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### Summary

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Ellen Desmet is the first holder of the Chair in Migration Law, established at Ghent University in October 2016. She teaches migration law as well as ‘law and society’, and coordinates the migration branch of the Human Rights and Migration Law Clinic. She founded and heads the Migration Law Research Group ([MigrLaw](http://MigrLaw)). Her PhD from the University of Leuven concerned indigenous rights and nature conservation, including ethnographic fieldwork in Peru. She then held positions at the Children’s Rights Knowledge Centre, the Law and Development Research Group of the University of Antwerp and the Human Rights Centre of Ghent University. Ellen’s research interests are situated at the intersection of migration law, human rights and legal anthropology. She often combines legal and socio-legal research methodologies, and has developed solid organisational and management skills.

### Professional experience

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| Oct. 2021 – present    | <b>Associate professor of migration law</b><br>Ghent University, Faculty of Law and Criminology, Department of European, Public and International Law, Migration Law Research Group   |
| Oct. 2016 – Sept. 2021 | <b>Assistant professor of migration law</b><br>Ghent University, Faculty of Law and Criminology, Department of European, Public and International Law, Migration Law Research Group   |
| Oct. 2012 – Sept. 2016 | <b>Senior researcher in a coordinating role (50%)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ghent University, Faculty of Law and Criminology, Human Rights Centre</li><li>- Coordination of the Interuniversity Attraction Pole (IAP) ‘<i>The Global Challenge of Human Rights Integration: Towards a Users’ Perspective</i>’, <a href="http://www.hrintegration.be">www.hrintegration.be</a> (BELSPO, 2012-2017, 2.695.040 euro in total, of which 900.000 euro for UGent)</li></ul> |
| Oct. 2012 – Sept. 2016 | <b>Senior researcher in interdisciplinary human rights methodology (50%)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- University of Antwerp, Faculty of Law, Law and Development Research Group</li><li>- Research in and coordination of work package 2 ‘<i>Analysing users trajectories in human rights law</i>’ of the IAP Human Rights Integration (UAntwerpen: 500.000 euro), hosted within the <i>Localising Human Rights</i> research line</li></ul>                              |
| April – Sept. 2012     | <b>Lecturer of anthropology of law (subst., 20%)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- KU Leuven, Faculty of Law</li></ul>  |
| Feb. 2010 – Sept. 2012 | <b>Senior research and policy advice officer (100%; 80%)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Children’s Rights Knowledge Centre (Kenniscentrum Kinderrechten vzw - KeKi)</li></ul>  |

- April 2010 – March 2012 **Associated post-doctoral fellow**  
 - KU Leuven, Faculty of Law, Institute for Migration Law and Legal Anthropology
- Nov. 2009 – Jan. 2010 **Associated doctoral researcher**  
 - KU Leuven, Faculty of Law, Institute for Migration Law and Legal Anthropology
- Oct. 2005 – Oct. 2009 **PhD researcher (100%)**  
 - KU Leuven, Faculty of Law, Institute for Migration Law and Legal Anthropology  
 - Ethnographic fieldwork in Peru
- March – July 2005 **Intern at European Commission (100%)**  
 - European Commission, DG Development, Unit B1 – Development Policy, Coherence and Forward Studies  
 - Research on participation of civil society in development policy, awareness raising and development education

## Education

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| Oct. 2005 –<br>Feb. 2010 | <b>PhD in law</b>   | <b>KU Leuven</b><br>Supervisor: Prof. Marie-Claire Foblets,<br>Co-supervisor: Prof. Paul Lemmens<br>Doctoral thesis: ‘The Twin of Green. The Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Entwined with Nature Conservation’ (defended 15 February 2010) |
| 2003 – 2004              | <b>Master in Development Cooperation</b>                  | <b>Ghent University</b><br><i>Magna cum laude</i>  |
| 2002 – 2003              | <b>Master in Cultures and Development Studies (CADES)</b> | <b>KU Leuven</b><br><i>Magna cum laude</i>   |
| 1999 – 2002              | <b>Licentiate in law</b>                                  | <b>KU Leuven</b><br><i>Magna cum laude</i> in each of the 3 years<br><b>University of Stellenbosch, South Africa</b> (LLM, one semester)   |
| 1997 – 1998              | <b>Candidate in law</b>                                   | <b>KU Leuven, Department of Kortrijk (KULAK)</b><br><i>Magna cum laude</i> in each of the 2 years  |

## Publications

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### International peer reviewed articles and book chapters

- Desmet, Ellen, Belloni, Milena & Verhellen, Jinske (2024). ‘Exploring inequalities in family reunification in Europe: perspectives from legal and social sciences’. In Ellen Desmet, Milena Belloni, Jinske Verhellen, Dirk Vanheule & Ayse Gdk (eds.), *Family Reunification in Europe: Exposing Inequalities*, Routledge, 1-17. (*in press*)
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- Bogaard, Roos-Marie van den, Correia Horta, Ana, Van Doren, Wout, Desmet, Ellen & Valcke, Anthony (2022). 'Procedural (in)Justice for EU Citizens Moving to Belgium: An Inquiry into Municipal Registration Practices', *Citizenship Studies*, vol. 26, no. 7, 995–1010.
- Güdük, Ayse & Desmet, Ellen (2022). 'Legal consciousness and migration: towards a research agenda', *International Journal of Law in Context*, vol. 18, no. 2, 213-228.
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- Desmet, Ellen (2020). 'Appellate asylum and migration proceedings in Belgium: challenges for the best interests of the child principle and unity of jurisprudence', in Mark Klaassen, Stephanie Rap, Peter Rodrigues & Ton Liefwaard (eds), *Safeguarding children's rights in immigration law*, Intersentia, 195-216.
- Brems, Eva, Peroni, Lourdes & Desmet, Ellen (2019). 'Migration and human rights: The law as a gendered border reinforcer', *Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights*, vol. 37, no. 4, 282-287.
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- Verdonck, Lieselot & Desmet, Ellen (2017). 'Moving Human Rights Jurisprudence to a Higher Gear: Rewriting the case of the *Kichwa Indigenous People of Sarayaku v. Ecuador*', in Eva Brems & Ellen Desmet, *Integrated human rights in practice. Rewriting human rights decisions*, Edward Elgar Publishing, 445-504.
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- Desmet, Ellen & Aylwin, José (2015). 'Natural resource exploitation and children's rights', in Wouter Vandenhoe, Ellen Desmet, Didier Reynaert & Sara Lembrechts (eds), *Routledge International Handbook of Children's Rights Studies*, Routledge, 387-411.
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- Desmet, Ellen (2014). 'Analysing Users' Trajectories in Human Rights: A Conceptual Exploration and Research Agenda', *Human Rights & International Legal Discourse*, vol. 8, no. 2, 121-141.
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- Desmet, Ellen (2018). 'Minderjarigen in de volle rechtsmachtprocedure van de Raad voor Vreemdelingenbetwistingen', *Tijdschrift voor Vreemdelingenrecht*, no. 3, 198-214.
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- Desmet, Ellen (2010). 'Natuurbescherming en het recht op eigendom in de rechtspraak van het Europees Hof voor de Rechten van de Mens: een dubbele intensifiëring', *Milieu- en Energierecht*, vol. 3, 115-132.

### Books

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- Desmet, Ellen (2024). *Migratierecht. Tussen mens en staat*. Gent, Academia Press, 96 p. (second, updated edition)
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- Boreil, Florence, Desmet, Ellen, Dimitropoulou, Georgia, and Klaassen, Mark (2020). *Family reunification for refugee and migrant children: Standards and promising practices*, Council of Europe, 90 p. (also available in French)
- Chen, Jingrong, Desmet, Ellen & De Feyter, Koen (2016). *The right to education of rural-urban migrant households in Chongqing, China*, Antwerp, University of Antwerp, 146 p.
- Desmet, Ellen (2014). *Conservación y Pueblos Indígenas: un análisis socio-jurídico*, Cuadernos Deusto de Derechos Humanos, vol. 75, 164 p.
- Desmet, Ellen (2011). *Indigenous Rights Entwined with Nature Conservation*, Cambridge, Intersentia, xxxv + 723 p.
- Desmet, Ellen & Put J. (2011). *Het Decreet Rechtspositie Minderjarigen in internationaal perspectief*, Gent, Kenniscentrum Kinderrechten, 50 p.
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### Edited books, special issues and series

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### Scientific awards

- Third award of the Competition for Young Researchers on Latin America, received from the European Council for Social Research in Latin America (CEISAL) 2007, with the paper 'La injerencia de procesos transnacionales en la organización de los airo paï (secoya) de la Amazonía Peruana'
- Second award Jura Falconis 2003, with the paper 'Vijftig jaar Verdrag van Geneva betreffende de Status van Vluchtelingen: een kritische balans' (*Fifty years Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees: a critical assessment*)
- A.P.R.-award 2002 (*Algemene Praktische Rechtsverzameling*), with the paper 'Kritische en rechtsvergelijkende commentaar op een Engels arrest: *Allied Maples Group Ltd. v. Simmons & Simmons*'

