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Summary

Ellen Desmet is the first holder of the Chair in Migration Law, established at Ghent University in October 2016. She teaches Belgian, European and international migration law as well as legal anthropology, and coordinates the migration branch of the Human Rights and Migration Law Clinic.

Her PhD from the University of Leuven concerned indigenous rights and nature conservation, including 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. She was a guest lecturer at universities in, among others, Peru (PUCP), the DRC (Université Kongo and Université Président Joseph Kasa-Vubu) and China (Chongqing University).

Ellen Desmet's research interests include asylum and migration law, human rights – with a focus on children's rights and indigenous rights –, and legal anthropology. She often combines legal and socio-legal research methodologies, and has developed solid organisational and management skills.

Professional experience

- Oct. 2016 – present **Assistant professor of migration law**
Ghent University, Faculty of Law and Criminology, Department of European, Public and International Law
- Oct. 2012 – Sept. 2016 **Senior researcher in a coordinating role (50%)**
- Ghent University, Faculty of Law and Criminology, Human Rights Centre
 - Coordination of the Interuniversity Attraction Pole (IAP) '*The Global Challenge of Human Rights Integration: Towards a Users' Perspective*', www.hrintegration.be (BELSPO, 2012-2017, 2.695.040 euro in total, of which 900.000 euro for UGent)
- Oct. 2012 – Sept. 2016 **Senior researcher in interdisciplinary human rights methodology (50%)**
- University of Antwerp, Faculty of Law, Law and Development Research Group
 - Research in and coordination of work package 2 '*Analysing users trajectories in human rights law*' of the IAP Human Rights Integration (UAntwerpen: 500.000 euro), hosted within the *Localising Human Rights* research line
- April – Sept. 2012 **Lecturer of anthropology of law (subst., 20%)**
- KU Leuven, Faculty of Law
- Feb. 2010 – Sept. 2012 **Senior research and policy advice officer (100%; 80%)**
- Children's Rights Knowledge Centre (Kenniscentrum Kinderrechten vzw - KeKi)
 - o Research on children's rights and youth
 - o Policy advice to the Flemish Government
 - o Conceptual development of a children's rights database

