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Professional experience

- Mar. 2018 - present **PhD Researcher**
 Ghent University, Faculty of Law and Criminology, Department of European, Public and International Law, Migration Law Research Group – associated with Human Rights Centre (HRC) & Centre for the Social Study of Migration and Refugees (CESSMIR)
'Safe with the neighbours? Refugee protection and EU external migration policy in Turkey and Morocco' (working title)
- Jan. – Dec. 2017 **Teaching Assistant to Prof. dr. Ellen Desmet, Migration Law (20%)**
 Ghent University, Faculty of Law and Criminology, Department of European, Public and International Law
- Practical assistance
 - Teaching on international protection
 - Assisting master students with their master theses
 - Research and advice in the domain of asylum and migration law and policy
- July – Dec. 2017 **Coordinator (60%)**
 NANSEN vzw, (ULB Campus, Av. F.D Roosevelt 50, 1050 Brussels)
- Asylum legal aid and expertise centre, national UNHCR partner
 - Daily management
 - Project coordination
 - Fundraising
 - Communication, external relations
- May 2016 – June 2017 **Associate Protection Officer on Detention (consultancy)**
 UNHCR, Protection Unit for Belgium & Luxemburg, Regional Representation Western Europe (Av. Louise 385, 1050 Brussels)
- Developing, implementing and coordinating a national detention strategy and a monitoring program for detention facilities in Belgium
 - Intensive monitoring through visits and interviews with asylum seekers in detention facilities
 - Monitoring and analyzing the development and implementation of legislation, policy and practices related to detention at the border and on the territory
 - Providing policy guidance and legal advice on detention-related matters to internal and external interlocutors
- Nov. 2015 – Dec. 2016 **Freelance Consultant**
 BxlConsul (independent)
- Counseling on migration and asylum law, practices and policy
- Jun. 2009 – Jan. 2016 **Legal and Policy Officer**
 BCHV-CBAR (Belgian Refugee Council) (Paleizenstraat 154, 1030 Brussels)

- Legal assistance and counseling to asylum seekers and lawyers; drafting advisory opinions to Belgian asylum authorities (UNHCR operational partner)
- Reporting and publishing on Belgian asylum and migration law and practice (Asylum Information Database national expert)
- External relations, strategic collaborations (UNHCR, ECRE, Belgian NGOs, academics, press)
- Monitoring, policy and advocacy activities (consultation by Belgian asylum authorities and ministerial cabinets, EU institutions)
- Training to different publics (on aspects such as credibility assessment, unaccompanied minors, vulnerability, protection status eligibility, EU law, Dublin regulation)
- Copy writing, fundraising

Oct. 2008 – Jun. 2009 **Legal Officer**

- Flemish Minorities Centre (now Flemish agency for Integration)
- Legal counseling on international private law
 - Online publications
 - Training

Jun. 2004 – Dec. 2007 **Lawyer**

- Kati Verstrepen Law Firm (Rotterdamstraat 53, 2040 Antwerp)
- Migration and asylum law
 - Legal counseling, attending clients, legal procedures
 - Drafting legal requests and appeals
 - Pleading before courts and administrative authorities

Jan. – June 2004

Campaigner

- Red Cross, Madrid, Spain
- Fundraising

Education

2003 – 2004	Candidate in Philosophy	KU Leuven
1999 – 2003	Licentiate in Law	KU Leuven Complutense University of Madrid
1997 – 1998	Candidate in Law	KU Leuven, Kortrijk Departement (KULAK)
1991 – 1996	Latin-mathematics	Sint-Jozefinstituut, Kortrijk

Publications

International peer reviewed articles and book chapters

Wissing, R. (2019). 'Allocating Responsibility for Refugee Protection to States: Actual and Potential Criteria in International (Case-)law', in G.C. Bruno, F.M. Palombino and A. di Stefano (ed.), *Migration and Development: Migration Issues before International Courts and Tribunals*

National peer reviewed articles and book chapters

Wissing R. (2015). 'Eerste land van asiel – een nieuwe grond om vluchtelingen van bescherming uit te sluiten?', *Tijdschrift voor Vreemdelingenrecht*, no. 2, 74-85