## **Fellowships, grants and research funding**

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- 'Advocacy for Migrants in European Transit Zones. Analysing Innovative Strategies for Political Change', FWO junior research project (2022-2025), with Robin Vandevordt (355.991 euro)
- 'Regional and national development of cross-border mobility, migration and refugee policies in the Horn of Africa', NASCERE fellowship, joint PhD programme Jimma University (Ethiopia) and Ghent University (2022-2026)
- 'Families on the Move: The Coordination between international family law and migration law' (FAMIMOVE), Justice Programme (JUST), consortium led by Maastricht University (with Jinske Verhellen at Ghent University)
- 'International Migration and Refugee Law Moot Court Competition – Participation of two judges from the Global South', Global Minds – sensitising event (2021-22) (3480 euro)
- 'You too? No way! Rape mythology applied to credibility assessments of applications based on sexual or gender-based violence in the European asylum procedure' (2021-2025), FWO PhD fellowship Lore Roels, supervisors Ellen Desmet and Ines Keygnaert
- 'From policy gaps to policy innovations: strengthening the well-being and integration pathways of refugee families' (REFUFAM, 2020-2024), BRAIN-be 2.0 (Belgian Research Action through Interdisciplinary Networks), BELSPO (promotor for ca. 235.000 euro)
- 'Challenging queer migration narratives. A case study of sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) rights in the Belgian asylum procedure' (2020-2024), FWO PhD fellowship Liselot Casteleyn, supervisors Ellen Desmet and Marlies Casier
- 'Exiled and Separated: A multi-sited ethnography of refugee families attempting to reunite' (2020-2023), postdoc FWO fellowship Milena Belloni, supervisors Gert Verschraegen and Ellen Desmet
- 'Children's rights in appellate asylum proceedings: a legal ethnography' (2020-2024), junior research project of the Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO) (ca. 227.000 euro)
- 'Economic refugees: an analysis of persecution and displacement in the new global era' (2019-2023), PhD fellowship Pedagogical University of Krakow Shepherd Mutsvara, supervisors Joanna Bar and Ellen Desmet
- 'Vademecum voor voogden van niet-begeleide minderjarige vreemdelingen' (2019-2021), Antigone Advocaten, Ellen Desmet and Jinske Verhellen, FPS Justice (30.000 euro)
- 'Extraterritorial Human Rights Obligations (ETOs) in Practice', FWO Scientific Research Community (WOG), partner (with Human Rights Centre), led by the University of Antwerp
- 'Pilot Project Addressing Labour Shortages Through Innovative Labour Migration Models' (PALIM): analysis of integration actors in Belgium, the single permit and family reunification procedures, Agreement BEL/ACC86/ASC006-2019, funded by the Belgian Development Agency (Enabel) (2019-2020) (24.000 euro)
- 'Analysis of municipal practices regarding free movement of EU workers, self-employed persons, jobseekers and their family members' (2018-2021), in collaboration with the EU Rights Clinic of the University of Kent and Fragomen, funded by Myria – the Federal Migration Centre (ca. 20.000 euro)
- 'Handbook on standards and good practices to restore family links and reunify families', Council of Europe Special Representative of the Secretary General of Migration and Refugees, selected expert to co-draft the handbook (2018-2019)
- 'Family reunification of Turkish migrants in Belgium and the Netherlands: Comparing rights perceptions and strategies in light of evolving policies' (2018-2021), research project of the Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO) (219.000 euro)
- 'Safe with the neighbours? Refugee protection and EU external migration policy in Turkey and Morocco' (2018-2021), starting grant (PhD project) of the Special Research Fund (UGent) (200.000 euro)
- 'Legal and administrative assistance to asylum-seekers in Belgium' (2017), by the consortium CESSMIR (promoters Katrijn Maryns and Ellen Desmet) and NANSEN vzw, project funded by UNHCR (64.000 euro).
- South Initiative 'The human right to water in the context of socio-environmental conflicts in Loreto, Peru', promoter Koen De Feyter, VLIR-UOS (2015) (project initiator, main drafter and coordinator, 74.966 euro)
- Grant for participating in an international workshop or course ('Living Realities of Legal Pluralism', Cape Town, September 2011) of the Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO)
- PhD fellowship, 'Inheemse rechten en natuurbescherming: (on)verzoenbaar? Op zoek naar een evenwichtige rechtsbescherming in nationaal en internationaal recht' (2005-2009) of the Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO), application successful but not taken up because of VLIR scholarship
- VLADOC PhD scholarship, 'Inheemse rechten en natuurbescherming: (on)verzoenbaar? Op zoek naar een evenwichtige rechtsbescherming in nationaal en internationaal recht' (2005-2009) of VLIR-UOS (Flemish Interuniversity Council - University Development Cooperation)



## Research related activities

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### Presentations at international conferences and international expert seminars

- 'EU migration law: a stratified legal system', FAMIMOVE conference, Brussels, 24 June 2024 (*upon invitation*)
- 'Leaving the legal kitchen. Insights from socio-legal studies on migration law', Jean Monnet EU Migration Law and Governance Lecture Series, Maastricht University, 18 April 2024 (*keynote*)
- 'Exploring inequalities in family reunification in Europe: perspectives from law and social sciences', Dutch-Flemish Law and Society Association (VSR) Conference 'Building Bridges', Utrecht, 19 January 2024.
- 'Implementation of the Family Reunification Directive in Belgium: particularities and challenges', Seminar '20 Years Family Reunification Directive', Nijmegen, 17 November 2023
- 'A multi-perspectivist analysis of a lived family reunification experience: At the junction of cocreative research and autoethnography', Dutch-Flemish Law and Society Association (VSR) Conference 'The Next Generation', Amsterdam, 6-7 July 2023.
- 'Treatment of EU citizens moving to Belgium: an inquiry into municipal registration practices', International Conference 'Contemporary forms of racism and discrimination', Ghent, 18-20 September 2022 (with Roos-Marie van den Bogaard)
- 'Kinderen en jongeren in de asielpcedure: een Belgisch en reflexief perspectief', Symposium 'Participatie van kinderen in de asielpcedure', Amsterdam, 25 augustus 2022 (*keynote*)
- 'Interdisciplinary research on (migrants') human rights' at the workshop 'Interdisciplinary legal research on migration and human rights', organised by the Dutch Association for Migration Research (DAMR) and the Netherlands Network for Human Rights Research (NNHHR), Nijmegen, 19 May 2022 (*upon invitation*)
- 'Procedural (in)justice for EU citizens moving to Belgium', Dutch-Flemish Law and Society Association (VSR) Conference, Leuven, 10-11 March 2022 (with Roos-Marie van den Bogaard).
- 'Procedural (in)justice for EU citizens moving to Belgium: an inquiry into municipal registration practices', IMISCOE conference, 7-9 July 2021 (with Wout Van Doren and Roos-Marie van den Bogaard)
- 'Rewriting judgments: theory and practice' (with Larissa Veters), European Judicial Training Network – Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle (Germany), 24 March 2021 and 26 April 2022 (*upon invitation*)
- 'Thirty years of research on children's rights in the context of migration. Where do we go from here?', Higher Degree Research Seminar in Migration Law, Uppsala University, 1 December 2020 (*upon invitation*)
- 'Children's rights in appellate asylum proceedings: from case law analysis to legal ethnography', VULNER workshop at Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle (Germany), 19 February 2020 (*upon invitation*)
- 'Crumbling Migrants' Rights, Populist Policies and Strategies of Resistance: The Case of Belgium', international conference 'Is Europe Losing its Democratic Compass? Authoritarian Populism, Restrictions of Migrants' Rights and Democratic Decay in Europe', Lund University, Lund (Sweden), 13-14 February 2020 (*upon invitation*)
- 'A review of 30 years of research on children's rights in the context of migration' (with Ruth Brittle), International conference 'Thirty Years of Children's Rights Scholarship: Taking Stock and Thinking Ahead', University of Liverpool, London, 20-21 June 2019 (*upon invitation*)
- 'The Human Rights and Migration Law Clinic of Ghent University: good practices and challenges', International seminar 'The Role of Law Clinics in Strategic Litigation in the field of Migration Law', VU Amsterdam, Amsterdam, 10 May 2019
- 'Different speeds: assessing appellate asylum and migration proceedings in Belgium from a children's rights perspective', International conference 'Safeguarding children's rights in immigration law', Leiden University, Leiden, 23 November 2018
- 'Interaction between legal and socio-legal empirical perspectives on migration', Social Sciences, Economics and Law (SSEL) U4 Conference on 'Current Challenges for a Sustainable Future', Göttingen, 21-23 November 2018
- '(Unaccompanied) minors in appellate asylum and migration proceedings', 1st Annual CESSMIR Conference: Needs and Care Practices for Refugees and Migrants, Ghent University, Ghent, 17-19 September 2018
- 'Asylum case law involving minors. Challenges for children's rights and unity of jurisprudence', International conference 'Migration as a Global Challenge: Interdisciplinary Approaches to a Complex Field', Göttingen, 21-23 June 2018 (*upon invitation*)
- 'Methodologies to study human rights law as an integrated whole from a users' perspective', International expert seminar 'Fragmentation and Integration in Human Rights Law: Users' Perspectives', European University Institute (EUI), Florence, 1 June 2017 (*upon invitation*)