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

Publications

International peer reviewed articles and book chapters

- Desmet, Ellen (2019). ‘Children’s rights and the environmental dimension of sustainable development’, in Claire Fenton-Glynn (ed.), *Children’s Rights and Sustainable Development*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press (in press).
- Desmet, Ellen (2018). ‘Methodologies to study human rights law as an integrated whole from a users’ perspective: lessons learnt’, in Eva Brems and Saïla Ouald-Chaib (eds), *Fragmentation and Integration in Human Rights Law: Users’ Perspectives*, Edward Elgar Publishing, 12-38.
- Corradi, Giselle, De Feyter, Koen, Desmet Ellen & Vanhees Katrijn (2018). ‘Introduction: The contours of a field of critical indigenous rights studies’, in Giselle Corradi, Koen De Feyter, Ellen Desmet & K. Vanhees (eds), *Critical indigenous rights studies*, Routledge, 1-23.
- Desmet, Ellen (2018). ‘Rural-Urban Migration And Education In China: Unraveling Responses To Injurious Experiences’ in Tine Destrooper & Sally Engle Merry (eds), *Human Rights Transformation in Practice*, University of Pennsylvania Press, 183-207.
- 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 (2017). 'Legal pluralism and international human rights law: a multifaceted relationship', in Giselle Corradi, Eva Brems & Mark Goodale (eds), *Human Rights Encounter Legal Pluralism: Normative and Empirical Approaches*, Hart Publishing, 41-54.
- Desmet, Ellen (2016). 'Identifying rights-holders in natural resource regimes. A critical assessment of the Peruvian protected areas legislation', *The Hague Journal on the Rule of Law*, vol. 8, no. 1, 135-154.
- Corradi, Giselle & Desmet, Ellen (2015). 'A review of literature on children's rights and legal pluralism', *The Journal of Legal Pluralism and Unofficial Law*, vol. 47, no. 2, 226-245.
- Corradi, Giselle & Desmet, Ellen (2015). 'Children and young people in legally plural worlds', *The Journal of Legal Pluralism and Unofficial Law*, vol. 47, no. 2, 170-174.
- Desmet, Ellen, Op de Beeck, Hanne, & Vandenhole, Wouter (2015). 'Walking a tightrope. Evaluating the Child and Youth Impact Report in Flanders', *The International Journal of Children's Rights*, vol. 23, no. 1, 78-108.
- Desmet, Ellen & Aylwin, José (2015). 'Natural resource exploitation and children's rights', in Wouter Vandenhole, Ellen Desmet, Didier Reynaert & Sara Lembrechts (eds), *Routledge International Handbook of Children's Rights Studies*, Routledge, 387-411.
- Reynaert, Didier, Desmet, Ellen, Lembrechts, Sara & Vandenhole, Wouter (2015). 'Introduction: A critical approach to children's rights', in Wouter Vandenhole, Ellen Desmet, Didier Reynaert & Sara Lembrechts (eds), *Routledge International Handbook of Children's Rights Studies*, Routledge, 1-22.
- Desmet, Ellen, Lembrechts, Sara, Reynaert, Didier, & Vandenhole, Wouter (2015). 'Conclusions: Towards a field of critical children's rights studies', in Wouter Vandenhole, Ellen Desmet, Didier Reynaert & Sara Lembrechts (eds), *Routledge International Handbook of Children's Rights Studies*, Routledge, 412-429.
- 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.
- Brems, Eva, & Desmet, Ellen (2014). Studying Human Rights Law from the Perspective(s) of its Users, *Human Rights & International Legal Discourse*, vol. 8, no. 2, 111-120.
- Desmet, Ellen & Op de Beeck, Hanne (2014). 'Strategic decisions in setting up child rights impact assessments', *Revue générale de Droit*, vol. 44, 125-151.
- Brems, Eva & Desmet, Ellen (2014). 'Theorizing the multi-layered nature of human rights law', *European Journal of Human Rights*, vol. 3, 289-292.
- Desmet, Ellen (2014). 'Les ressources naturelles en Amazonie péruvienne: entre la conservation et l'exploitation', in Mélanie Chaplier, Emmanuelle Piccoli, Julie Hermesse & Charlotte Bréda, *Terres (dés)humanisées: ressources et climat*, Louvain-la-Neuve, Academia, Investigations d'Anthropologie Prospective, 175-192.
- Desmet, Ellen (2012). 'Implementing the Convention on the Rights of the Child for 'youth': who and how?', *The International Journal of Children's Rights*, vol. 20, no. 1, 3-23.
- Desmet, Ellen (2011). 'Interaction between Customary Legal Systems and the Formal Legal System of Peru', in Janine Ubink & Thomas McInerney (eds), *Customary Justice: Perspectives on Legal Empowerment*, Rome, International Development Law Organization, 151-167.
- Desmet, Ellen (2010). 'Balancing Conflicting Goods. The European Human Rights Jurisprudence on Environmental Protection', *Journal for European Environmental and Planning Law*, vol. 7 no. 3, 303-323.
- Desmet, Ellen (2009). 'El impacto de procesos transnacionales en la organización de los airo paj (secoya) de la Amazonía Peruana,' *Nueva Antropología. Revista de Ciencias Sociales*, no. 71, 151-175.
- Deklerck, Stijn, Desmet, Ellen, Foblets, Marie-Claire, Kusters, Joke & Vrielink, Jogchum (2009). 'Limits of Human Rights Protection from the Perspective of Legal Anthropology' in Erik Claes, Wouter Devroe & Bert Keirsbilck (eds), *Facing the Limits of the Law*, New York, Springer Publishing, 375-414.
- Desmet, Ellen (2008). 'The UN Basic Principles and Guidelines On the Right to a Remedy and Reparation: A landmark or window-dressing? An analysis with special attention to the situation of indigenous peoples,' *South African Journal on Human Rights*, vol. 24, no. 1, 71-103.

National peer reviewed articles and book chapters

- Desmet, Ellen (2019). 'Mensenrechten van niet-begeleide minderjarige vreemdelingen' in Ellen Desmet, Jinske Verhellen & Steven Bouckaert (eds), *Rechten van niet-begeleide minderjarige vreemdelingen in België*, die Keure (in press)