Journal articles without peer review and editorials

- Wissing R. (2017). 'Artikel 3 EVRM beschermt ernstig zieke vreemdelingen tegen een verwijdering van het grondgebied en beidt hen procedurele garanties (EHRM-arrest Paposhvili)', *Tijdschrift voor Mensenrechten*, jg. 15, no. 1, 15-16
- Wissing R. (2014). 'Grenzen aan het grensbeleid? Fort Europa doorgelicht door de VN', *Tijdschrift voor Mensenrechten*, jg. 11, no. 4, 8-11

Reports

- Brems E., Desmet E., Dhondt B., Lavrysen L., Smet S., Wissing R. (2019), *Schendingen van mensenrechten in het verkiezingsprogramma 2019 van Vlaams Belang*, <https://www.ugent.be/re/epir/en/news-events/news/researchreport>
- Wissing R., ECRE (2013), *Asylum Information Database: Country Report Belgium*, <http://asylumineurope.org/reports/country/belgium>
- Wissing R., ECRE (2014), *Asylum Information Database: Country Report Belgium*, First Update
- Wissing R., ECRE (2014), *Asylum Information Database: Country Report Belgium*, Second Update
- Wissing R., ECRE (2015), *Asylum Information Database: Country Report Belgium*, Third Update
- Wissing R., ECRE (2015), *Asylum Information Database: Country Report Belgium*, Fourth Update

Unpublished:

- Wissing R., UNHCR (2017). "Is this jail?" / "C'est comme prison" – *Monitoring Detention in Belgium, Findings & Recommendations*
- Wissing R., UNHCR (2017). *National Action Plan Global Strategy Beyond Detention, April 2017*

NGO publications

- Wissing R. (2014). 'Biedt India 'reële bescherming' aan Tibetanen? – Welke 'reële bescherming' is vereist om van een 'eerste land van asiel' in de zin van artikel 48/5 §3 van de Vreemdelingenwet te kunnen spreken?' (CBAR-BCHV)
- Wissing R., Daem G., Lepoivre C. (2013). 'Kinderen in asiel: rekening houden met hun kwetsbaarheid en hoger belang' (CBAR-BCHV)
- Wissing R. (2013), Belgian case Summaries for European Database of Asylum Law (EDAL) (<http://www.asylumlawdatabase.eu/en/case-law-search>)
- Wissing R. (2012). 'Het behoren tot een sociale groep', 'Uitsluiting', en 'Het specifieke probleem van recent verblijf' in *60 Jaar Vluchtelingenverdrag – Analyse van de Belgische Praktijk en het Internationale en Europese kader* (Vluchtelingenwerk Vlaanderen, CIRE, BCHV-CBAR).
- Wissing R., e.a. (2012). 'Nieuwe gegevens voor de Raad voor Vreemdelingenbetwistingen in volle rechtsmacht: in lijn met het Europees recht?', (CBAR-BCHV)
- Wissing R., e.a. (2011). 'Is de vrees gegrond? Het gebruik en de toepassing van landeninformatie in de asielaanvraag', (CBAR-BCHV)
- Wissing R. (2010), 'Demandes d'asile multiples : 'element nouveau'? – Application de l'article 51/8 de la loi du 15 décembre 1980 au regard de la directive 'Procédure' et du cadre constitutionnel' in CBAR-BCHV, *L'accès à la procédure d'asile en Belgique*
- Wissing R. (2009), 'Ouderlijke Verantwoordelijkheid', op [vreemdelingenrecht.be](http://www.vreemdelingenrecht.be) (Steunpunt IPR, VMC), (<http://www.kruispuntmi.be/thema/vreemdelingenrecht-internationaal-privaatrecht/familiaal-ipr/ouderlijke-verantwoordelijkheid>)

Research and preliminary drafting for:

- Sheridan C., Taylor A., van Krimpen I., Zelvenska J, ECRE (2017), *Preliminary Deference? The impact of judgments of the Court of Justice of the EU in cases X.Y.Z., A.B.C. and Cimade and Gisti on national law and the use of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights*

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- UNHCR project 'Legal and administrative assistance to asylum-seekers in Belgium' (2017), by the consortium CESSMIR (promoters Katrijn Maryns and Ellen Desmet) and NANSEN vzw (64.000 euro)

- Porticus Foundation project 'Strengthen and Improve Protection Standards for Detained Asylum Seekers: rights to asylum and to liberty' (2018), for NANSEN vzw (77.000 euro)
- European Commission, AMIF Community Action MINERVA project proposal 2015, with consortium of NGOs (Hungarian Helsinki Committee), IGOs (UNHCR) and asylum authorities (CGVS) (not approved)

Research & expertise related activities

Fieldwork

- Qualitative data collection through semi-structured interviews and participatory observation with Congolese and Sub-Saharan migrants in Rabat, Morocco, 2 October-4 December 2019

Presentations at conferences, seminars and study days, and guest lectures

- 'Doing research with vulnerable groups and on sensitive topics' (with Prof. Stephan Parmentier and Yordan Nugraha), Law and Development Network Virtual Research Day 'Research Ethics in practice', online, 29 May 2020
- Guest lecture on legal consciousness (with Ayse Gdk), in Legal Anthropology (prof. Ellen Desmet), Ghent University, for Bachelor of Laws in Laws, online, 23 April 2020
- 'Seeking protection in Morocco: refugees, legal consciousness and legal pluralism', HRC Meeting, Ghent University, online, 24 April 2020
- Poster presentation PhD research 'Safe with the Neighbours', Research Day Faculty of Law and Criminology, Ghent University, 7 February 2020
- 'Seeking protection and legal consciousness: Refugees in Morocco, a qualitative analysis' (panel 'Migrants in a state of uncertainty'), VSR Conference 'Law and Uncertainty', Radboud University Nijmegen, 16 January 2020
- 'EU's External Migration Policy: Shifting Responsibilities', Debates in Conflict & Development: Reconsidering migration. Unpacking politics, policies & practices, Ghent University, 14 March 2019
- 'Refugee Protection & International Cooperation', International Intercultural Week, VIVES University of Applied Sciences, Kortrijk, 15 November 2018
- 'Effective protection' for refugees under EU external migration policy', CESSMIR Conference Needs and Care Practices for Refugees and Migrants, Ghent University, 18 September 2018
- Poster presentation PhD research plan 'Safe with the Neighbours?', RLI Conference Refugee Protection in a Hostile World, London, 18 July 2018
- 'UNHCR Detention Monitoring and Global Strategy Beyond Detention', presentation of Etat des Lieux closed centres, Transit Group (JRS, CIRE), at Federal Parliament, 23 January 2017
- 'De Asielaanvraag van Niet-Begeleide Minderjarigen: van de Theorie naar de Praktijk - COI: hoe vindt men adequate informatie over het land/de regio van oorsprong?', Platform Kinderen op de Vlucht, 13 oktober 2016
- 'Dublin III Verordening (EU) nr. 604/2013 van het Europees Parlement en de Raad van 26 juni 2013', Foyer, Brussels, 31 maart 2015
- 'La Crdibilit dans la Directive Qualification' at Colloquium *La Seconde Gnration du Droit Europen de l'Asile en Droit Belge : Le Temps des Juges*, UCL, Louvain-la-Neuve, 5 December 2014
- Basis- en voortgezette vormingen familiaal IPR voor advocaten en ambtenaren burgerlijke stand, VMC, Brussels, Ghent, 2009

Panels, roundtables and workshop participations

- Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, doctoral seminar 'Making responsibility-sharing work: the role of international law in regulating the sharing of efforts in the displacement context' by Evelien Wauters, 2 June 2020 (*discussant*)

