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Fields of Interest Primary fields: Experimental Microeconomics, Behavioral Economics
Secondary fields: Applied Microeconomics

Education	University of Amsterdam PhD Economics Advisors: Thomas Buser, Hessel Oosterbeek	Sept 2020 - Present
	Lund University Research visit Host: Roel van Veldhuizen	Jan 2023 - Mar 2023
	University of Amsterdam & Tinbergen Institute MPhil Economics	Sept 2018 - June 2020
	University of Amsterdam Master Finance	Sept 2017 - June 2018
	University of Amsterdam Bachelor Economics and Business	Sept 2014 - March 2017

Job Market Paper **Working Under Distractions**
Individuals experience an increasing amount of distractions in educational and professional settings. I use an incentivized lab experiment to study the effect of auditory and task-switching distractions on performance and mental well-being and the preferences for working under these two types of distractions. I obtain four main results. First, I find that task-switching distraction reduces total earnings, but not auditory distraction. Second, I show that the presence of either type of distraction is detrimental to individuals' self-reported mental well-being and the heterogeneity in mental well-being can be partially captured by some of my simple survey questions. Third, individuals are willing to pay more to avoid task-switching distraction than auditory distraction. Finally, I find that women and men perform equally well under distractions. Women are willing to pay less to avoid both types of distractions but have worse mental well-being in the presence of distractions as compared to men.

Presented at ASFEE (Lyon, poster, 2022), Work In Progress (Amsterdam, 2022), CREED lunch seminar (Amsterdam 2023), NEK Brown Bag (Lund, 2023), PhD lunch seminar (Copenhagen, 2023), BEE Brown Bag Seminar (Gothenburg, 2023), Preferences, Traits, and Skills workshop (Amsterdam, 2024), ESA Asia (Singapore, scheduled) IMEBESS (Riga, scheduled), YEM Young Economists' Meeting (Brno, scheduled)

Working Papers **Time Pressure Preferences**
with Thomas Buser and Roel van Veldhuizen
*Accepted at **Management Science***

Many professional and educational settings require individuals to be willing and able

to perform under time pressure. We use a lab experiment and survey data to study preferences for working under time pressure. We make three main contributions. First, we develop an incentivized method to measure preferences for working under time pressure and document that participants in our lab experiment are averse to working under time pressure on average. Second, we show that there is substantial heterogeneity in the degree of time pressure aversion across individuals and that these individual preferences can be partially captured by simple survey questions. Third, we include these questions in a survey of bachelor students and a nationally representative survey panel and show that time pressure preferences predict career choices and income. Our results indicate that individual differences in time pressure aversion could be an influential factor in determining labor market outcomes.

Presented at CREED lunch seminar (Amsterdam 2021), TIBER Symposium (Tilburg, 2021), ESA Asia Pacific (virtual, 2022), YEM Young Economists' Meeting (Brno, 2022), M-BEES (Maastricht, 2022), World ESA Meeting (Boston, 2022), European ESA Meeting (Bologna, 2022)

Teaching Experiences	University of Amsterdam	2020 - present
	Teaching Assistant, Microeconomics I (BSc Economics) Teaching Assistant, Microeconomics II (BSc Economics) Teaching Assistant, Economics of Markets and Organisations (BSc Economics) Thesis supervisor, BSc Economics	
	Tinbergen Institute	2020
	Teaching Assistant, Microeconomics IV (MPhil Economics)	
Skills	Programming: Stata, oTree, Python, Javascript, L ^A T _E X Language: Chinese (native), English (fluent), Dutch (intermediate)	
Other Activities	University of Amsterdam	
	Co-organizer of the internal Work in Progress seminars Co-organizer of the Preferences, Traits, and Skills workshop	2022 - present 2024