- 'Interdisciplinary human rights methodology: Reflections on the Localising Human Rights research programme', Law and Development Conference, Ostend, 14-16 September 2016
- Rural-urban migration and education in Chongqing, China: unraveling responses to injurious experiences', Seminar at the Netherlands Institute of Human Rights (SIM), Utrecht, 15 February 2016 (*upon invitation*)
- 'Accommodating new human rights claims. A proposal of a framework of analysis, applied to peasants and youth', International conference 'The Global Challenge of Human Rights Integration: Towards a User Perspective', Ghent, 9-11 December 2015 (with A. Vandebogaerde)
- 'Localising human rights. Reflections on methodology', Annual Research Day – School of Human Rights Research, Groningen, the Netherlands, 25 November 2015 (*keynote*)
- 'Opportunity, feasibility and effectiveness of a Solidarity Fund for ICCA defenders in Latin America', International expert seminar, IUCN Headquarters, Gland, 19-20 November 2015 (*upon invitation*)
- 'Internal migration and education in China: unraveling the path to human rights claims', International expert seminar 'Why human rights are localized', New York University, New York, 10-11 November 2015
- 'What may the Draft Declaration on the Rights of Peasants imply for Indigenous Peoples?', Sixth Multidisciplinary Meeting on Indigenous Peoples (EMPI), Ghent University, Ghent, 10-11 June 2015
- 'Rewriting the Case of the *Kichwa Indigenous People of Sarayaku v. Ecuador*', International seminar 'Rewriting Judgments from a Human Rights Integration Perspective', Middelburg, 7-8 May 2015 (with L. Verdonck)
- 'Substantive findings on the right to education of rural-urban migrant households in Chongqing', International seminar 'The right to education of rural-urban migrant households in Chongqing', Antwerp, 23 February 2015 (with J. Chen)
- 'Methodological framework and challenges', International seminar 'The right to education of rural-urban migrant households in Chongqing', Antwerp, 23 February 2015 (with J. Chen)
- 'Identifying rights-holders in natural resource regimes. A critical assessment of the Peruvian protected areas legislation', Workshop on the Rule of Law, Governance and Natural Resources, Amsterdam, 22-23 January 2015
- 'La localisation des droits de l'homme', Localising Human Rights Day, Université Kongo, Mbanza-Ngungu (DRC), 14 January 2015 (*keynote*)
- 'Lessons for children's human rights... from indigenous peoples' rights?', International expert seminar 'Children's rights in the global human rights landscape: isolation, inspiration, integration?', Ghent, 5 November 2014
- 'Socio-legal research', International seminar 'The right to education of rural-urban migrant households in Chongqing', Chongqing University, Chongqing, 19 September 2014
- 'Key challenges in establishing child rights impact assessments (CRIAs)', Conference 'Rights Here Right Now', Swansea University, Swansea, 11-12 September 2014 (*upon invitation*)
- 'The Child and Youth Impact Report (JoKER) in Flanders', Conference 'The 25th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Challenges for Catalonia and child right impact assessment', PINCat, Government of Catalonia & UNICEF, Barcelona, 3 July 2014 (*keynote*)
- 'Assessing the interaction between (scholarship on) children's rights and legal pluralism', World Congress of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) 'Evolving Humanity, Emerging Worlds', University of Manchester, Manchester, 5-10 August 2013 (with Giselle Corradi)
- 'The magic age of 18: challenges from a human rights and children's rights perspective', Law on the Edge Conference, organized by the Canadian Law and Society Association and the Law and Society Association of Australia and New Zealand, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, 1-4 July 2013 (*upon invitation by panel chairs*)
- 'Strategic Decisions in Developing Child Rights Impact Assessments: Illustrated by the experience of the Child and Youth Impact Report in Flanders (Belgium)' (workshop), Bringing Children in From the Margins: Symposium on Child Rights Impact Assessment, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, 15 May 2013 (*upon invitation*)
- 'The Child and Youth Impact Report in Flanders (Belgium)', Bringing Children in From the Margins: Symposium on Child Rights Impact Assessment, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, 14 May 2013 (*keynote*)
- 'Human rights (law) and legal pluralism: a multifaceted relationship', Workshop 'How does legal pluralism interplay with the promotion of human rights?', International Institute for the Sociology of Law, Oñati, Spain, 2-3 May 2013
- 'Interdisciplinary legal research: benefits and challenges', Law Faculty, Chongqing University, China, 16 April 2013
- 'La localisation des droits de l'homme – les peuples autochtones et communautés locales en Amazonie péruvienne', Université Président Joseph Kasa-Vubu, Boma, Democratic Republic of Congo, 30 November 2012

- 'Extending the Convention on the Rights of the Child to 18-24 years old. Experience of Flanders (Belgium)' in UNCRC workshop of UNICEF UK, the Wales Observatory on Human Rights of Children and Young People, and Save the Children Wales, Cardiff, 22 November 2012 (*upon invitation*)
- 'The child and youth impact report (JoKER) in Flanders' in UNCRC workshop of UNICEF UK, the Wales Observatory on Human Rights of Children and Young People, and Save the Children Wales, Cardiff, 22 November 2012 (*upon invitation*)
- 'Implementing the Convention on the Rights of the Child in Belgium', seminar 'Implementing the UNCRC: the Welsh approach in an international context', Welsh Parliament, Cardiff, 21 November 2012 (*upon invitation*)
- 'The UNCRC, children's rights and 18-24 year olds' (+ workshop), Conference 'Taking the Rights Steps. Children's Rights: Wales and the World', University of Swansea, Swansea, 11-12 June 2012 (*upon invitation*)
- 'Indigenous Rights Entwined with Nature Conservation', Human Rights Centre, Ghent, 1 October 2012
- 'Indigenous Rights Entwined with Nature Conservation', Conference 'Economically Empowering Indigenous Communities: The Case of the Mapuche', organized by MEP Ana Miranda and the Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization, European Parliament, 26 April 2012 (*keynote*)
- 'Natural Resources subject to a Plurality of Legal Orders. The Upper Putumayo Region (Peru)', Jubilee Congress of the Commission on Legal Pluralism, Cape Town, 8-10 September 2011
- 'Implementing the Convention on the Rights of the Child for 'youth': who and how?', Conference 'Opportunities and Challenges: Implementing the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child', Research Forum for the Child (Queen's University Belfast), Belfast, 1-2 June 2011
- 'Natural Resources in the Peruvian Amazon: Between Conservation and Exploitation', Michael Singleton Annual Conference, '(Des)humanized Lands: Resources and Climate', Laboratory for Prospective Anthropology (LAAP), Université catholique de Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, 11-12 May 2011
- 'European and International Policy Agendas on Children, Youth and Children's Rights – Comparison and Possible Synergies', Ministerial Conference 'Europe de l'Enfance', Brussels, 16 November 2010 (*keynote*)
- 'European and International Policy Agendas on Children, Youth and Children's Rights – Comparison and Possible Synergies', Expert Conference 'Europe de l'Enfance', Antwerp, 9 September 2010 (+ general rapporteur) (*keynote*)
- 'European and International Policy Agendas on Children, Youth and Children's Rights – State of Play', Expert Conference 'Europe de l'Enfance', Antwerp, 8 September 2010 (*keynote*)
- 'Human rights, conservation and hydrocarbon exploitation: caught in-between. A case-study of the Airo Paj in the Peruvian Amazon,' UCSIA Interdisciplinary Conference 'The local relevance of human rights,' University of Antwerp, Belgium, 17-18 October 2008
- 'La injerencia de procesos transnacionales en la organización de los Airo Paj (Secoya) de la Amazonía Peruana,' V Congreso Europeo CEISAL Latinoamericanistas, Brussels, 11-14 April 2007

#### **Presentations at national conferences, expert seminars and study days**

- 'Grondrechten voor mensen zonder wettig verblijf', Vorming toekomstgericht werken met/voor mensen zonder wettig verblijf, CESSMIR, Gent, 20 December 2023
- 'A multi-perspectivist analysis of a lived family reunification experience: At the junction of cocreative research and autoethnography', Expert seminar of the Amsterdam Centre for Migration and Refugee Law, Bergen aan Zee, 29-30 June 2023 (*upon invitation*)
- 'Het afhankelijk verblijfsrecht: reflecties (vanuit België)', Conferentie 'Van afhankelijk naar zelfstandig verblijfsrecht', Utrecht, 23 June 2023 (*keynote*)
- 'De legal clinic mensenrechten en migratierecht', Tweedaagse studiedag precair verblijf bij jongvolwassenen, Oranjehuis, Kortrijk, 24 November 2022
- 'Verhuizen naar België als Unieburger: een analyse van de inschrijvingsprocedure', Migratieonderzoek in de praktijk, CESSMIR, Gent, 16 May 2022
- 'Voorstelling van de studie loket vrij verkeer', Myria, 10 December 2021 (with Jo Antoons, Anthony Valcke, Roos-Marie van den Boogaard and Wout Van Doren) (*upon invitation*)
- 'Transparantie in het migratierecht: goede praktijken en uitdagingen', XLVIIe Postuniversitaire Cyclus Willy Delva 'Transparantie in het overheidsoptreden', Gent, 22 April 2021 (*upon invitation*)
- 'Kinderrechten en migratierecht: verwezenlijkingen en lacunes', Universiteit Derde Leeftijd UDL-Kortrijk vzw, 15 December 2020 (*upon invitation*)
- 'Het VN-Migratiepact', Leerstoel Migratie- en Migrantenrecht, Antwerp, 11 February 2020 (*upon invitation*)
- 'Mensenrechten van niet-begeleide minderjarige vreemdelingen', study day 'Rechten van niet-begeleide minderjarige vreemdelingen in België', Ghent University and KU Leuven, Ghent, 21 May 2019

