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Professional experience

- Nov. 2017 – present **Teaching assistant to Prof. dr. Ellen Desmet, Migration Law
Ghent University, Faculty of Law and Criminology, Department
European, Public and International Law**
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- Lectures for the master course: European and International Asylum and Migration Law and Policy
 - Practical assistance and coordination (e.g. panel debates in European Parliament and Commission)
 - Assist master students with their master theses
- Mar. 2017 – present **Policy advisor
Danish Refugee Council (International NGO)**
- Working in co-ordination with DRC HQ, regional and field offices to influence the EU's policy on the entire displacement cycle with evidence-based advocacy
 - Scrutiny of European legislation and proposals related to migration, asylum, humanitarian and development aid
 - Represent the organisation's position and field work
- Aug. 2016 – Feb. 2017 **Intern legal protection unit
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**
- Individual case management: people requesting UNHCR's support
 - Legal comments addressing the Home Office's intention to cease, cancel or revoke refugee status
 - Assisting with policy work on immigration detention and integration
- Feb. – Dec. 2016 **Intern European Database on Asylum Law (EDAL)
European Council on Refugees & Exiles**
- Case summaries, in the judgment's language and English, highlighting the analysed case's importance
 - Research on discrepancies recognition refugees different EU Member States
- May 2016 **intern counselling/caseworker
Legal Centre Calais and Duinkerke**
- Counselling of Dublin and family reunion cases
 - Assisted with referrals of highly vulnerable unaccompanied minors
- Feb. – Mar. 2016 **Intern policy analyst**

- House of Lords (London), EU Home Affairs Sub-Committee**
- Support on the inquiry on unaccompanied minors in the EU
 - Scrutiny relevant legislative proposals EU institutions
- Aug. 2015 **Intern attaché**
- Belgian Council for Alien Law Litigation (Administrative Court)**
- Drafted judgments as an attaché-intern in the Annulment and Full Jurisdiction departments
 - Supported the Council's clerk with administration and coordination
- Apr. – May 2015 **Intern legal department**
- Institute for the Equality of Women and Men**
- Reports on discrimination complaints filed by citizens
 - Assist with identifying irregularities in the law affecting the rights of transgender people
- Jun. – Jul. 2014 **Intern legal team**
- Flemish Refugee Action, Non-Governmental Organization**
- Collected relevant country of origin information to assist qualifying lawyers working pro bono
 - Research on protection gaps and violence against Somali women

Education

2015 - 2016	LLM in Immigration Law	Queen Mary University of London
2013 - 2015	Master of Laws: European European, International and public law	Second year: KU Leuven First Year (Erasmus): Universidad Autónoma de Madrid
2010 - 2013	Bachelor of Laws, minor in Political Science	KU Leuven
2009 - 2010	Cultural Exchange and Spanish	Liceo Benalcázar (Cali, Colombia)
2003 – 2009	Science – Mathematics	Kindsheid Jesu (Hasselt, Belgium)

Skills

Language skills

- Dutch: mother tongue
- English: fluent
- Spanish: fluent
- French: good
- German: basic

Computer skills

Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Outlook, Adobe Acrobat Professional