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WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2016 - Assistant Professor Practical Philosophy RU Nijmegen, Netherlands
- 2015 - 2017 Assistant Professor Political Theory RU Nijmegen, Netherlands
- 2012-2015 Post-Doctoral Researcher Leuven, Belgium
- Funded by: Fonds Wettenschappelijk Onderzoek Vlanderen (FWO)
 - Research Areas: Europe, Migration, Racism, Political-Theology, Religion
 - Topic of Research Grant: *European Identity and Exclusion*
- 2009-2011 Post-Doctoral Researcher Eindhoven, Netherlands
- Funded by: Nederlands Wettenschappelijk Onderzoek (NWO)
 - Research Areas: Responsibility, Judgment, Ethics, Military Ethics
- 2009-2011, 2014 Lecturer in Rhetoric & Communication Brussels, Belgium
- Masters Courses in Political Rhetoric & Communication at the Uni. of Kent
- 2009 Post-Doctoral Researcher Leuven, Belgium
- Funded by KU Leuven
 - Organization of *A World Without Politics* and *Gender & Politics* Conferences

EDUCATION

- 2010 - 2011 TU Eindhoven Eindhoven, Netherlands
- University Teaching Degree (*Basiskwalificatie Onderwijs*)
- 2003 - 2008 K.U. Leuven Leuven, Belgium
- *PhD in Philosophy*
 - Final Year Scholarship & Winner of the Auschwitz Foundation Prize
 - Thesis: *A Political Ethics of Intersubjectivity: Between Hannah Arendt, Emmanuel Levinas and the Judaic*
- 2006 - 2009 K.U. Leuven Leuven, Belgium
- *High School Philosophy Teaching Degree (Academische Lerarenopleiding)*
- 2000 - 2002 K.U. Leuven Leuven, Belgium
- *Master in Philosophy*
 - Thesis: *Hannah Arendt & The Role of Narrative in a Political Framework.*
 - Magna Cum Laude: 83.28%
- 1997 - 2000 McGill University Montreal, Canada
- *B.A. Honours Philosophy*
 - Thesis: *Heidegger's Interpretation of Kant and the Problem of Metaphysics*
 - CGPA 3.6/4.0 Honours
- 1995 - 1999 McGill University Montreal, Canada
- *B.Sc. Major in Biochemistry*, specialisation in biomedical ethics
 - CGPA 3.5/4.0 Honours
 - J.W. McConnell Scholarship for all 4 years

**DISTINCTIONS
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PRIZES**

March 2018: Christine Mohrmann Grant, Radboud University

- 60,000 € grant

June 2017: Netherlands Research Funds ASPASIA Grant

- 200,000 € grant

January-June 2014: Visiting Research Fellow at Columbia University
(Due to a personal tragedy in my family, I did not take up this fellowship)

April-July 2013: Visiting Research Fellow at University of London

- Pears Institute for the Study of Antisemitism, Birkbeck

2012-15: Flemish Research Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship

2008-9: Winner of the Auschwitz Foundation Prize, In Memory of David Lachman

- Cash Prize of 2500 €
- Awarded for my doctoral thesis.
- Award Ceremony held in December 2009 in Brussels

2007-8: Final Year Scholarship Awarded by the H.I.W, KU Leuven

Winner of Final Debate on The European Constitution and Integration Process

- Debate presided by Belgian Prime Minister Mark Eyskens in the EU Parliament

June 2004: Notre-Dame Erasmus International Fellowship

- Topic: Religion and Politics
- All expenses paid by the fellowship (travel to USA, accommodations, etc)

McGill University J.W. McConnell Scholarship

- Full Scholarship for 4 years of study (40,000 \$ CAD)
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PUBLICATIONS

Academic books; as author (IBa)

(2015). *Arendt, Levinas and A Politics of Relationality*. In: Assiter A., van der Zweerde E. (Eds.), bookseries: Reframing the Boundaries: Thinking the Political. London: Rowman & Littlefield International. 304 pages.

Academic books; as editor (IBe)

(2016). *Is there a Judeo-Christian Tradition? A European Perspective*. (Topolski, A., Ed., Nathan, E., Ed.). De Gruyter.

Articles in internationally reviewed academic journals; as editor (ITe)

(2019) Special Issue of the Journal *The European Legacy* on Judith Butler's *Parting Ways*. Co-edited with Louis Klee. Response by Judith Butler.

(2018) Special Issue of the Journal *Political Theology* on Jean Bodin. Co-edited with James Renton.