- ‘Waarom ontstond er een crisis? Implicaties van het Migratiepact voor België’, conference ‘Het Migratiepact: kroniek van een crisis’, Ghent University, Ghent, 8 May 2019
- ‘Kan een land zijn vluchtelingen uitkiezen?’, conference ‘Migratiecrisis of identiteitscrisis? Europa op een kruispunt’, organised by Myria, Koninklijke Vlaamse Academie van België voor Wetenschappen en Kunsten, de Académie royale des Sciences, des Lettres et des Beaux-Arts de Belgique en Le Soir, Brussels, 18 January 2019 (*upon invitation*)
- ‘L’intérêt supérieur de l’enfant dans la jurisprudence du Conseil du contentieux des étrangers’, study day ‘Statut familial de l’enfant et migrations’, Louvain-La-Neuve, 5 October 2018 (*upon invitation*)
- ‘Het belang van het kind in migratierechtspraak’, Leerstoel Migratie- en Migrantenrecht, Antwerp, 13 March 2018
- ‘Minderjarige asielzoekers en de Raad voor Vreemdelingenbetwistingen’, study day ‘Migratieonderzoek in Praktijk’, CESSMIR, Ghent, 25 January 2018
- ‘Minderjarige vreemdelingen in de volle rechtsmachtprocedure’, Academische zitting 10 jaar Raad voor Vreemdelingenbetwistingen, Brussels, 18 May 2017
- ‘De rechtspraak inzake asiel en migratie van het Europees Hof voor de Rechten van de Mens. Een selectie van arresten (2015 – april 2017)’, Leerstoel Migratie- en Migrantenrecht, Antwerp, 25 April 2017
- ‘Children’s rights and the environmental dimension of sustainable development’, Ghent, 4 January 2016
- ‘Mensenrechten in niet-westerse contexten: een (mis-)match met inheemse volkeren?’, ACCA Conference, Université catholique de Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, 29 May 2015 (*keynote*)
- ‘Methodological approaches to law and development research’, Research Day of the Interuniversity Network on Law & Development, Leuven, 10 December 2014 (*upon invitation*)
- ‘Land and natural resources: property, power *and* law in a globalizing world’, Global Studies Research Day, Ghent Centre for Global Studies, Ghent, 24 October 2014 (*upon invitation*)
- ‘The JoKER evaluation’, seminar ‘Child Rights Impact Assessments between theory and practice’, Youth Division of the Flemish Government, Brussels, 3 June 2014 (*upon invitation*, with Hanne Op de Beeck)
- ‘Children’s Rights and Natural Resource Exploitation’, Research Day of the Interuniversity Network on Law & Development, VUB, Brussels, 12 November 2013
- ‘Global health, Law and Development’, seminar with Dr. Guruprasad of the M.S. Ramaiah Hospital (Bangalore), University of Antwerp, 23 April 2013
- ‘Pitfalls and value of interdisciplinary research. Reflections on a legal anthropological study in the Peruvian Amazon’, Research Innovation Day, University of Antwerp, 21 March 2013 (*upon invitation*)
- ‘Users’ trajectories in human rights (law) : a conceptual exploration’, kick off seminar of the IAP Human Rights Integration, Affligem, Belgium, 11-12 March 2013
- ‘El reconocimiento estatal del derecho consuetudinario en el Perú: un arma de doble filo’, seminar ‘Justices paysannes et indigènes en Amérique latine’, Louvain-La-Neuve, 17 January 2012 (*upon invitation*)
- ‘Children’s rights in legal sciences: state of the art and current debates’, seminar ‘Children and Rights in the Global South’, organized by Pôle Sud of the University of Liège, in collaboration with the LASC (Laboratoire d’Anthropologie Sociale et Culturelle), Liège, 25 November 2011 (*upon invitation*)
- ‘The Children’s Rights Knowledge Centre: vision, objectives and structure’, presented to the International Youth Policy Review Team of the Council of Europe, Brussels, 13 April 2011 (*upon invitation*)
- ‘EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child: state of affairs and consultation document’, Jeugdig Europa: Kinderrechten en de Europese Unie, organized by JINT vzw, 24 June 2010 (*upon invitation*)
- ‘Hidrocarburos, áreas naturales protegidas y derechos de los pueblos indígenas’, Mashunta, Peru, 17 July 2006 (*upon invitation*)
- ‘Derechos de los pueblos indígenas, áreas naturales protegidas y hidrocarburos’, Congress of indigenous organisation FIKAPIR, Nueva Esperanza, Peru, 30 June 2006 (*upon invitation*)

#### **PhD and research seminars**

- ‘Engaging with vulnerabilities and agency in research’, workshop VSR & ELS PhD Days, Utrecht, 17 January 2024 (with Sara Lembrechts, *upon invitation*)
- Research seminar of the Amsterdam Centre for Migration and Refugee Law, Bergen aan Zee, 29-30 June 2023 (*upon invitation*)
- ‘The categorical approach in asylum and migration law’, PhD masterclass ‘Language, migration and refugees’, CESSMIR, 9 December 2022
- ‘The rights of refugee families: legal pathways towards living together with your family’, REFUFAM research seminar, Ghent, 8 November 2022
- ‘Migrants’ perspectives on EU external migration policy and law’, PhD masterclass, Migration Law Research Group, Ghent, 6 November 2020 (chair)
- ‘The Global Compact for Migration from a migration law perspective’, International Law meets Migration Law meets Constitutional Law, GRILI-HRC seminar, 6 December 2018

- 'Human rights in migration research', CESSMIR PhD seminar, Ghent, 23 April 2018
- 'Addressing the Intersecting Borders of Inequality in Human Rights Law Analysis of Migrant Women's Claims' (by Lourdes Peroni), Migration Working Group research seminar, Ghent, 20 April 2017 (discussant)
- Doctoral seminar on 'Human Rights Integration and Users' Perspective: First Reflections', VUB, Brussels, 27 June 2013 (respondent)
- Doctoral Seminar on 'Global Multilevel Governance: Constitutionalisation or Plurality?', Research Groups Government and Law and Law and Development of the University of Antwerp, Ostend, 18-20 March 2013 (participation as expert)
- 'The twin of green. The rights of indigenous peoples and local communities entwined with nature conservation', Facultés Universitaires Saint-Louis, Brussels, 18 December 2009
- 'The influence of human rights on nature conservation measures. Views from international human rights law and legal anthropology', KU Leuven, 17 April 2009
- 'Multidisciplinary PhD-research: Methodological Issues and Problems', KU Leuven, 23 April 2007 (with E. Van Zimmeren)
- 'Indigenous peoples and conservation', in seminar with Prof. Gaudreault-Desbiens of the University of Montréal, KU Leuven, 16 November 2005

### **Panels and workshops**

- Panel 'Gezinshereniging onder druk', Human Rights@de Krook, Ghent, 5 March 2024 (panel member)
- Panel 'Gezinshereniging onder druk', Odisee Hogeschool, Brussels, 26 January 2024 (panel member)
- Discussion circle 'The role of intra-, inter- and transdisciplinarity in critical approaches to children's rights', 9th CREAN Children's Rights Research Symposium, Antwerp, 4-5 December 2023 (chair)
- Panel 'The intersectionality of migrant vulnerabilities', VULNER Conference 'Better Policies and Laws to Address Migrants' Vulnerabilities', Brussels, 8-9 June 2023 (discussant)
- Panel 'Interdisciplinair onderwijs aan de juridische faculteiten', Den Haag, 18 January 2023 (panel member)
- Panel 'Eén jaar opvangcrisis – De impact op zijn slachtoffers en de Belgische staat', conference "Hoe halen we de opvang uit de crisis", Brussels, 12 December 2022 (panel member)
- Panel 'The needs of victims of torture', International conference 'International Protection and Vulnerabilities', NANSEN, Brussels, 30 September 2022 (panel chair)
- Panel 'Les effets polymorphes du territoire en droit', Colloque: Le temps des territoires, 9-10 May 2022, Louvain-la-Neuve (panel chair)
- Workshop 'Preparing your interview – ethical practices and dilemmas', PhD Day, 9 March 2022, Leuven (workshop facilitator)
- Webinar 'Unaccompanied migrant children in the Netherlands: protection, integration, and transition to adulthood webinar', Netherlands Network of Human Rights Research, 24 June 2021 (panel member)
- Webinar 'The Fact/Value Distinction in Empirical-Legal Research and Young Researchers Present', VSR, 18 June 2021 (panel chair)
- Panel 'Migrants in a state of uncertainty' at VSR conference 'Law and uncertainty', 16-17 January 2020, Nijmegen (convener and chair)
- Seminar 'The Freedom of Movement in Intra-Schengen Border Areas: Challenges & Opportunities', Leiden University, The Hague, 10-11 December 2019 (invited participant)
- Panel 'Eligibility for family reunification: two paths, still no clarity?', workshop 'Family Reunification: An EU Law Perspective', Ghent, 11 October 2019 (chair)
- Panels 'Het hoger belang van het kind in de verblijfsprocedures' en 'Een kwalitatieve ondersteuning van de psychosociale noden van niet-begeleide minderjarigen', study day 'Naar een adequate bescherming van NBMV in België: uitdagingen en vooruitzichten', UNHCR, Brussels, 17 September 2019 (chair and concluding reflections of the day)
- Panel 'Persons in need of international protection', international conference 'Families Beyond Borders: Migration with or without Private International Law', Ghent, 28 March 2019 (chair)
- Panel 'Mensenrechten en migratie in België', Human Rights Day, Ghent, 10 December 2018 (co-convener and chair)
- Roundtable 'Interaction between legal and socio-legal empirical perspectives on migration', Social Sciences, Economics and Law (SSEL) U4 Conference on 'Current Challenges for a Sustainable Future', Göttingen, 22 November 2018 (co-convener and chair)
- International expert seminar 'Gender, Borders and Human Rights', Ghent, 28 May 2018 (discussant)
- Workshop 'Before Migration, Development?', International conference 'Controls and Hospitality. Towards Migration Policies which Strengthen Contemporary Democracy', Brussels, 4 May 2018 (discussant)
- Panel 'Free movement and the EU migration 'crisis'', International conference 'Freedom under Pressure', Ghent, 7-8 December 2017 (convener and chair)