- WG External Dimension of EU Migration Law and Policy, 'Changing trends and dynamics of EU Migration Law and Governance: a critical assessment of the evolution of migration legislation and policy in Europe' by Eleonora Frasca, 14 May 2020 (*discussant*)
- CESSMIR, UNU-CRISI, and the Department of Conflict and Development Studies, research seminar 'Qualifying Deportation' with Prof. Barak Kalir, Ghent University, 13 March 2020
- CESSMIR, UNU-CRISI, and the Department of Conflict and Development Studies, research seminar 'Borders as Markets: how fighting migration has become big business' with Prof. Ruben Andersson, Ghent University, 28 February 2020 (*discussant*)
- Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, Workshop 'Contestation and Adaptation of the EU Externalized Migration Agenda by African States' with i.a. Prof. Thomas Spijkerboer, KU Leuven, 16 December 2019
- Dutch Association for Migration Research, and NNHRR Migration and Borders Working Group, Workshop 'Legal Implications of European Trends in the Externalisation of Migration Management', with i.a. Dr. Nikolas Feith Tan, Prof. Conny Rijken, Radboud University Nijmegen, 19 September 2019
- Ghent European Law Initiative (GELI), Brown Bag Seminar, 'Why 'Autonomy' should Not be Considered a General Principle of EU Law: Insights from the Law of International Organisations', by Dr. Violeta Moreno-Lax, Ghent, 5 July 2019
- EPC, EMN, Friedrich Naumann Foundation, Odysseus Network, Roundtable 'From Tampere 20 to Tampere 2.0 – Partnership with Countries of Origin', with Prof. V. Chetail and prof. E. Guild, Brussels, 12 June 2019
- RLI Research Affiliate Workshop, 'Doing research on refuge: Challenges and Commonalities', University of London, 6 June 2019
- Asser Institute, KNVIR, VSR, Masterclass 'Empirical & Socio-legal Methods in International Law', with Dr. V. Fikfak and Dr. S. Dezalay, The Hague, 20 November 2018
- European Law Academy (ERA), 'The Refugee Crisis – What role for EU law vs. politics?', Brussels, 18 November 2015
- CGVS, Workshop 'Hoger belang van het kind in de asielpprocedure', 20 November 2014
- ICJ, Roundtable 'Asylum claims based on sexual orientation, gender identity or expression', 27 June 2014
- 'The challenges of a European Response', presentation of Van Reisen M., Estefanos M., Rijken C., (2014). *The Human Trafficking Cycle: Sinai and Beyond*, at European Parliament, 4 December 2013
- 'De Asielrechtspraak betreffende Niet-Begeleide Minderjarige Vreemdelingen', Platform Kinderen op de Vlucht, 18 juni 2013
- 'La Jurisprudence en matière d'asile concernant les Mineurs Etrangers Non-Accompagnés', Plateforme Mineurs en Exil, 21 juni 2013
- 'La crédibilité pendant les interviews d'asile', with prof. S. Sarolea and national Commissioner general for refugees and stateless persons D. Van den Bulck, Seminar *La Convention de Genève aujourd'hui: les risques*, CIRE, Vluchtelingenwerk Vlaanderen, CBAR-BCHV, 16 December 2011

Expert consultancy and advice

- Academic network 'Wellbeing, Vulnerability and Resilience' of Fedasil (Federal Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers), 24 April 2019, 17 September 2019
- Ministry of Justice, on the proposed reform of the legal aid system, 24 June 2015
- Dublin reform consultation stakeholders meeting, DG Home European Commission, 11 December 2015
- Evaluation of Qualification Directive, ICF for DG Home, 2015
- NGO consultation during periodic country visit of Mr Nils Muiznieks, Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe, on deficiencies in the asylum system and the reform of the legal aid system, 14 September 2015
- Kinderrechtencommissariaat, Luistergroep Heen & Retour, 14 October 2013
- State Secretary on Migration and Asylum, protection and return policy Afghans, 2 October 2013
- European Parliament, LIBE preparatory meeting delegation to Greece, 10 October 2012
- ECRE, Asylum System Core Group, 2012-2014
- CGVS, Overleg beschermingsbeleid Afghanistan cfr. UNHCR Richtlijnen, 6 November 2013
- Vluchtelingenwerk Vlaanderen, Report 'Holebi's op de vlucht – een analyse van beslissingen door de asielinstanties', mei 2013