Articles in internationally reviewed academic journals (IT)

Rejecting the Rhetoric of Uniqueness: The First Step Towards Semitic Solidarity. *Jewish Quarterly*. **Under Review**

- The Dangerous Discourse of the 'Judeo-Christian' Myth: Masking the Race-Religion Constellation in Europe. *Patterns of Prejudice*. **Under Review**
- (2019) Is Israel Europe's Prodigal Son? *Jewishness* Unveils the Limits of the Westphalian Race-State. Special Issue of the Journal *The European Legacy* on Judith Butler's *Parting Ways*. (Forthcoming)
- (2018) Breaking the Post-Shoah Silence About Race in Europe: Whiteness, Antisemitism and Islamophobia. *Critical Philosophy of Race*. (Forthcoming)
- (2018) La constellation race-religion: langage, libération et colonialisme. *Actes du colloque. Les Modernités Contestées*. UCAD, Dakar. (Forthcoming)
- (2018) The Race-Religion Intersection: A European Contribution to the Critical Philosophy of Race. *Critical Philosophy of Race*. Issue 6.1
- (2017) Good Jew, Bad Jew: 'Managing' Europe's Others. *Ethnic and Racial Studies* (Special issue on 'Islamophobia and Surveillance: Genealogies of a Global Order'). Ed. James Renton. www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/01419870.2018.1391402
- (2017). The Islamophobic Inheritance of the Resurrected Saint Paul: From F.C. Baur's Judeo-Christianity to Badiou and Žižek's Event. *ReOrient: The Journal of Critical Muslim Studies*. Vol II, No. 1
- (2016). Tzedakah: The True Religion of Spinoza's Tractatus? *History of Political Thought*, 37(1), pp. 78-106.
- (2015). *Dispatches from the Diaspora: On the Jewish Question, Anti-Semitism, Israel and Zionism*. In: Journal of the British Society of Phenomenology.
- (2015). Secularism: The Genealogy of Laïcité in France. Assimilation: From the 19th to the 21st century. Multiculturalism: A Hopeful Plea for Europe). *Ethnicities*, 15(2), 8-13.
- (2014). Spinoza's True Religion: The Modern Origins of a Contemporary Floating Signifier. *Societate si Politica*, 8(1), 41-59.
- (2014). Relationality: An Ethical Response to the Tensions of Network Enabled Operations in the Kunduz Airstrikes. *Journal of Military Ethics*, 13(2), 158-173.
- (2014). Relationality as a 'Foundation' for Human Rights: Exploring the Paradox with Hannah Arendt and Emmanuel Levinas. *Theoria and Praxis. International Journal of Interdisciplinary Thought*, 2(1), 1-17.
- (2013). Power, Peace and the Political: Arendt's Alternative to Perpetual Peace. *Journal of Peace Studies*, 6(3), 57-68.
- (2012). Gendering the Contemporary Debates in Political Philosophy. *Hypatia. A Journal of Feminist Philosophy*, 27(1), 231-236.
- (2011). The Ethics and Politics of Teshuvah: Lessons from Emmanuel Levinas and Hannah Arendt. *The University of Toronto Journal of Jewish Thought*, 2 (epub).
- (2011). The Right To Be Children: An Arendtian Exploration of Our Responsibility To Grow Up. *Childhood & Philosophy*, 7(14), 171-190.
- (2010). Reconsidering Rebekah: Struggles with Faith and Jewish Tradition. *Bridges: A Jewish Feminist Journal*, 15(2), 12-19.

(2008). Creating Citizens in the Classroom. Hannah Arendt's Political Critique of Education. *Ethical Perspectives*, 15(2), 259-282.

Article in academic book (IHb)

(2016). A Tale of Europe's Identity Crisis by Way of the 'Judeo-Christian' Signifier. In: Topolski A., Nathan E. (Eds.), *Is there a Judeo-Christian Tradition? A European Perspective*. De Gruyter.

(2016). The Myth of a Judeo-Christian Tradition: Introducing a European Perspective. In: Topolski A., Nathan E. (Eds.), *Is there a Judeo-Christian Tradition? A European Perspective*. De Gruyter.

(2016). Hannah Arendt's Philosophy of Education. In: Cooper J. (Eds.), *Routledge Encyclopaedia of Educational Thinkers*. Routledge.

(2015). With Bracke, S., and N. Fadil. Religie, de zevende betekenaar. In: Coene, G., Van Den Bossche, M. (Eds.), *Vrij(heid) van religie*. VUB Press.

(2015). Mourning the Loss of My Daughter: The Failure of Inter-Faith Bereavement Rituals (forthcoming). In: Moyaert M., Geldhof J. (Eds.), *Ritual Participation and Interreligious Dialogue: Boundaries, Transgressions and Innovations*. Bloomsbury Academic.

(2014). Les origines judaïques de la Vera Religio de Spinoza. In: Landenne Q., Storme T. (Eds.), bookseries: Philosophie politique: généalogies et actualités, *L'actualité du Tractatus de Spinoza et la question théologico-politique*, Chapt. 8. Bruxelles: Editions de l'Université de Bruxelles, 121-134.

(2014) With Royyakers, L. Military Robotics & Relationality: Criteria for Ethical Decision-Making. van den Hoven J. et al. (Eds.), *Responsible Innovation 1*, (Dordrecht: Springer Netherlands), 351–67.