- Panel 'Is there a Law and Development Methodology?', Law and Development Research Conference: Voices from the South, Antwerp, 20 September 2017 (panel member)
- Panel 'Vluchtelingenkinderen en staatloze kinderen' (Refugee children and stateless children), Conference 'De wisselwerking tussen Personen- en Familierecht en Onderwijsrecht', Hasselt, 14 september 2017 (panel member)
- Panel 'Surveillance Tech Export and Human Rights Law' on Privacy Camp 'Controlling Data, Controlling Machines: Dangers and Solutions', Brussels, 24 January 2017 (panel member)
- Panel 'Children's rights: An interdisciplinary perspective', Critical Interdisciplinary Course on Children's Rights, Ghent, 31 August 2016 (panel member)
- Panel 'Africa and China', International conference 'The Global Challenge of Human Rights Integration: Towards a User' Perspective', Ghent, 9-11 December 2015 (chair)
- Workshop 'The colonial present: unsettling global epistemologies and methodologies', Annual Research Day of the Ghent Centre for Global Studies, Ghent, 29 October 2015 (co-organiser and moderator)
- Panel 'Mapping the research of the network', Annual Research Day of the LAW&DEV network, 'Law and Development Studies in a Multidisciplinary Key', Ghent, 25 September 2015 (chair)
- Panel 'Working on natural resources and human rights: towards another development', International training programme Human Rights for Development (HR4DEV), Leuven, 27 August 2015 (convener and moderator)
- Panel 'Indigenous Peoples' Struggles and Human Rights' with indigenous leaders from Latin America, Sixth Multidisciplinary Meeting on Indigenous Peoples (EMPI), Ghent University, Ghent, 10-11 June 2015 (co-organiser and moderator)
- Panel 'Cornerstones of a critical approach to children's rights', International training programme Children's Rights in a Globalised World, Ghent, 15 August 2014 (panel member)
- Panel 'Policies, practices and challenges of natural resource exploitation', International training programme Human Rights for Development, Ghent, 7 August 2014 (convener and moderator)
- 'Makers, brokers, breakers: children and young people in legally plural worlds', panel at World Congress of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) 'Evolving Humanity, Emerging Worlds', University of Manchester, Manchester, 5-10 August 2013 (co-convener and co-chair, with Giselle Corradi)
- Panel 'Hoe omgaan met samenwerking met universiteiten in landen waar mensenrechten of academische vrijheid in het geding zijn', Theme evening Scholars at Risk, Ghent University, 7 May 2013 (panel member)
- Panel discussion on the rights-based approach to development, LAW&DEV Expert Seminar, Antwerp, 4 June 2012 (panel member)
- Panel 'Actors and paradigms: re-establishing meaningful relations' in the course 'Development: Actors and paradigms' of the Master programme Cultures and Development Studies (CADES), KU Leuven, 19 May 2011 (panel member)
- 'Inspiratie- en dialoogdag Vlaams Actieplan Kinderrechten: afsluitende beschouwingen', Brussels, 7 April 2011 (providing concluding reflections)
- Round table on codification of indigenous law, in the course Rechtspluralisme en Ontwikkeling, University of Amsterdam, 22 May 2007 (panel member)
- Participatory workshop on the identification of a project proposal, Mashunta, Peru, 17 July 2006 (facilitator)

#### **Membership of PhD guidance committees**

- Gilles Rouvroy (Ghent University), 'Taking legal doctrine seriously: a sociological case study of the argumentative practice of Belgian legal scholars (1948-2023)', supervisor Frederik Peeraer (2022-...)
- Gillian More (KU Leuven), 'The regularisation of residence rights of UK nationals living in the EU after Brexit: an evaluative study with a focus on Belgium and Germany', supervisor Elise Muir (2021-...)
- Geertrui Daem (Ghent University), 'Refugees in Identity Crisis: Interactions between Private International Law and Migration Law', supervisor Jinske Verhellen (2021-...)
- Laura Cools (Université catholique de Louvain), 'Intérêt supérieur de l'enfant en contexte migratoire. Analyse multi-méthodes du ressort des décisions des autorités en Belgique', supervisors Sylvie Saroléa and Laura Merla (2020-...).
- Ellen Vandennieuwenhuysen (University of Antwerp), 'The Legal Position of Foreign Nationals in the Event of a Criminal Conviction in Belgium', supervisors Joëlle Rozie and Dirk Vanheule (2019-...)
- Tefera Degu Addis (University of Antwerp), 'Environmental Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Large Scale Agricultural Investment Projects in Ethiopia', supervisor Koen De Feyter (2019-...)
- Marie Jacobs (Ghent University), 'Language and legal counselling: A linguistic ethnography of multilingual support in the legal assistance to asylum seekers in Belgium', supervisor Katrijn Maryns (2018-2022, defended)
- Isabela Warrioba (University of Antwerp), 'Localisation of human rights: a case study of early marriages in Shinyanga Region in Tanzania', supervisor Wouter Vandenhole (2017-2021, defended)



- Sarah Den Haese (Ghent University), ‘I Cross the Border and Carry with me... Cross-Border Civil Status: a Private International Law Issue from a Human Rights Perspective’, supervisor Jinske Verhellen (2016-2021, defended)
- Pascal Sundi (University of Antwerp), ‘Capacity Development as Strategy for a Human Rights-Based Approach to Development (HRBAD): the need for a reconceptualization. A case study of the DRC-UNICEF Sanitised Villages Programme in Bas-Fleuve’, supervisors Gert Verschraegen and Koen De Feyter (2014-2020, defended)
- Shisong Jiang (Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies/ University of Antwerp), ‘Human Rights Networks and International Human Rights Law: Do relations matter for the right to education of rural-urban migrant communities in China?’, supervisors Andrea de Guttry and Koen De Feyter (2014-2020, defended)
- Valeska David (Ghent University), ‘Crossing Divides and Seeing the Whole: An Integrated View of Cultural Difference and Economic Disadvantage in Regional Human Rights Courts’, supervisor Eva Brems (2014-2018, defended)
- Amelia Alva Arévalo (Ghent University), ‘Guaranteeing the ‘Right to Prior Consultation’ for Indigenous Peoples in the Amazon Basin in the Face of Large Extractive Projects: a Critical Evaluation of the Compatibility of National Legislation and Practice with International Human Rights Law in the Andean Countries Peru, Ecuador and Bolivia’, supervisors Yves Haeck and Clara Burbano-Herrera (2012-2018, defended)

### **Membership of PhD Examination Boards**

- The ‘Strategy’ in Strategic Litigation. The Why and How of Strategic Litigation by Civil Society Organizations in the Field of Asylum Law in Europe, Kris van der Pas, supervisors A.B. Terlouw, H.C.F.J.A. de Waele and E. Mastenbroek, to be defended on 10 September 2024
- ‘Voices across the Inter-American System of Human Rights on reparations of economic, social and cultural rights in transitions: interpreting needs and demanding rights’, Mayra Nuñez Pastor, supervisors Felipe Gómez Isa and Clara Burbano Herrera, University of Bilbao, defended on 22 May 2024
- ‘De harmonisatie van het asielbeleid in de EU. Een onderzoek naar het binnen de EU ontwikkelde asielbeleid, alsmede naar het nationale asielbeleid van een tweetal lidstaten’, Jolienke Roo, supervisors J. van der Harst and N. de Deugd, Utrecht University, defended on 18 January 2024
- ‘Transitional Justice as Communicative and Deliberative Process. A Multi-Method Exploration at the Intersection of Expressivism, Participation and Outreach’, Elke Evrard, supervisor Tine Destrooper, Ghent University, defended on 4 December 2023
- ‘Beyond the Dichotomy between Migrant Smuggling and Human Trafficking. A Belgian Case Study on the Governance of Migrants in Transit’, Roxane de Massol de Rebetz, supervisors M.A.H. van der Woude, M.J. van Meeteren and J.P. van der Leun, Leiden University, defended on 25 May 2023
- ‘Unmoored not adrift. Local perspectives on the politics of human rights and forced migration’, Sara Miellet, supervisors Barbara Oomen and Moritz Baumgärtel, Utrecht University, defended on 5 December 2022
- ‘Child-friendly justice in child custody and contact cases in the context of parental separation. An empirical-evaluative study of Belgian and Flemish practice’, Evelyn Merckx, supervisors Yves Haeck and Gerd Verschelden, Ghent University, defended on 15 November 2022
- ‘For Whom I Love I Want to Be Known: The Scope of EU Citizens’ Family Reunification Rights Addressing Legal Fragmentation in the European Union’s Multi-Layered Legal Order’, Hester Kroeze, supervisor Peter Van Elsuwege, Ghent University, defended on 17 December 2021
- ‘Vernacularisation of human rights: a case study of early marriages in Shinyanga Region in Tanzania’, Isabela Warioba, supervisor Wouter Vandenhole, University of Antwerp, defended on 8 December 2021
- ‘Crossing borders: proving your personal status. Interactions between private international law and human rights law’, Sarah Den Haese, supervisor Jinske Verhellen, Ghent University, defended on 20 October 2021
- ‘Catch-22 in the law of responsibility of international organizations. Systemic Deficiencies in the EU Responsibility Paradigm for Unlawful Human Rights Conduct in Integrated Border Management’, Joyce De Coninck, supervisors Inge Govaere and Peter Van Elsuwege, Ghent University, defended on 13 July 2021
- ‘Perceptions of procedural justice in cases of perceived discrimination’, Cathérine van de Graaf, supervisor Eva Brems, Ghent University, defended on 16 June 2021
- ‘A children’s rights perspective on privacy and data protection in the digital age. A critical and forward-looking analysis of the EU General Data Protection Regulation and its implementation with respect to children and youth’, Ingrida Milkaitė, supervisor Eva Lievens, Ghent University, defended on 28 May 2021
- ‘Sentencing the parents, punishing the children? The role of the child’s best interests in sentencing decisions concerning adult offenders’, Heleen Lauwereys, supervisor Wendy De Bondt, Ghent University, defended on 11 February 2021