- Expert consultative panel UNHCR 'Mapping Statelessness in Belgium', 2011-2012, Report presented in Federal Parliament on 6 February 2013
- European External Policy Advisors (EEPA), Prof. Van Reisen (Tilburg University) on the application of the Dublin Regulation for refugees from the Horn of Africa (for the book *The Human Trafficking Cycle: Sinai and Beyond*), 2014
- Written note to Aliens Office (DVZ-OE) on ECtHR Tarakhel judgement impact on Dublin procedure, 14 November 2014
- NGO Consultation by DG Home on Belgian transposition of EU Asylum Acquis, September 2013
- Written note to Parliamentary Commission Internal Affairs on proposed changes of the Aliens Act related to multiple asylum applications, 5 February 2013
- Asylum Information Database (AIDA) national expert, 2013-2015
- Bi-annual meeting with Federal Ombudsman on asylum related affairs, 2013-2015
- Platform Justice pour Tous/Recht voor Iedereen, 2014-2015
- Coordination Contact meeting (monthly exchange platform asylum authorities and NGOs), 2010-2015
- Coordination Protection meeting UNHCR-National NGOs, 2013-2015
- Input for UNHCR policy notes, 2010-2015
- Journalist Dalton M. 'Europe Departs more Iraqis' in Wall Street Journal, 2010
- Justice Ministry, overleg Aanpak schijnhuwelijken, 23 November 2008 (VMC)
- Ministry of the Flemish Community, Department of Wellbeing, Public Health and Families, overleg Eergerelateerd geweld, 9 February 2009 (VMC)

Teaching

Courses

2017-2018:

- 'International and national protection statuses and procedures' (6h, in Dutch), in Migration Law (by prof. dr. Desmet, 30h), Ghent University, Master of Laws in Laws and Master of Science in Criminological Sciences (teaching assistant)

2018-2019:

- 'International protection: qualification, procedures and statuses' (6h, in Dutch), in Migration Law (by prof. dr. Desmet, 30h), Ghent University, Master of Laws in Laws and Master of Science in Criminological Sciences
- 'Asylum and refugee law: basic principles' (2h), for Legal Clinic Human Rights and Migration Law (prof. dr. E. Brems, prof. dr. E. Desmet), Ghent University, Master of Laws in Laws and Master of Science in Criminological Sciences
- 'Non-refoulement and international refugee law' (2h), for the Moot Court in Human Rights (prof. dr. Y. Haeck), and for the Moot Court in International Migration Law (prof. dr. E. Desmet), Ghent University, Master of Laws in Laws and Master of Science in Criminological Sciences
- 'Belgian asylum and refugee law' (4h, in Dutch), for Permanente Vorming Beëdigd tolken (prof. dr. Bart Defrancq), Ghent University, Department of Translation, Interpreting and Communication

Assistance

- Master theses: commissioner for theses on i.a. LGBTI asylum seekers, the concept of family in family reunification procedures (2017-'19); the refugee in Islamic law, revocation of refugee status recognition (2018-'20); African asylum systems, protection for Venezuelan refugees in the USA (2019-'21)
- Moot Court International Migration Law: team preparation assistant (2018-'19); moot case drafter and member of organising committee (2019-'20)

Academic service to society

Internal academic service delivery

- Commission for Scientific Research of the Faculty of Law and Criminology, Ghent University, 2019-present
- Valorisation Group Scientific Research of the Faculty of Law –and Criminology, Ghent University, 2019-present

Membership of scientific organisations and editorial boards

- *Tijdschrift voor Vreemdelingenrecht* (Journal of Migration Law), editorial board, 2017-present
- Working Group of junior researchers at Belgian universities on the External Dimension of EU Migration Law and Policy, founding member, 2020-present
- Human Rights Centre (HRC), Ghent University, 2017-present
- Centre for the Social Study of Migration and Refugees (CESSMIR), Ghent University, 2017-present
- Ghent Rolin-Jaequemyns International Law Institute (GRILI), Ghent University, 2018-present
- Inter-University Network on Law and Development (LAW&DEV), 2019-present
- ULB Refugee Law Clinic, member of the steering committee, 2017-present
- Refugee Law Initiative (RLI), research affiliate, 2018-present