(2013). Les Droits de l'Homme au-delà de L'Être : À la recherche d'un sens post-fondationniste chez Arendt et Levinas. In: Botbol-Baum M., Roviello A. (Eds.), bookseries: Annales de l'Institut de Philosophie de l'Université Libre de Bruxelles, *Arrachement et Evasion: Levinas et Arendt Face à l'Histoire*. Paris: Vrin, 163-187.

(2013). Hannah Arendt en Kinderrechten: Het recht om niet te hoeven vechten voor je rechten. In: de Graaf J. (Eds.), bookseries: Ars Aequi Libri, *Kind, recht en filosofie*. Amsterdam: Universiteit van Amsterdam.

(2013). An Ethics of Relationality: Destabilising the Exclusionary Frame of Us versus Them. In: Ingelaere B., Parmentier S., Haers J., Segaert B. (Eds.), bookseries: Rethinking Political Violence, *Genocide, Risk and Resilience: An Interdisciplinary Approach*, Chapt. 5. Basingstoke: Palgrave, 85-97.

(2012). Was European Multiculturalism Destined To Fail?. In: Garner S., Kavak S. (Eds.), *Debating Multiculturalism 2*. London: Dialogue Society, 85-98.

(2010). Peacekeeping without Banisters: The Need For New Practices That Go Beyond Just War Theory. In: M. F. (Eds.), *At War For Peace*. Oxford: Inter-Disciplinary Press, 45-56.

(2009). Listening to the Language of the Other. In: Hofmeyr B. (Eds.), *Radical Passivity: Rethinking Ethical Agency in Levinas*. Dordrecht: Springer, 180-208.

(2008). On Freedom in Athens and Jerusalem: Arendt's Political Challenge to Levinas' Ethics of Responsibility. In: Burggraeve R. (Eds.), *The Awakening to the Other: A*

Provocative Dialogue with Emmanuel Levinas. Leuven: Peeters, 215-240.

(2007). Universal Political Messianism: A Dialogue with Emmanuel Levinas' First Talmudic Reading. In: Crombez T., Vloeberghs K. (Eds.), *On the Outlook: Figures of the Messianic*. Cambridge: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 141-150.

(2005). The past as a possible obstacle to Poland's future: dialogue and reconciliation. In: Buksinski T., Dobrzanski D. (Eds.), *Eastern Europe and the challenges of globalization*. Washington: CRVP, 271-282.

Article in other academic book (AHb)

(2014). In verscheidenheid verenigd? De mythe van een Europese eenheid. In: De Bom E. (Eds.), *Europese Gedachten. Beschouwingen over de toekomst van de Europese Unie*, Chapt. 4. Kalmthout - Zoetermeer: Pelckmans - Klement, 95-108.

(2009). "De kinderen in haar lichaam botsten hard tegen elkaar" (Ber 25,22): De Worsteling Tussen Rebekah en Jakob. In: Moyaert M. (Eds.), *Worsteling met het woord*, Chapt. 11. Kapellen: Pelckmans: Mens & Tijd, 141-155.

Translations

(2009) Original text by Levinas, E. *Sociality and Money*. Bangalore: Dharmaram Publications.

Reviews (RE)

(2015). *The Muslims Are Coming! Islamophobia, Extremism, and the Domestic War on Terror* by Arun Kundnani. In: *Studies in Interreligious Dialogue*: Kok Pharos Pub. House.

(2012). *The Crises of Multiculturalism: Racism in a Neoliberal Age*. In: *Tijdschrift voor Filosofie*, 74 (3), 622-623: Peeters Publishers.

(2009). *Post-Foundational Political Thought. Political Difference in Nancy, Lefort, Badiou and Laclau*. In: *Political studies review*, 7 (1), 105-105: Blackwell Pub.

(2009). *Connecting Heidegger and the Jews?*. In: *Tijdschrift voor filosofie*, 71 (2), 401-402.

(2008). *Yiddish Civilization*. In: *Shofar*, 26 (2), 187-189: University of Nebraska Press.

(2008). *A Glossary of Political Theory*. *Political studies review*, 6 (3), 373-374: Blackwell.

(2006). *Driven Back to the Text: The Premodern Sources of Levinas's Postmodernism*. In: *Louvain Studies*, 31 (3-4), 370-372: K.U.Leuven, Faculty of Theology.

Miscellaneous

(2016). Mijn Jodendom, Mijn Anarchisme en Milly Witkop's Tzedekah. (voorwoord) In: Siegbert Wolf, *Open de poorten van de vrijheid: Milly Witkop (1877-1955), anarchiste en feminist* (vertaling Johnny Lenaerts) Utrecht: Kelderuitgeverij, 9-29.

(2015). With Konijnendijk Nellie. *Sexisme in de ivoren toren*. In: #seksisme: Nee. Wij overdrijven niet. (Ed. Catherine Ongenaë). Uitgeverij Polis.

(2009). With Demasure, K. *Interview met Anya Topolski*. In: *Liefde ingebed. Bakens voor een duurzame relatie*, 147-158. Antwerpen: Halewijn.

