>. KREI.</p> <p>Lee, H. (2017). Food waste in the EU. <i>World of Agriculture</i>. KREI.</p>

Motivation Letter: Bursary application for the AES Annual Conference

I am writing to apply for the bursary for the AES annual conference in 2023. I expect to graduate in the spring of 2023 with my PhD in Economics from KU Leuven in Belgium. My PhD dissertation is titled “Subsidies, competition and growth: evidence from EU regions, agriculture and food chains”.

First, I expect to receive valuable feedback from the AES conference participants. Over the course of my PhD, I have already witnessed the quality of my paper improving each time I attend conferences. Academic conferences are always intellectually stimulating. I believe the benefits I could get from the AES annual conference will be significant. The AES annual conference, organized by one of the most prestigious associations of agricultural economists, is an important venue for me. My main field of research is agricultural economics with a focus on high-income countries. There is no other conference where my research could fit better. This will be my first time attending the AES annual conference. Unfortunately, the pandemic and my research stay abroad prevented me from attending the previous AES conferences.

Second, the timing of the 2023 AES conference is particularly optimal for me. I plan to have my final PhD defence somewhere in the spring of 2023. The high-quality comments I would receive at the conference will help improve my paper and thus will increase the chance of positive feedback from my PhD examination committee. It will be a great pleasure to be able to attend the AES conference for the first time as the last conference of my PhD program.

Third, I have no other financial support to participate in conferences abroad. My PhD scholarship officially ends in February 2023. As a consequence, from my university, I will not be able to receive any financial support for conference participation.

I would be very glad to be awarded the bursary to be able to substantially improve the quality of my work at the end of my PhD when I would have no other financial means to participate in conferences. Thank you very much for your consideration.