- ‘Analyzing the Socio-Legal Realities of Informal Marriages in Rural Rwanda within the Broader Debate on Access to Land’, Katrijn Vanhees, supervisors Eva Brems and Giselle Corradi, Ghent University, defended on 19 December 2019
- ‘The Right to Prior Consultation of Indigenous Peoples: Evaluating National Legislation and Practice in Peru from an International Human Rights Law Perspective’, Amelia Alva Arévalo, supervisors Yves Haeck and Clara Burbano-Herrera, Ghent University, defended on 29 January 2019
- ‘Detention conditions in a cosmopolitan Europe’, Rebecca Deruiter, supervisors Gert Vermeulen and Tom Daems, Ghent University, Ghent University, defended on 3 September 2018
- ‘Rethinking the relationship between law, gender justice and traditions in India: from hostility to harmony’, Nidhi Gupta, supervisors Mark Van Hoecke and Eva Brems, Ghent University, defended on 6 July 2018
- ‘Crossing Divides and Seeing the Whole: An Integrated View of Cultural Difference and Economic Disadvantage in Regional Human Rights Courts’, Valeska David, supervisor Eva Brems, Ghent University, defended on 20 April 2018
- ‘Rights claims and conflict transformation in indigenous contexts: The case of the Awajún in Peru’, Nathalie Lefevre, supervisors Fiona Macaulay and Victor Martyn Housden, University of Bradford, defended on 8 January 2018
- ‘De kruisbestuiving tussen kinderrechten en mensenrechten op het domein van economische, sociale en culturele rechten’, Julie Ryngaert, supervisor Wouter Vandenhoele, University of Antwerp, defended on 3 June 2015
- ‘Dispositifs de conservation écorégionale et droits indigènes dans l’Amazonie Bolivienne: Les cas des Peuples du Madidi et Pilon Lajas’, José Marquez, supervisor Marc Mormont, Université de Liège, defended on 1 April 2015
- ‘El Ejercicio del Derecho a la Participación de los Pueblos Indígenas de la Amazonía Peruana’, Silvia Ordóñez, supervisor Xabier Etxeberria Mauleón, University of Deusto, Spain, defended on 27 March 2015 (member of reading committee)

#### **Organisation of scientific meetings**

- International Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Conference ‘The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 75: Rethinking and Constructing its Future Together’, 6-8 December 2023 (co-convener and co-organiser)
- International conference “(Dis)connecting People? The law and practice of family reunification”, Ghent University and University of Antwerp, Ghent, 9-10 September 2021 (co-convener and co-organiser)
- Research seminar ‘Trade agreements and human rights in Latin America’, GRILI and Human Rights Centre, Ghent, 22 May 2019 (co-convener and co-organiser)
- Study day ‘Rechten van niet-begeleide minderjarige vreemdelingen in België’, Ghent, 21 May 2019, 150 persons (co-convener and co-organiser)
- Conference ‘Het Migratiepact: kroniek van een crisis’, Ghent, 8 May 2019, 65 persons (co-convener and co-organiser)
- Public lecture, ‘The Global Compact on Migration: A stepping stone towards better cooperation?’, prof. François Crépeau, International Francqui Chair UCL and Mc-Gill University, Ghent, 29 March 2018 (co-organiser)
- International Conference ‘Freedom under Pressure’, Ghent, 7-8 December 2017 (co-convener and co-organiser)
- Research seminar ‘Kinderrechten en diversiteit in onderzoek’, Antwerp, 25 February 2016, 35 persons (co-convener and main organiser)
- International conference ‘The Global Challenge of Human Rights Integration: Towards a Users’ Perspective’, Ghent, 9-11 December 2015, 200 persons (co-convener and main organiser)
- Children’s Rights Research Symposium, Antwerp, 14-15 October 2015, 35 persons (co-convener and co-organiser)
- Annual Research Day of the LAW&DEV network, ‘Law and Development Studies in a Multidisciplinary Key’, Ghent, 25 September 2015, 25 persons (co-convener and co-organiser)
- Sixth Multidisciplinary Meeting on Indigenous Peoples (EMPI), Ghent, 10-11 June 2015, 50 persons (co-organiser)
- International expert seminar ‘Rewriting Judgments from a Human Rights Integration Perspective’, Middelburg, the Netherlands, 7-8 May 2015, 20 persons (co-convener and co-organiser)
- International seminar ‘The right to education of rural-urban migrant households in Chongqing, China’, Antwerp, 23 February 2015, 30 persons (co-convener and main organiser)
- International expert seminar ‘Children’s rights law in the global human rights landscape: isolation, inspiration, integration?’, Ghent, 5 November 2014, 45 persons (co-convener and main organiser)

- Research launch ‘The Human Rights Council from Below. A Case Study of the Declaration on the Rights of Peasants’, Antwerp, 13 June 2014, 40 persons (co-convener and main organiser)
- Closed international seminar ‘Localising human rights research projects: discussion and feedback session’, Antwerp, 15 March 2013, 15 persons (main organiser)
- International expert seminar ‘Localising human rights: towards empirical research’, Antwerp, 14 March 2013, 65 persons (co-convener and main organiser)
- Kick-off meeting of IAP ‘The Global Challenge of Human Rights Integration: Towards a Users’ Perspective’, Affligem, 11-12 March 2013, 30 persons (main organiser)

#### **Organisation of PhD classes and training seminars**

- MigrLaw research seminar with Thomas Spijkerboer (VU Amsterdam), Ghent, 28 June 2023
- Human Rights Law taking up the Migration Challenge?, class of excellence with prof. François Crépeau, International Francqui Chair UCL and Mc Gill University, Ghent, 29 March 2018 (co-organiser and co-chair)
- Human rights talk between the global and the local, Antwerp, 13 June 2014
- Qualitative analysis and NVivo, Antwerp, 12 June 2014
- Basics of qualitative data analysis, Antwerp, 11 June 2014
- Interdisciplinary human rights methodology, Antwerp, 13 March 2013 (afternoon)
- Semi-structured interviews, Antwerp, 13 March 2013 (morning)
- Adopting a users’ perspective in human rights research, Ghent, 23 January 2013

#### **Research stays abroad**

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- Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (Peru): visiting researcher at the Law Faculty and ethnographic fieldwork in the Peruvian Amazon
  - o April-May 2009
  - o August-September 2007
  - o March-September 2006
  - o July-September 2003

#### **Teaching**

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##### Current courses

Since 2022-23:

- *Global Minds. Debating global justice in a critical and interdisciplinary way* (co-lecturer), Ghent University Elective Course

Since 2020-2021:

- *Street Law: Migration law* (in Dutch), Ghent University, Master of Laws in Laws

Since 2019-2020:

- *Research Module III: Global Discourse and Narratives of Crime* (20h), Ghent University, International Master of Science in Advanced Research in Criminology: Border Crossing, Security and Social Justice (IMARC)

Since 2017-2018:

- *European and International Migration Law and Policy* (45h), Ghent University, Master of Laws in Laws, Master of Science in Criminological Sciences, International Master of Science in Advanced Research in Criminology: Border Crossing, Security and Social Justice (IMARC) (lecturer-in-charge)
- *General Principles of Law* (45h) (in Dutch), Ghent University, Bachelor of Science in Communication Science, Bachelor of Science in Political Science, Bachelor of Science in Sociology (lecturer-in-charge) (until 2021-22)

Since 2016-2017:

- *Migration law* (30h – as from 2020: 45 h) (in Dutch), Ghent University, Master of Laws in Laws and Master of Science in Criminological Sciences (lecturer-in-charge)
- *Law and Society (before ‘Legal anthropology’)* (30h) (in Dutch), Ghent University, Bachelor of Laws in Laws a.o. (co-lecturer, as from 2017-2018: lecturer-in-charge)
- *Human Rights and Migration Law Clinic* (45h): Coordination of the migration law component, Ghent University, Master of Laws in Laws and Master of Laws in International and European Law (co-lecturer)