(2008). *In Search of a Political Ethics of Intersubjectivity: Between Hannah Arendt, Emmanuel Levinas and the Judaic*. In: Hannah Arendt Newsletter, 4. Köln: Wolfgang Heuer.

(2006). *Olay Csaba: an Interview*. The Leuven Philosophy Newsletter: A Newsletter for the Alumni of the Institute of Philosophy, 15, 75-78. Marquette University Press.

(2005). *Colloquium: Democratie in ademnod? Is Democracy Suffocating? Marcel Gauchet's Political Thought*. In: The Leuven Philosophy Newsletter: A Newsletter for the Alumni of the Institute of Philosophy, 14, 87-88. Milwaukee: Marquette UP.

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| COURSES TAUGHT | Ethics Research Masters Seminar <i>February 2018 - May 2018</i> | RU Nijmegen |
| | Decolonial and Intersectional Feminism <i>February 2018.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Theory Module in the Research Cycle | P.A.R.T.S |
| | Noster PhD/Masters Course The Race-Religion Constellation in Europe/USA <i>December 2017</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Designing Course, Teaching and Evaluating</i> | The Netherlands |
| | Political Philosophy Research Masters Seminar: Critical Philosophy of Race: On the (Nation) State. <i>September 2017 -January 2018</i> | RU Nijmegen |
| | Sociology, Philosophy and Ethics of Research <i>September-October 2015, 2016, and 2017</i> | RU Nijmegen |
| | Politics, Ethics and Practice <i>April-June 2016 and 2017</i> | RU Nijmegen |
| | Business Ethics: A Case-Study Approach <i>February - June 2017 and 2018</i> | RU Nijmegen |
| | Ethiek voor Psychologen <i>November 2016-January 2017 and 2018</i> | RU Nijmegen |
| | Politics, Power, Persuasion (Models of Democracy) <i>February - June 2016</i> | RU Nijmegen |
| | Contemporary Debates in Political Theory <i>September 2015 – January 2016</i> | RU Nijmegen |
| | Contemporary Continental Philosophy Masters Seminar <i>September 2014 – January 2015.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ On Arendt, Levinas, Heidegger and Jewish Thought. | KU Leuven |
| | Political Communication <i>September 2014 – Jan 2015.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Core Module in the Masters in Political Communication and Strategy (PO868) | University of Kent in Brussels |
| | Introduction to Radical Politics & Anarchism <i>December 2013.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Theory Module in the Research Cycle | P.A.R.T.S |
| | Introduction to Feminism & Gender Theory <i>November 2013.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Theory Module in the Research Cycle | P.A.R.T.S |

- Hannah Arendt & The Banality of Evil.** P.A.R.T.S.
November 2013.
 ■ Theory Module in the Research Cycle
- Ethiek en Maatschappij (Ethics & Society)** KU Leuven
September 2012 – January 2013.
 ■ BA Ethics & Politics Seminar in Dutch at the *H.I.W*
- Political Rhetoric & Communication** University of Kent in Brussels
January 2010 – Jan 2012.
 ■ Core Module in the Masters in Political Communication and Strategy (PO868)
 ■ Winter 2010, Winter 2011, Fall 2011. Responsible for Course Development.
- PhD Course in Feminist Theory** KU Leuven
October 2009 – June 2010.
 ■ Interfaculty seminar co-coordinated and co-taught with Prof. Sarah Bracke.
- Ethics of Globalisation** KU Leuven
May 2009-June 2009.
 ■ BA Seminar WOEP8A at the *H.I.W*
- Introduction to Ethics** KU Leuven
February 2008-May 2008.
 ■ BA Ethics Seminar W023 at the *H.I.W*. Responsible for Course Development.
- Jodendom & Filosofie** University of Antwerp
February 2007-June 2007.
- Conflicting Political Traditions** KU Leuven
September 2006-December 2006.
- Terrorism & Totalitarianism** KU Leuven
September 2003-December 2003.
 ■ BA Course W023 at the H.I.W. Responsible for Course Development.

CONFERENCES

- Contesting the Categories of Race, Religion and the Secular.** Europe Contested. Radboud University Nijmegen. November 23-25.
- Good Jew, Bad Jew ... Good Muslim, Bad Muslim: “Managing” Europe’s Others.** Jewish Friends. Contemporary Figures of the Jew. Freie Universitat Berlin. 16-19 October 2017 (Invited).
- ‘Judeo-Christian’ Europe’s Practice of Divide et Impera: Masking the Race-Religion Constellation’.** Critique of Religion; Framing Jews and Muslims in Public Debate and Political Theory Today, in the Light of the Genealogies of Such Framing. University of Amsterdam, NL, 21-24 June 2017. (Invited)
- The Race-Religion Constellation: Language, Liberation and Colonialism.** Modernités Contestées – Modernities Contested. Universite Cheikh Anta Diop (UCAD), Dakar, Senegal. May 27-29 2017.
- Is Israel Europe’s Prodigal Son? Jewishness Unveils the Limits of the Westphalian Race-State.** Critical Theory in the Humanities Resonances of the Work of Judith Butler. Vrij Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherlands. April 5-8 2017.
- A Genealogy of the 'Judeo-Christian' Signifier: A Tale of Europe’s Identity Crisis Arab-Jewish Engagements on "Regionalism and Borders”.** Bruno Kreisky Forum for International Dialogue, Vienna, Austria. December 1-4 2016. (Invited)

Conceptualising Europe's Race-Religion Constellation. Philosophy of 'Race' and Racism. Oxford University, UK, 26-28 June 2016.