- Verhellen, Jinske, Desmet, Ellen & Bouckaert, Steven (2019). 'Kinderen die zonder hun ouders migreren naar België: een inleiding met de blik vooruit', in Ellen Desmet, Jinske Verhellen & Steven Bouckaert (eds), *Rechten van niet-begeleide minderjarige vreemdelingen in België*, die Keure (in press)
- Desmet, Ellen (2018). 'Les mineurs et la procédure de plein contentieux devant le Conseil du contentieux des étrangers: une analyse qualitative' in Sylvie Saroléa (ed.), *Statut familial de l'enfant et migrations*, Louvain-La-Neuve, 185-218.
- Desmet, Ellen (2018). 'Minderjarigen in de volle rechtsmachtprocedure van de Raad voor Vreemdelingenbetwistingen', *Tijdschrift voor Vreemdelingenrecht*, no. 3, 198-214.
- Desmet, Ellen (2017). 'Het *standstill*-beginsel in actie: maatschappelijke dienstverlening ontzeggen aan economisch geregulariseerden is ongrondwettig', *Tijdschrift voor Gemeenterecht*, no. 4, 278-283.
- Brems, Eva, & Desmet, Ellen (2016). 'Mensenrechten: Universaliteit is geen uniformiteit' in Julie Carlier, Eric Vanhaute & Christopher Parker (eds), *De hermaakbare wereld? Essays over globalisering*, Academia Press, 143-156.
- Desmet, Ellen (2016). 'Mensenrechten en inheemse volkeren: een (mis)match?' in Arnaud Hoc, Geoffrey Willems & Stéphanie Wattier (eds), *Human Rights as a Basis for Re-evaluating and Reconstructing the Law*, Brussels, Bruylant, 49-61.
- Desmet, Ellen, & Corradi, Giselle (2015). 'Op het snijpunt van kinderrechten en rechtspluralisme: een onderzoeks-agenda', *Tijdschrift voor Jeugd en Kinderrechten*, vol. 16, no. 3, 265-276.
- Desmet, Ellen, & Corradi, Giselle (2015). 'Het recht in actie. Kinderrechten rechtsantropologisch bekeken', *Tijdschrift voor Jeugd en Kinderrechten*, vol. 16, no. 3, 211-215.
- Desmet, Ellen, Op de Beeck, Hanne, & Vandenhole, Wouter (2013). 'Het kind- en jongereneffectrapport (JoKER) in de weegschaal', *Tijdschrift voor Jeugd en Kinderrechten*, vol. 14, no. 1, 6-22.
- Desmet, Ellen, & Piessens, An (2012). 'Het vernieuwd jeugd- en kinderrechtenbeleid: een verhoogde duidelijkheid, een verarmd maatschappelijk debat?', *Tijdschrift voor Jeugd en Kinderrechten*, vol. 13, no. 1, 53-62.
- Desmet, Ellen (2011). 'Is het glas halfvol of halfleeg? Kinderrechten en culturele diversiteit', in Didier Reynaert, Rudi Roose, Wouter Vandenhole & Kathy Vlieghe (eds), *Kinderrechten: springplank of struikelblok? Naar een kritische benadering van kinderrechten*, Antwerp, Intersentia, 83-97.
- 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

- 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.
- Desmet, Ellen (2010). *European and International Policy Agendas on Children, Youth and Children's Rights. Comparison and Possible Synergies*, Gent, Kenniscentrum Kinderrechten, 41 p.

Edited books, special issues and series

- Desmet, Ellen, Verhellen, Jinske & Bouckaert, Steven (eds) (2019). *Rechten van niet-begeleide minderjarige vreemdelingen in België*, die Keure (in press)
- Vermeulen, Gert & Desmet, Ellen (eds) (2019). *Essential Texts on European and International Asylum and Migration Law and Policy*, 2nd ed., Oud-Turnhout – 's Hertogenbosch, Gompel&Svacina, 1491 p.
- Corradi, Giselle, De Feyter, Koen, Desmet Ellen & Vanhees Katrijn (eds) (2018). *Critical Indigenous Rights Studies*, Routledge, x + 224 p.
- Brems, Eva & Desmet, Ellen (eds) (2017). *Integrated human rights in practice. Rewriting human rights decisions*, Edward Elgar Publishing, xiv + 539 p.
- Brems, Eva, Desmet, Ellen & Vandenhole, Wouter (eds) (2017). *Children's Rights Law in the Global Human Rights Landscape: Isolation, inspiration, integration?*, Routledge, 301 p.
- Vermeulen, Gert & Desmet, Ellen (eds) (2017). *Essential Texts on European and International Asylum and Migration Law and Policy*, Antwerpen–Apeldoorn–Portland, Maklu, 1345 p.
- Corradi, Giselle & Desmet, Ellen (eds) (2015). 'Children and Young People in Legally Plural Worlds'. *The Journal of Legal Pluralism and Unofficial Law*, vol. 47, no. 2, 170-245.
- De Feyter, Koen & Desmet, Ellen (eds) (2015 - 2016). *Localizing Human Rights Working Paper Series*, Antwerp, University of Antwerp (general series editor).