#### Additional education initiatives

- 'De minderjarige vreemdeling in het Belgische asiel- en migratierecht', Bijzondere Opleiding Jeugd en Kinderrechten, Flemish Bar Association, 20 October 2022 (with Laura Cools); 4 June 2024
- 'Inleiding tot het Migratierecht', training for Justitiehuis Gent, 24 April 2023
- 'Minderjarigen in migratie(recht)', World Social Work Day, Ghent, 21 March 2023
- 'International Migration and Refugee Law Moot Court Competition', winning of first edition, hosted by VU Amsterdam (2019); hosting of second edition (2022)
- 'Global legal and ethical aspects of migration', Honours Programme *Think & Talk*, Ghent University (with Sigrid Sterckx), 2021
- 'Inleiding tot het Migratierecht', Banaba Intercultural Management (CIMIC), Thomas More University College, Mechelen, 2018 – 2020

#### Lectures in international and post-academic courses

- 'Children and young people in the asylum procedure', Summer school 'Refugee children and families in Europe', Odisee University of Applied Sciences, Brussels, 29 June 2022
- 'International migration policy', International Summer School Health & Migration, Ghent, 10 July 2019
- 'Kinderrechten en migratie', Post-academic course 'Kinderen in een migratiecontext. Een holistische en interdisciplinaire kijk', organised by CESSMIR, Ghent, 20 April 2017 and 17 May 2018
- 'A context-sensitive approach to human rights', International training programme Human Rights and Sustainable Development (SUSTLAW), Antwerp, 17 February 2017
- 'Natural Resources and Actor-oriented Approaches to Human Rights', International training programme Human Rights for Development (HR4DEV), Leuven, 24 August 2015
- Documentary 'Law of the Jungle', introduction and moderation of debate, International training programme Human Rights for Development (HR4DEV), Ghent, 6 August 2014 and Leuven, 24 August 2015
- 'Legal pluralism and human rights' (workshop), International training programme Human Rights for Development (HR4DEV), Ghent, 6 August 2014
- 'The cultural defense', International training programme Human Rights for Development (HR4DEV), Antwerp, 21 August 2012
- 'Human rights and legal pluralism – Nature conservation in Peru' (workshop), International training programme Human Rights for Development (HR4DEV), Antwerp, 7 August 2012
- 'Kinderrechtelijke analyse' in 'Kinderrechten en diversiteit (multiculturaliteit)', Post-Academische Vorming Kinderrechten: springplank of struikelblok, Ghent, 27 November 2009

#### Organisation of international and post-academic courses, and capacity building events

- International Migration and Refugee Law Moot Court Competition, Ghent, 17-18 March 2022 (main organiser)
- Practice-oriented training 'Future orientation with and for irregular migrants', Ghent, October-November 2021 (co-organiser)
- Intervention on statelessness, organised by the Human Rights and Migration Law Clinic (UGent) and UNHCR, Brussels, 7 September 2017
- Post-academic course 'Kinderen in een migratiecontext. Een holistische en interdisciplinaire kijk', organised by CESSMIR, Ghent (co-organiser)
  - o April – May 2017
  - o May – June 2018
  - o May – June 2021 (webinars)
- International Training Programme 'Human Rights for Development' (HR4DEV) (co-organiser)
  - o Antwerp, 30 July – 24 August 2012
  - o Ghent, 27 July – 22 August 2014
  - o Leuven, 16 August – 11 September 2015
- Post-academic Course (PAVO), 'Kinderrechten tussen individuele responsabilisering en maatschappelijke verantwoordelijkheid', October-November 2011, Ghent-Antwerp-Brussels-Leuven (co-organiser)
- Short Training Initiative 'Children's Rights in a Globalized World', Ghent-Antwerp, 5-17 September 2010 (co-organiser)

#### Institutional responsibilities

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- Commission for Diversity, Faculty of Law and Criminology, Ghent University, 2021 – present
- Commission for Scientific Research (FCWO), Faculty of Law and Criminology, Ghent University, 2019 – present

- Ombudsperson for PhD students (substitute), Faculty of Law and Criminology, Ghent University, 2019 – present
- Faculty Ethics Committee, Faculty of Law and Criminology, Ghent University, 2019 – present
- Faculty Board, Faculty of Law and Criminology, Ghent University, 2018 – present
- Educational Commission, Faculty of Law and Criminology, Ghent University, 2018 – 2022
- ReMIEC (Research Master's programme in European and International Criminology) / IMARC (International Master's in Advanced Research in Criminology) Consortium Board, 2017 – present
- Internship Commission, Faculty of Law and Criminology, Ghent University, 2017 – 2021
- Steering Committee of the Scholars at Risk Network, Ghent University, 2014 – present

### **Commissions of trust**

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- Evaluator of research proposals for the Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique (FNRS) and the National Science Center of Poland, 2023
- Associate editor of *Legal Pluralism and Critical Social Analysis*, 2022 – present
- Editorial board of *Revue belge de droit international – Belgian Review of International Law*, 2022 – 2024
- Evaluator of research proposal for the Trond Mohn Foundation (Norway), 2021
- Evaluator of NWO Talent Programme Veni – Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) (the Netherlands), 2020
- Evaluator of research proposal for Riksbanksen Jubileumsfond – The Swedish Foundation for Humanities and Social Sciences, 2019
- Evaluator of the Children's Rights Moot Court Competition of the Leiden Law School, 2017 (case on refugee rights)
- Editorial board of *Tijdschrift voor Vreemdelingenrecht* (Journal of Migration Law), 2016 – present
- Editorial advisory board of the *International Journal of Children's Rights*, 2015 – present
- Editorial board of *Tijdschrift voor Jeugd en Kinderrechten*, 2011 – 2021
- Reviewer for international journals, such as *Childhood*, *Third World Quarterly*, *The Journal of Legal Pluralism and Unofficial Law*, *DiGeSt - Journal of Diversity and Gender Studies*, *Social Inclusion*, *Human Rights & International Legal Discourse*, *Land Use Policy*, *Current Opinion in Environmental Sustainability*, *Anthropologie et Sociétés*, *Antípoda - Revista de Antropología y Arqueología*
- Reviewer for international publishers and research institutions, such as *Cambridge University Press*, *Intersentia*, *the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru*, *Maastricht University* and the *CROP Book Series in International Poverty Studies*

### **Membership of scientific societies**

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- Promoter of the interdisciplinary research consortium 'UGent Human Rights Network' (2020-2023), co-supervisor-spokesperson (2023-present)
- Executive body member of the Commission on Legal Pluralism, 2022-2024
- Board member of the Dutch-Flemish Law and Society Association (VSR), 2021 – present
- Promoter of the interdisciplinary research consortium 'CESSMIR: Migration and Social Mobility: Impact through Participation' (2020 – present); steering board member (2022-present)
- Promoter of the interdisciplinary research consortium 'Crime, Criminology and Criminal Policy' (CCCP), 2017 – present
- Promoter of the Centre for the Social Study of Migration and Refugees (CESSMIR), 2016 – present
- Board member of the Children's Rights Knowledge Centre (KeKi), 2016 – 2019
- Member of the Ghent Rolin-Jaequemyns International Law Institute (GRILI), 2015 – present
- General Assembly member of the Children's Rights Knowledge Centre (KeKi), 2013 – 2016, 2019 – 2021
- Member of the Human Rights Centre, Ghent University, 2012 – present
- Member of the Inter-University Network on Law and Development (LAW&DEV), 2011 – present

### **Academic service delivery to society**

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#### Policy advice and consultations

- 'Psychologische kwetsbaarheid van verzoekers om internationale bescherming: juridische aspecten', presentation for working group of the Superior Health Council, 16 January 2024