Rethinking Political Community. A Response to Brian Klug's Revisiting 'Je Suis Charlie': Framings, Freedoms and Frictions. Leuven, KUL, May 11 2016.

Antisemitism and Islamophobia: Managing Europe's Others, Then and Now. Ethnicity, Race, and Racism Seminar, *Edge Hill University,* UK. 25 September 2015.

Towards a European Communitas: a Political Identity Beyond Exclusion. Immunity and Modernity: Picturing Threat & Protection. *KU Leuven.* May 27-29th 2015.

A Genealogy of the 'Judeo-Christian' Signifier: A Tale of Europe's Identity Crisis. HEIRS conference 'History, Memory and European Integration'. *Maastricht University, Netherlands.* June 5-6th 2014.

A Tale of Europe's Identity Crisis by Way of the 'Judeo-Christian' Signifier. Europe, The Very Idea: Exploring Europe as a Philosophical Concept and Project *Bristol University, UK.* May 9-10th 2014.

The 'Judeo-Christian' Tradition A Genealogy of Europe's Identity Crisis. Is there a Judeo-Christian Tradition? *University of Antwerp, Belgium.* February 12-13th 2014.

The Islamophobic Inheritance of the Resurrected Saint Paul: From F.C. Baur's Judeo-Christianity to Badiou and Žižek's Event. Understanding the 'Muslim question'. Towards a genealogy of multiculturalism and the minority question in the post WWII Western-Europe. *Freie Universität Berlin-Blankensee Colloquia.* Jan 8-9 2014.

London Critical Theory Summer School. *Birkbeck College, UK.* July 1-12 2013.

Challenging the Frame of 'The Jewish Question': The Problem that is *Fortress Europa* K.U.Leuven-Nijmegen Covenant. *Valbeek, Belgium.* June 7-8th 2013.

Challenging the Frame of 'The Jewish Question': The Problem that is *Festung Europa* Understanding the 'Muslim question'. *Freie Universität Berlin-Blankensee Colloquia.* May 31st - June 1st 2013.

When one is attacked as a Jew ... one must respond as an Oriental: Hannah Arendt and Edward Said in a Semitic Dialogue Hannah Arendt Circle, *Antwerp, Belgium* May 21st - 23rd 2013.

The Future of Religious Pluralism in Europe. International Workshop at the Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities. *Essen, Germany.* 17-18 May 2013.

Tzedekah: The True Religion of Spinoza's Tractatus International Conference 'The Radical Enlightenment: The Big Picture and its Details' *Free University Brussels* Thursday 16 - Friday 17 May 2013.

Edward Said Memorial. Centre for the Humanities, *Utrecht University.* April 2013.

The Tractatus is a Christian-European, not a Jewish, Event: Spinoza on True Religion. L'actualité du Tractatus de Spinoza et la question théologico-politique *Centre de théorie politique, Université Libre de Bruxelles* January 23-25th 2013.

Global Justice without Global Democracy? A Response to Andrea Sangiovanni's paper *Solidarity in the EU* Global Justice and International Economic Institutions *Institute of Philosophy, KU Leuven* August 29-30th 2012.

Was European Multiculturalism Destined To Fail? Debating Multiculturalism Dialogue Society, Istanbul Turkey May 3-5th 2012.

International PhD School Tracing Colonialism and Orientalism in Social and Political Thought funded by European Research Council (ERC) as part of the OECUMENE Project, The Open University, Milton Keynes, UK. 8 February 2012.

Antisemitism Yesterday, Islamophobia Today: Some Reflections on European Exclusion From Hannah Arendt Ethnic and Pluralism Studies Conference University of Toronto, Canada January 26-7 2012.

An Ethics of Relationality: Destabilising the Genocidal Frame of Us vs. Them. Preventing Genocide University of Antwerp, Belgium. November 24-5th 2011.

Deconstruction Exclusions: Response To J. Manemann's "Political Theology in a Globalising World". Theology Colloquium. Leuven, Belgium. May 4th 2011.

Drones Can't Bring About Peace: Only Ethics Can ! 3TU Ethics Conference. University of Utrecht, Netherlands. April 13th 2011.

The Case of the Kunduz Airstrike: Moral Responsibility in the Military. Moral Responsibility: Analytic Approaches, Substantive Accounts and Case Studies. University of Ghent, Belgium. 18-19 October 2010.