- No.1: Vandenbogaerde, Arne (2015). *The Human Rights Council from Below*, 142 p.
 - No. 2: Destrooper, Tine (2015). *An Analysis of the Human Rights-Based Approach to Development. UNICEF's Role in the Villages Assainis Program in the Bas-Congo*, 250 p.
 - No. 3: Chen, Jingrong, Desmet, Ellen & De Feyter, Koen (2016). *The right to education of rural-urban migrant households in Chongqing, China*, 146 p.
- Desmet, Ellen & Corradi, Giselle (eds) (2015). 'Het recht in actie. Kinderrechten rechtsantropologisch bekeken', *Tijdschrift voor Jeugd en Kinderrechten*, vol. 16, no 3, 211-276.
- Vandenhole, Wouter, Desmet, Ellen, Reynaert, Didier & Lembrechts, Sara (eds) (2015). *Routledge International Handbook of Children's Rights Studies*, Routledge, xvi + 430 p.
- Brems, Eva, & Desmet, Ellen (eds) (2014). 'Studying Human Rights Law from the Perspective(s) of its Users', *Human Rights & International Legal Discourse*, no. 2, 109-326.
- Brems, Eva & Desmet, Ellen (eds) (2014). 'Human Rights Integration: theorizing the multilayered nature of human rights law', *European Journal of Human Rights*, nos. 3 and 4.

Journal articles without peer review and editorials

- Desmet, Ellen (2019), '2019: een beslissend jaar voor humanitaire visa?', *Samenleving & Politiek*, no. 2, 62-68.
- Desmet, Ellen (2017), 'Immigratiedetentie van kinderen en volwassenen in EHRM-rechtspraak en EU-beleid: tegengestelde indicaties', *Tijdschrift voor Jeugd en Kinderrechten*, vol. 18, no. 2, 79-83.
- Desmet, Ellen & Put Johan (2011). 'Het Decreet Rechtspositie Minderjarigen: een internationaalrechtelijke toetsing', *Tijdschrift voor Jeugdrecht en Kinderrechten*, vol. 12, no. 2, 103-120.
- Desmet, Ellen (2006). 'Laatste rechte lijn naar verklaring rechten inheemse volken. Verslag 11de sessie VN-werkgroep,' *Vergeten Volken*, no. 78, 15-18.
- Desmet, Ellen (2002-2003). 'Vijftig jaar Verdrag van Genève betreffende de Status van Vluchtelingen: een kritische balans,' *Jura Falconis*, no. 3, 377-427.

Reports

- Arce, Lorena, Guerra, Felipe & Desmet, Ellen (2015). *Oportunidad, factibilidad y efectividad de un Fondo Solidario para los Defensores de TICCA en América Latina*, 26 p.
- Desmet, Ellen, Michiels, Diego, Alva, Amelia (2015). 'Olie-exploitatie in de Peruaanse Amazone', in *De sociale, ecologische en economische impact van emblematische mijnbouwcases*, Syllabus Hoger Onderwijs, Catapa, 24-40.
- Desmet, Ellen, Duff, Beth, Lembrechts, Sara, Reynaert, Didier, Vandenhole, Wouter, & Vlieghe, Kathy (eds) (2013). *Human Rights for Development. An international training programme on human rights in development with a focus on children's rights, 30 July – 24 August 2012, Antwerp, Belgium. Summary report*, Antwerp, ii + 130 p.
- Desmet, Ellen, Op de Beeck, Hanne, & Vandenhole, Wouter (2012). *Evaluatie van de kind- en jongereneffectrapportage (JoKER)*, 122 p.
- Op de Beeck, Hanne, Vandenhole, Wouter, & Desmet, Ellen (2012). 'Meten' en 'Weten' voor een gefundeerd kinderrechtenbeleid. *Een kritische reflectie over de zin en onzin van kinderrechtenindicatoren*, Gent, Kenniscentrum Kinderrechten, 54 p.
- Vandenhole, Wouter, Reynaert, Didier, Lembrechts, Sara, Desmet, Ellen & Vlieghe, Kathy (eds) (2011). *International Interdisciplinary Course 'Children's Rights in a Globalized World: From Principles to Practice', 5 to 17 September 2010, Ghent-Antwerp (Belgium). Summary report*, Antwerp, iv + 73 p.
- Desmet, Ellen (2010). *European and International Policy Agendas on Children, Youth and Children's Rights. A Belgian EU Presidency-Youth Note*, 31 p.