- 'Migratiebeleid: Enkele knelpunten, uitdagingen en toekomstperspectieven', Benelux Interparliamentary Assembly, Middelburg, 1 December 2023.
- Member of research visitation Onderzoekscentrum Staat & Recht, Radboud University Nijmegen, November 2022
- Third party intervention before the European Court of Human Rights in *Fatoumata Diaraye Barry v. Belgium*, by the Human Rights Centre and CESSMIR, March 2022, written by Mathilde Brackx, Laura Cools, Ilse Derluyn, Ellen Desmet, Laurens Lavrysen, Sara Lembrechts, Annelies Nachtergaele and Jinske Verhellen
- Member of reflection group 'Promoting a Dialogue on Migration', coordinated by the Egmont Institute and the European Policy Centre, 2021 - present
- Recommendations for a new Migration Code, June 2021
- Opinion on the proposal for a resolution of 30 September 2020 on the introduction of a humane European migration model that effectively combats human smuggling and illegal migration, December 2020
- Input for the First Regional Review of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in the UNECE Region, October 2020
- Asylum and migration law expert for Belgium for the European Union's Agency for Fundamental Rights multidisciplinary research network, FRANET (2018 – present)
- Expert invited for the hearing at the Commission for External Relations of the Belgian Parliament on the Global Compact for Migration, Brussels, 4 December 2018
- Third party intervention before the European Court of Human Rights in *Basra v. Belgium*, in collaboration with NANSEN, EDEM (Equipe droits européens et migrations de l'Université catholique de Louvain-la-Neuve) and the Equality Law Clinic (Université libre de Bruxelles), January 2018
- Advisory group of CSO stakeholders on World Bank Consultations on the Bank's proposed Environmental and Social Framework, 2015 (member)
- Comments on the draft text of the declaration on the right of peoples and individuals to international solidarity, University of Antwerp, 26 February 2015 (co-author)
- Update and Review of the World Bank's Environmental and Social Safeguard Policies, consultation meeting, 10 November 2014
- Module 'Human Rights and Development', Belgian Technical Cooperation (BTC), Info Cycle, consultation meeting, 10 October 2014
- Submission to the Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity on the preliminary text of a draft declaration on the right of peoples and individuals to international solidarity, University of Antwerp, 15 November 2013 (co-author)
- 'Kinderrechten. Reflectietekst van het Kenniscentrum Kinderrechten', policy advice document, April 2012, www.keki.be (main author)
- 'Evaluatie van de kind- en jongereneffectrapportage (JoKER). Beleidsadvies van het Kenniscentrum Kinderrechten', March 2012, www.keki.be (main author, with Hanne Op de Beeck and Wouter Vandenhole)
- 'Reflecties van het Kenniscentrum Kinderrechten naar aanleiding van de bevraging van de Raad van Europa over een eerste ontwerp van strategie kinderrechten 2012-2015', policy advice document, August 2011 (main author)
- 'Reflecties van het Kenniscentrum Kinderrechten m.b.t. het Vlaams Actieplan Kinderrechten 2011-2014', policy advice document, July 2011 (main author)
- 'Reflecties op het document 'Vlaams Jeugdbeleidsplan - Insteek van de Werkgroepen' van 1 juni 2010', policy advice document, June 2010 (main author)

#### Contribution to university development cooperation

- Co-promoter of international training programme 'Sustainable Development and Human Rights Law' (SUSTLAW), Antwerp, 11 April – 10 June 2016
- 'Life and/after VLADOC', presentation at PhD Welcome Day, organized by VLIR-UOS, Brussels, 26 October 2015
- Co-organisation of International training programme 'Human Rights for Development (HR4DEV)', Antwerp, 30 July – 24 August 2012; Ghent, 27 July – 22 August 2014; Leuven, 16 August – 11 September 2015
- 'The pleasures and pains of a PhD', Pecha Kucha presentation at PhD Welcome Day, organized by VLIR-UOS, Brussels, 18 October 2011
- Co-organisation of international interdisciplinary course 'Children's Rights in a Globalized World', Ghent-Antwerp, 5-17 September 2010



Science communication to a wider public (selection)

*Contributions in the press* (Ter Zake, VRT NWS, VTM, De Standaard, De Morgen, De Tijd, Het Nieuwsblad, Het Laatste Nieuws, Het Belang van Limburg, MO\*, De Juristenkrant, NRC etc.)

*Public presentations, debates and arts projects relating to migration law and human rights*

- [‘Mag iedereen binnen in de Europese Unie?’](#), *HLN legt Europa uit*, 2 May 2024
- ‘A multidisciplinary view on migration: a legal perspective’, UNYA, 25 March 2024
- ‘Inleiding tot het migratierecht’, Bar Association West-Flanders, 13 March 2024
- Panel ‘Een progressief asiel- en migratiebeleid?’, Denktank Minerva, Brussels, 23 October 2023
- Podcast [‘t Zijn uw zaken wel: M.A. en de ‘Soedan-affaire’](#), *Tijd voor Mensenrechten*, 4 September 2023
- Lunch debate with Behrouz Bouchani on immigration detention and the Australian policy of offshore detention, organized by 11.11.11, Caritas International and Move, Brussels, 9 June 2023 (panel member)
- Wetenschapscafé ‘Mensenrechten: geen dode letter’, Bruges, 14 March 2023
- ‘Wat doet migratie(recht) met mensen(rechten)?’, Human Rights @ De Krook, Ghent, 7 February 2023 (convener and panel member)
- Steering group, exposition on the Refugee Convention ‘Vluchtverhalen’, Red Star Line Museum, 2021-2022 + presentation ‘Internationale bescherming in België’, 16 June 2022
- ‘Het grote asiel en-migratiedebat. Geprangd tussen staat en stad’, 32ste Gentse Feestendebatten, 24 July 2021
- [‘Mishandeld bij de Europese buitengrens’](#), on push-backs at the Croatian border, podcast VRT NWS, 25 May 2021
- [‘Wat zegt de wetenschap over de Conventie van Genève?’](#), video Universiteit van Vlaanderen, December 2019
- ‘Boekvoorstelling: Mensenrechten in crisis?’, panel at library De Krook, Ghent, 25 June 2019 (panel member)
- ‘Het Grote Asieldebat’, debate organised by Vluchtelingenwerk Vlaanderen, Brussels, 11 May 2019 (fact checker)
- ‘Het Migratiepact’, third grade secondary school, Sint-Aloysiuscollege, Ninove, 22 January 2019
- ‘Fine Arts & Human Rights. A Unique Dialogue between Arts and Human Rights’, movie project by the Royal Museums of Fine Arts of Belgium and Amnesty International, launched on 18 December 2018
- ‘The UN Migration Pact’, lecture organised by UNYA Ghent and Ghent Model United Nations, Ghent, 3 December 2018
- ‘Migratie en asiel in België en Europa: een stand van zaken’, Library of Geraardsbergen, 11 October 2018
- ‘Opkomen voor kinderrechten en voor een menselijk migratiebeleid’, Oudenaarde, 21 February 2018 (panel member)
- ‘Migratie: Mythes en Mensenrechten’, lecture, Davidsfonds Wervik en Geluwe, 10 December 2017
- Panel ‘Geen misdaad begaan, wel opgesloten?’, debate on immigration detention in Belgium, League for Human Rights, 22 November 2017 (panel member)
- Research on Stage on religious diversity in the classroom, ‘Dees geloofde ni! Levensbeschouwelijke diversiteit integreren in de klas’, Children’s Rights Knowledge Centre, 26 October 2017 (introduction)
- ‘Mensenrechtenverdedigers’, at ‘Kleine Helden. Mensenrechtenactivisten aan het woord’, organised by Broederlijk Delen and the Human Rights Centre of UGent, 9 October 2017 (+ moderator of debate)
- ‘Migratie en mensenrechten in perspectief’, Kunst op de vlucht, Toneelhuis, Antwerp, 16 June 2017
- ‘Grensgeval’, theatre play of Guy Cassiers, Toneelhuis, Antwerp, 7 May 2017 (moderator and discussant), transcribed in ‘De schizofrenie van Europa’, *Toneelg(e)ruis*, no. 11, December 2017, 56-61.
- ‘Een wereld zonder vluchtelingen: een utopie?’, debate organized by Amnesty Students Leuven, 3 May 2017 (panel member)
- ‘Vluchtelingen en mensenrechten’, lecture at course organized by Davidsfonds Academie (with SAR, CESSMIR and Amnesty International), 18 April 2017
- ‘Climate change and migration: a legal perspective’, Master Class Sustainable Development, Brussels, 20 November 2016
- ‘Mensenrechten en Ontwikkeling’, Belgian Technical Cooperation, Info Cycle, 31 May 2015, 4 October 2015, 7 February 2016 and 25 September 2016
- ‘Human Rights and Extractive Industries’, VAIS project ‘Generation Transition’, Lokeren, 25 October 2015
- Documentary ‘Law of the Jungle’, introduction and debate, ATP and Environment Committee Faculty of Law, Ghent University, 10 March 2015
- ‘Resource exploitation and human rights: a critical perspective’, VAIS project ‘Generation Transition’, Lokeren, 6 December 2014
- ‘Ontwikkeling in Spanning’, Broederlijk Delen, Brussels, 10 May 2012

- 'Development (cooperation) at the Putumayo River', Information Cycle of the Belgian Technical Cooperation (BTC), 9 October 2010, 10 March 2012, 21 September 2013
- 'Partnerschap met organisaties in het zuiden', Encounter Evening East Flanders, organized by the Province of East Flanders and the Fourth Pillar Support Centre, 24 June 2009
- 'Samen leven in het Amazonewoud', Davidsfonds Wervik-Komen and the Working Group Development Cooperation Wervik-Geluwe, 5 February 2007
- 'Inheemse volken en bossen', Annual Congress of the Youth Council for Nature and Environment (JNM), 12 December 2005

## **Skills**

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### Language skills

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

### Computer skills

Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Outlook, Adobe Acrobat Professional, NVivo, Lime Survey

## **Societal engagement (selection)**

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- Myria - Federal Migration Centre, board member, 2021 – present
- Unia - Interfederal Centre for Equal Opportunities, board member, 2021 – present
- Academic network 'Wellbeing, Vulnerability and Resilience / FRAGIL' of Fedasil (Federal Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers), 2019 – present
- Community Ghent, Thematic working group on 'diversity', 2019 – present
- NANSEN, the Belgian Refugee Council, co-founder and board member (2017-2023), chair (2023-present)
- Join For Water / Protos, board member, 2011 – 2016
- Municipal Advisory Council for Development Cooperation of Ghent (STAR), member, 2011 – 2015
- North-South Platform of Ghent (GONZ), member, 2011– 2015
- Broederlijk Delen, International Programmes Commission, member, 2010 – 2016
- Putumayo, co-founder, board member (2002-2018), South coordinator (2005-2007), chair (2007-2014)