Refusing to Wait for the Political Moment: An Alternative Judaic Reality. Waiting For the Political Moment. Universiteit Utrecht & Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands. June 16-20th 2010.

Military Ethics Without Banisters: A Critique of Just War Theory. War and Peace: An Interdisciplinary Conference. Prague, Czech Republic. May 2010.

Peacekeeping: The 'Ethical' Warfare of the Future?. Erasmus Intensive Programme on Cosmopolitanism, peace and conflict with Judith Butler. Utrecht Universiteit. January 25-February 12th, 2010.

On Tolerance & Freedom of Expression: A Response to Glen Newey. Centre for Ethics, Social & Political Philosophy. Leuven, Belgium. December 10th 2009.

Critical Reflections on Power, Exclusion & the Stranger: A Response to Etienne Balibar. A World Without Politics? Leuven, Belgium. September 18th 2009.

Introduction to a Roundtable on Gender & Politics. Centre for Ethics, Social & Political Philosophy. Leuven, Belgium. September 16th 2009.

Critical Reflections on Sari Nusseibeh's Once Upon a Country. K.U.Leuven Think Tank on Territory, Rights and Identity. Leuven, Belgium. May 26th 2009.

Critical Reflections on Laclau's On Populist Reason. K.U.Leuven-Nijmegen Covenant. Nijmegen, Netherlands. January 23rd 2009.

Protestantism and Its Discontents: A Response To Helena Rosenblatt. In Search of A Lost Liberalism: Constant, Tocqueville and The Singularity of French Liberalism. International Conference at the Philosophy Faculty of the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium. Dec 12-14th 2008.

The Plurality of Judgment: Arendt's Agonistic Public Space. (Summer School 2008) Netherlands School for Research in Practical Philosophy & Centre for Ethics, Social and Political Philosophy. Leuven, Belgium, August 24-28 2008.

Responsible Freedom or Free Responsibility? Responsibility, God and Society: Theological Ethics in Dialogue. International Conference and Book Launching in the *Theology Faculty of the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium*. May 7-10 2008.

Empowering or Disempowering Power? Arendt vs Foucault. Foucault Graduate Spring School at the *Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium*. March 17-21 2008.

Athens & Jerusalem: Hannah Arendt and Emmanuel Levinas in Dialogue. Workshops in Political Theory at the *Manchester Metropolitan University, England*. September 3rd 2007.

Hannah Arendt: The Promise of the Political. Workshops in Political Theory at the *Manchester Metropolitan University, England*. September 4th 2007.

Working To Create Nomos?: A Response to Hans Lindahl. Citizenship and Cosmopolitanism in Hannah Arendt HIW, *K.U.Leuven, Belgium*. Friday Dec. 15th 2006.

Is Levinas a Rabbi?: A Response to Sean Hand. Radical Passivity Colloquium: On Emmanuel Levinas *Jan Van Eyck Academie in Maastricht, NL*. Friday Nov. 24th 2006.

The Meaning and Origins of the Political: Reading Emmanuel Levinas's 'Peace and Proximity'. Levinas and the Political: First Annual North American Levinas Society (NALS) Conference at *Purdue University, USA*. May 12-15th 2006.

Universal Political Messianism: A Dialogue with Emmanuel Levinas' First Talmudic Reading. On the Outlook: Figures of the Messianic (Junior Scholars Conference) at the *University of Antwerp, Belgium*. May 10-11th 2006.

From Ashes to Ashes: Emmanuel Levinas and the Reduction of Judaism. Erasmus European Intensive Program in *Paris, France*. September 5th-16th.

The Past as a Possible Obstacle to Poland's Future: The Need for Forgiveness, Reconciliation and a Dialogue with the Jews of the Diaspora. International Conference 'Eastern European Countries and the Challenges of Globalisation' at the *Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland*. Jan 23rd 2003.

The Relationship between Judaism, Judaica, and the Western Philosophical Tradition Graduate Student Conference 'The Western Philosophical Tradition and its Relationship to Other Philosophical Traditions' *K.U.Leuven, Belgium*. Oct 24th 2002.

**PUBLIC
LECTURES
(SELECTED)**

Vraag me alles: Racisme in Vlaanderen. Next: maak de toekomst mee – Groen. Mechelen, Belgie. Saturday March 24th 2018.

Global Talk on Racism. Globalicious Festival. Brussels, Belgium. Saturday March 10th 2018.

Secularism, Multiculturalism and Religion. OZSW course on Contemporary Political Philosophy. Nijmegen, Netherlands. January 19th 2018.

Nationalisme: Handig Laagje Vernis over Sociaal-Economische Onrust? (with Laila Ben Allal, Herman Van Goethem, Rozita Dimova) Curieus – Festival van de Gelijkheid. Vooruit Gent, Belgie. December 14th 2017.

How to deal with our colonial past? (with Lucas Johnston and Katrine Smiet) Radboud Reflects. De Lux, Nijmegen. December 6th 2017.