Newsletters and blogposts

- Claes, Marjan, Coenen, Charlotte, Desmet, Ellen and Saroléa, Sylvie, 'Basra v. Belgium: a structural problem struck from the list', blogpost on Strasbourg Observers, 5 November 2018.
- Flamand, Christine and Desmet, Ellen, 'La crainte d'excision en Somalie évaluée par le Comité des droits de l'enfant', Newsletter EDEM, March 2018.
- Desmet, Ellen, 'One-way ticket to Sudan: standard-setting, yet disconnection between reasoning and outcome in N.A. v. Switzerland?', blogpost on Strasbourg Observers, 26 June 2017.
- Desmet, Ellen, 'Humanitaire visa: de context en het advies', blogpost on Jubel.be, 15 February 2017.
- Desmet, Ellen, 'On a positive note: B.A.C. v. Greece', blogpost on Strasbourg Observers, November 2016.

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 paj (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

- 'Analysis of municipal practices regarding free movement of persons', mixed methods research in collaboration with the EU Rights Clinic of the University of Kent and Fragomen, funded by Myria – the Federal Migration Centre (November 2018 – May 2019)
- '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 (August 2018 – February 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

Presentations at international conferences and international expert seminars

- '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. Vandenbogaerde)
- ‘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

- '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', studiedag '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', Human Rights Centre meeting, 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', Jeugdige 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

- '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 '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 (co-organiser and 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)

Posters

- Poster 'Integrated human rights in practice. Rewriting human rights decisions', International conference 'The Global Challenge of Human Rights Integration: Towards a User' Perspective', Ghent, 9-11 December 2015 (with Eva Brems)
- Poster 'Children's rights law in the global human rights landscape. Isolation, inspiration, integration?', International conference 'The Global Challenge of Human Rights Integration: Towards a User' Perspective', Ghent, 9-11 December 2015 (with Eva Brems and Wouter Vandenhole)
- Poster 'The right to education of rural-urban migrant households in Chongqing, China', International conference 'The Global Challenge of Human Rights Integration: Towards a User' Perspective', Ghent, 9-11 December 2015 (with J. Chen)
- Poster 'The Twin of Green. The Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Entwined with Nature Conservation', Doctoral Research in the South, KU Leuven, 26 September 2012

Membership of PhD guidance committees

- 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-...)
- Isabela Warrioba (University of Antwerp), 'Localisation of human rights: a case study of early marriages in Shinyanga Region in Tanzania', supervisor Wouter Vandenhole (2017-...)
- 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' (2016-...), supervisor Jinske Verhellen
- 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 prof. Koen De Feyter (2014-...)

- 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 Chris Temmerman and Koen De Feyter (2014-...)
- 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 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, defended on 29 January 2019
- ‘Detention conditions in a cosmopolitan Europe’, Rebecca Deruiter, supervisors Gert Vermeulen and Tom Daems, 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 Vandenhole, 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 Pilón 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

- 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

- 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

- Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (Peru), April-May 2009: visiting researcher at the Law Faculty (follow-up interviews in the Putumayo region, writing of PhD chapters and guest lectures)
- Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (Peru), August-September 2007: visiting researcher at the Law Faculty (library research, follow-up interviews in Lima and Iquitos, writing of PhD chapters, attending international conference in Argentina)
- Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (Peru), March-September 2006: visiting researcher at the Law Faculty (library research, ethnographic fieldwork in the Peruvian Amazon for PhD research, and guest lectures)
- Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (Peru), July-September 2003: library research and fieldwork in the Peruvian Amazon (for dissertation CADES)
- University of Stellenbosch (South Africa), January-June 2001: one semester LLM (during Master of Laws studies)

Teaching

Current courses

Since 2017-2018:

- *European and International Asylum and Migration Law and Policy* (45h), Ghent University, Master of Science in Criminological Sciences (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)
- *Skills IV – Practice-oriented asylum research* (in Dutch), Ghent University, Master of Laws in Laws

Since 2016-2017:

- *Migration law* (30h) (in Dutch), Ghent University, Master of Laws in Laws and Master of Science in Criminological Sciences (lecturer-in-charge)
- *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* (30h): Coordination of the migration law component, Ghent University, Master of Laws in Laws and Master of Laws in International and European Law (co-lecturer)

Previous courses

- *Skills IV – Case law analysis of Council for Alien Law Litigation with NVivo* (in Dutch), Ghent University, Master of Laws in Laws (2016-2017 and 2017-2018)
- *Law in Developing Countries* (15h), University of Antwerp, 2015-2016, ITP Sustainable Development and Human Rights Law (SUSTLAW) (organisation, replaced for teaching because of maternity leave)
- *Qualitative Data Analysis and NVivo* (8h), Université Kongo, DRC, January 2015

- Droits de l'Homme (30h), Université Kongo (Democratic Republic of the Congo), 2012-2013, Master of Law
- Socio-legal Research (8h), Chongqing University, China, April 2013
- Anthropology of Law (30h), KU Leuven, 2011-2012, Master of Law and Master of Social and Cultural Anthropology

Guest lectures in courses at Bachelor's and Master's level

- Banaba Intercultural Management (CIMIC), Thomas More University College, Mechelen, 12 February 2019 ('Inleiding tot het Migratierecht')
- Banaba Intercultural Management (CIMIC), Thomas More University College, Mechelen, 20 February 2018 ('Inleiding tot het Migratierecht')
- Spaans: Studie van het Cultuurgebied, University of Antwerp, 1 March 2016
- Seminar 'Rechten en Vrijheden', University of Antwerp, 11 February 2016
- Advanced Study of Human Rights Law, Ghent University, 6 November 2015
- Legal Ethnography (4h), Pontifical Catholic University of Peru, 11 April 2015
- Mensenrechten, Ghent University, 27 March 2015
- Mensenrechten, Ghent University, 14 November 2014
- Mensenrechten, Ghent University, 22 November 2013
- Human Rights Law, Chongqing University, China, 17 April 2013
- Mensenrechten, Ghent University, 16 November 2012
- Anthropology of Latin America. From Colonization to Globalization, KU Leuven, 23 May 2012
- Dynamiques globales et locales des interactions développement - environnement, Université catholique de Louvain, 29 March 2012
- Anthropology of Law, KU Leuven, 27 April 2011
- Anthropology of Law, KU Leuven, 17 March 2010
- Anthropology of Latin America. From Colonization to Globalization, KU Leuven, 3 March 2010
- Sociología del Derecho, Pontifical Catholic University of Peru, 19 May 2009
- Rechtsantropologie, Universiteit Gent, 2 March 2009
- Anthropology of Law, KU Leuven, 18 February 2009
- Rechtsantropologie, Universiteit Gent, 7 April 2008
- Anthropology of Law, KU Leuven, 5 March 2008
- Culturele antropologie - crossculturele psychologie, KATHO – IPSOC, 10 May 2007
- Rechtsantropologie, Universiteit Gent, 30 April 2007
- Publiek recht in Afrika, Azië en Latijns-Amerika, Universiteit Gent, 5 December 2006
- Sociología del Derecho, Pontifical Catholic University of Peru, 16 May 2006
- Sociología del Derecho, Pontifical Catholic University of Peru, 21 September 2006
- Sociología del Derecho, Pontifical Catholic University of Peru, 26 September 2006

Lectures in international and post-academic courses

- '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

- 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-organisator)
 - o April – May 2017
 - o May – June 2018
- International Training Programme ‘Human Rights for Development’ (HR4DEV) (co-organisator)
 - 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-organisator)
- Short Training Initiative ‘Children’s Rights in a Globalized World’, Ghent-Antwerp, 5-17 September 2010 (co-organisator)

Professionalization of education

- Multiple choice training, Ghent, 15 January 2018
- Peer assessment, Ghent, 4 October 2016
- Presentation techniques (level 2), Ghent, 15 December 2015
- Basic training for Assistant Professor (*Basisdocenttraining*), Ghent, 15 and 22 September, 1 October 2015
- Creativity, pitching and resilience, Ghent, 27 February, 6 March and 3 April 2015
- Presentation techniques (level 1), Ghent, 12 November 2014
- Presentation skills, Leuven, 26 February and 19 March 2007
- Advanced ICT, Leuven, 18 December 2006, 16 and 26 March 2007