10 Gedachten over Gedachtloosheid bij Arendt. SPES studie dag. SPES/KU Leuven. 4 december 2017.

Introducing The Vita Activa: The Spirit of Hannah Arendt, SOPHIA, De Klinker, Nijmegen, November 27th 2017.

Feminisme en Geloof. Furia Dag. Mechelen. November 11th 2017.

Postcolonialisme en Islamophobia. KifKif, Karema. Antwerp, October 15th 2017.

Gender? Hoe doe je dat? Radboud Reflects. Nijmegen. September 4th 2017.

Woedende identiteiten (with Tinneke Beeckman en Funda Mujde) MO* (Mondiaal Nieuws) Talks. Vlaams-Nederlands huis, De Buren Brussels, June 13th 2017.

Wie is er bang voor feminisme? (with Marieke van den Brink en Ebru Terzioglu) Radboud Reflects. De Lux, Nijmegen. May 9th 2017.

Is er nog hoop voor Europa? (with Paul De Grauwe, Naema Tahir, Mieke Srtynckx, and Jan Cornillie) Curieus – Festival van de Gelijkheid. Hassalt Universiteit, België. April 18th 2017.

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On Arendt and Levinas: Study Day (on my book) in Knokke, Belgium. Sep 29th 2016.

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Summer School Lectures (Nijmegen July 2016 & Leuven August 2016)

De begrensde rol van religie in de seculiere samenleving (with Montasser AlDe'emeh en Dries Deweer) Feest Van Filosofie (HIW, KU Leuven) March 25th 2016.

European Racism: Linking Antisemitism and Islamophobia. Food For Thought – Refugee Lecture Series Nijmegen. March 21st 2016.

Lijden, medelijden & religie (with Rachida Aziz, Jonas Slaats, Ernst van den Hemel en Werner Trio). Klarafestival Saturday March 13th 2016.

Hannah Arendt's Politiek van Pluraliteit en Emmanuel Levinas' Ethiek van Alteriteit. Seminar Series (based on my first book) Elcker-Ik, Antwerp, February 23rd, March 8th and March 23rd 2016.

Introduction: In Search of a Politics of Relationality. Nijmegen Political Philosophy Workshop (NPPW), RU Nijmegen. Wednesday February 3rd 2016.

De herformulering van Kants vierde vraag door Hannah Arendt: Wat zijn de mensen? HIW Zomer School. KU Leuven. August 2014 en 2015.

Are Today's European Jews "Judeo-Christians"?: Post-Shoah Political Realignments. Berlin Jewish Museum Lecture Series on Contemporary Jewish Life in a Global Modernity: A Comparative European Perspectives on a Changing Diaspora. December 11-12th 2014.

Judeo-Christianity: A Tale of Europe's Identity Crisis Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. October 30th 2014.

Good Jew, Bad Jew. Good Muslim, Bad Muslim: Regulating European Subjects. Revisiting Europe through the 'Muslim question.' Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies. June 24th 2014.

What is the Meaning of Europe? A Response. Bristol Festival of Ideas. Bristol, UK. May 9th 2014. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pugARpu5_e0

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Interfaith feminist round-table debate. KVLV in samen werking met Kerkwerk Multicultureel Samenleven vzw. Dilbeek op 11 juni en Teremelo op 12 juni 2013.

European Network Against Racism (ENAR) Researchers Interview Series. EU ENAR Foundation. Leuven, Belgium. April 25th 2013.

Le débat des philosophes: Alliance entre les hommes et les femmes: Comment en finir avec la guerre des sexes. Avec Philippe Van Parijs, Kristien Hemmerechts, Patric Jean, et Sophie Heine. JUMP Forum 2013 "The alliance between men and women for more equality and performance" Brussels, Residence Palace, 25 April 2013.

AIPAC, political powerlessness and the *Purim megillah*: A genealogy of stad lanute. IJC Adult Learning Session Brussels, Belgium February 24th 2013.

The Genealogy of the Judeo-Christian Tradition. Judaism & Philosophy Course at the University of Antwerp. February 20th 2013.

Lecturer/Tutor at the Edward Said Memorial Conference. Centre for the Humanities, Utrecht University. April 12th-19th 2013.

Europe's Search For An Identity: The Myth of The Judeo-Chrsitian Tradition. Dondeynehuis/Lerkeveld Seminars on Globalisation. KU Leuven. 27 February 2013.

Inleiding tot het hedendaagse joodse denken. Vormingplus Lezing. Tienen, 23 oktober 2012. *In Dutch.*

Emmanuel Levinas: De filosofie va een joodse denker. Soeterbeeck Programma, Radhoud Universiteit Nijmegen. Nijmegen, 4 april 2012. *In Dutch.* To view this lecture: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-ibY9Sa38>

Globalisation, Europe and Identity. Dondeynehuis Seminars on Globalisation. KU Leuven. 28 March 2012.

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Inleiding tot het joodse filosofie en ethiek. Judaism & Philosophy Course FLWJS00040 at the University of Antwerp. February 16th 2011. *In Dutch.*

Emmanuel Lévinas en Hannah Arendt. Intercultural Relations Management. Katholieke Hogeschool Mechelen. 16 december 2010. *In Dutch.*

Inleiding tot het hedendaagse joodse denken. Vormingplus Lezing. Leuven, 8 november 2010. *In Dutch.*

Politiek, Pluraliteit en Macht in het werk van Hannah Arendt. Vormingplus Lezing. Leuven, 8 maart 2010. *In Dutch.*

Pluraliteit en Macht In Het Werk Van Hannah Arendt. Grondige studie van vraagstukken uit de sociale en politieke wijsbegeerte H.I.W., K.U.Leuven, March 2010.

Radical Evil & Responsibility in Hannah Arendt. Judaism & Philosophy at the H.I.W., K.U.Leuven, Belgium. November 2009.

Orthodoxy in a Non-Orthodox Tradition? On Maimonides. Judaism & Philosophy Course FLWJS00040 University of Antwerp, April & May 2009. *In Dutch.*

Plurality & Power In Hannah Arendt. Social & Political Philosophy at the H.I.W., K.U.Leuven, Belgium. March 2009.

A Judaic Ethics of Alterity: On Emmanuel Levinas. Judaism & Philosophy at the University of Antwerp, Belgium. April 30th 2008. *In Dutch.*

On Hannah Arendt. Judaism & Philosophy University of Antwerp. June 24th 2006.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Boards & Referee Work

- Member of Editorial Boards: Interreligious Dialogue, Ethische Perspectieven, Intercultural Theology and Interreligious Dialogue. Studies in World Christianity and Interreligious Relations
- Referee for: Constellations, Journal of European Political Philosophy, American Political Science Review Ethical Perspectives, *Phronimon*, Tambara Journal, Business Ethics, Ethnicities, British Journal of the History of Philosophy, JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies, Bibliometrics etc.

Thesis Advisor

- Co-Supervisor for PhD Funded by FNRS, Belgium (Charlotte Vyt)
- Jury member at PhD defense (VU Amsterdam, RU Nijmegen)
- Supervisor for BA, MA thesis in political theory at Radboud University Nijmegen
- Supervisor for BA, MA & MPhil thesis at the Institute of Philosophy, KU Leuven
- Examiner for MA, MPhil thesis at the Institute of Philosophy, KU Leuven

International Conferences Organised

- H.I.W. Centre for Ethics, Social and Political Philosophy Graduate Conference, Jan 2012
- Post-Foundational Political Thought with Oliver Marchart. May 2011 at the H.I.W.

- A World Without Politics? September 2009 at the H.I.W.
- A Roundtable on Feminism and Politics. September 2009 at the H.I.W.
- Centre for Liberation Theologies Lecture Series (2004-2006)
- Erasmus IP Programme on Inter-religious Dialogue. Sept 2004 at Theology, KUL.

Academic Networks

- Co-coordinator Post-colonial and Race Reading Group at Radboud (Interdisciplinary)
- Several Networks on Antisemitism/Islamophobia Research in Europe
- Invited Academic Advisor to EU Commissioner on Antisemitism
- Justice Everywhere Blog
- Council for European Studies Member
- Sophia: Belgisch Network voor Genderstudies
- Academic Advisor to CEJI: *A Jewish Contribution to an Inclusive Europe*
- The International Association of Women Philosophers
- Member of the Hannah Arendt Centre, Bard College, NY
- ECPR Standing Group on Extremism & Democracy

Academic Committees

- Member of FGV of FFTR Onderdeelcommissie (Elected June 2017)
- Member of Radboud Human Resources Themagroep Kwaliteit door Diversiteit (2016-2017).
- Opleidingscommissie politicologie, Nijmegen.
- Coordinator of interuniversity *Debating Multiculturalism* Seminar Series
- Coordinator of the KU Leuven werkgroep Vrouw en Universiteit
- VAPL – Vereniging van het Academisch Personeel KU Leuven
- Member of the HIW werkgroep ‘gender en personeel’
- Member of KU Leuven Diversiteitsraad
- Member of the KU Leuven werkgroep ‘gender en personeel’
- HIW Werkgroep ‘Filosofie en Maatschappij’
- Member of *Institutum Iudaicum*. Sept 2007-2011
- Werkgroep gelijke kansen. Sept 2007 – Sept 2009.
- Member of the H.I.W. POC. Sept 2002-Sept 2004
- President of IPSA. Sept 2002-Sept 2003.

Non-Academic Initiatives

- Founder of SASSY (<http://www.academicsexismstories.be>)
- Founder of Een Andere Joodse Stem = EAJS (www.eajs.be)

LANGUAGES

Academic Languages: English, Dutch (C1), French

Other Languages: Polish (adv.), German (int.), Hebrew (beg.)

IN THE PRESS

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