Internal academic service delivery

- Faculty Board of the Faculty of Law and Criminology, Ghent University, 2018 – present
- Educational Commission of the Faculty of Law and Criminology, Ghent University, 2018 – present
- 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 of the Faculty of Law and Criminology, Ghent University, 2017 – present
- Steering Committee of the Scholars at Risk Network, Ghent University, 2014 – present
- Commission on Sustainability Policy, Ghent University, 2015 – 2016
- Screening Committee for Research Proposals, University of Antwerp, 2015 and 2016
- Co-organisator of research group seminars on methodology, current issues and publications, University of Antwerp, 2015 – 2016
- Steering Committee Internationalization, University of Antwerp, 2013 – 2016
- Executive Committee of the Law and Development Research Group, University of Antwerp, 2012 – 2016

Academic service delivery to society

Editorial boards and reviewing

- Member of the International Panel of Evaluation 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* (Journal of Youth and Children’s Rights), 2011 – present
- Ad hoc reviewer for international journals, such as *Third World Quarterly*, *The Journal of Legal Pluralism and Unofficial Law*, *Social Inclusion*, *Human Rights & International Legal Discourse*, *Land Use Policy*, *Current Opinion in Environmental Sustainability*, *Anthropologie et Sociétés*, *Antipoda - Revista de Antropología y Arqueología*
- Ad hoc reviewer for Intersentia, the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (Peru) and the *CROP Book Series in International Poverty Studies*

Membership of scientific organisations

- Promoter of the 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 – present
- Ghent Rolin-Jaequemyns International Law Institute (GRILI), 2015 – present
- European Environmental Law Forum, 2015 – present
- Ghent Centre for Global Studies, 2013 – present
- *Vereniging voor de Sociaal-Wetenschappelijke Bestudering van het Recht* (VSR – Association for the Social-Scientific Study of Law), 2013 – present
- General Assembly of the Children’s Rights Knowledge Centre (KeKi), 2013 – 2016
- Human Rights Centre, Ghent University, 2012 – present
- Inter-University Network on Law and Development (LAW&DEV), 2011 – present
- Commission on Legal Pluralism, 2011 – present
- CEL (Commission on Environmental Law) Young Professionals Group of the World Conservation Union (IUCN), 2009 – present

Policy advice and consultations

- Member of the academic network ‘Wellbeing, Vulnerability and Resilience’ of FEDASIL (Federal Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers) (2019 – present)
- 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)
- Advisory group of CSO stakeholders on World Bank Consultations on the Bank’s proposed Environmental and Social Framework, 2015 – present (member)
- Working group on Violence of BE-Gender, 2015 – present (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
- Contact person for collaboration between the Law and Development Research Group (UAntwerpen) and universities in Latin America (Peru, Chile and Argentina) (2013-2016)
- ‘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, De Morgen, De Standaard, De Tijd, Het Nieuwsblad, Het Belang van Limburg etc.)

Presentations, debates and arts projects relating to asylum and migration law as well as human rights

- ‘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’, Geraardsbergen, 11 October 2018
- ‘Opkomen voor kinderrechten en voor een menselijk migratiebeleid’, Oudenaarde, 21 February 2018 (panel member)
- ‘Migratie: Mythes en Mensenrechten’, lecture organised by Davidsfonds Wervik en Geluwe, 10 December 2017
- Panel ‘Geen misdaad begaan, wel opgesloten?’, debate on immigration detention in Belgium, organised by the 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

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, CMS

Training (selection)

- Gender Awareness Training, Ghent University, 18 September 2017
- Media Training with VRT, organised by CCCP Consortium, Ghent, 11 September 2017
- Research day ‘Onderzoek: hoe kom je ermee naar buiten?’, organized by VLIR-UOS, Antwerp, 11 March 2015
- Philosophical paradigms in social research, Martyn Hammersley, Ghent, 23 October 2014
- Qualitative Data Analysis, Dimitri Mortelmans, Antwerp, 11 June 2014
- Writing qualitative research papers for publication in academic journal, Peter Stevens, Ghent, June 2013
- Using NVIVO for Qualitative Data Analysis, Dimitri Mortelmans, Ghent, May 2013
- International course ‘Living Realities of Legal Pluralism’, Commission on Legal Pluralism, Cape Town, 4-7 September 2011

Societal engagement (selection)

- NANSEN, the Belgian Refugee Council, co-founder and board member, 2017 – present
- PROTOS – NGO on water, 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)