Science communication to a wider public

Presentations

- 'Vluchtelingenbescherming: verantwoordelijkheid van staten', CESSMIR Research Day: Migratieonderzoek in de praktijk, BELMONDO festival, Ghent University, 21 March 2019
- 'Vluchtelingen crisis: hoezo? Over asiel en migratie, in België en de EU', Vormingplus Kortrijk, 2017

Blogposts, opinions, websites

- 'Push backs of "badly behaving" migrants at Spanish border are not collective expulsions (but might still be illegal refoulements)', Strasbourg Observers, 25 February 2020, <https://strasbourgobservers.com/2020/02/25/push-backs-of-badly-behaving-migrants-at-spanish-border-are-not-collective-expulsions-but-might-still-be-illegal-refoulements/>
- 'Francken pimpt terugkeercijfers met asielzoekers', Knack, 4 August 2018, <https://www.knack.be/nieuws/belgie/francken-pimpt-terugkeercijfers-met-asielzoekers/article-opinion-1180091.html>
- 'Systematic detention of asylum seekers at the border : on the need for an individualised necessity test', Strasbourg Observers, 9 June 2017, www.strasbourgobservers.com/2017/06/09/systematic-detention-of-asylum-seekers-at-the-border-on-the-need-for-an-individualised-necessity-test/
- 'Turkije, het derde "veilige" land, MO* blog, 21 March 2016, <http://www.mo.be/wereldblog/turkije-het-derde-veilige-land>
- 'Juridisch koorddansen met Turkije humanitaire schande voor EU', MO* opinie, 25 March 2016, <http://www.mo.be/opinie/juridische-koorddansen-met-turkije-nieuwe-humanitaire-schande-voor-eu>
- 'Statelessness having been mapped, it's time to act now for Belgian authorities, before momentum passes', ENS guest blog, 13 February 2013, <http://www.statelessness.eu/blog/statelessness-having-been-mapped-it%E2%80%99s-time-act-now-belgian-authorities-momentum-passes>
- 'Ouderlijke Verantwoordelijkheid', VMC/Agentschap Integratie & Inburgering, vreemdelingenrecht.be, 2009, <http://www.agii.be/thema/vreemdelingenrecht-internationaal-privatrecht/familiaal-ipr/ouderlijke-verantwoordelijkheid>

Skills

Language skills

- Dutch: mother tongue
- English: fluent
- French: fluent

- Spanish: good
- German: basic

Computer skills

Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Outlook, Adobe Acrobat Professional, NVivo, Twitter @BelgianRefugee @HRC_UGent

Training & conferences (selection)

- Refugee Studies Centre, Annual Elizabeth Colson Lecture, 'Mobility and immobility in the time of coronavirus: reflections from long-term study of migration and displacement' by Prof. Laura Hammond, online, 24 June 2020
- EuroMed Rights, webinar 'COVID-19, migrants' rights and governments' responses in the Euro-Mediterranean region', 15 June 2020
- 11.11.11, webinar 'The impact of COVID-19 on the human rights situation of refugees in North Africa, the Sahel and the Middle East', 10 June 2020
- Centre for Fundamental Rights at the Hertie School, webinar 'Human Rights of Migrants, COVID-19 and the ECHR', 2 June 2020
- Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility, 'EU Border Closures, Asylum, and COVID-19', with Prof. Alex Aleinikoff, Prof. Didier Bigo, and Prof. Elspeth Guild, online, 15 May 2020
- Migration Policy Group (MPG), webinar 'The effects of COVID-19 on Mobility and Citizenship', Webinar, 6 May 2020
- 11.11.11, webinar 'Covid-19 At the Borders of Europe', 30 April 2020
- VSR (Association for the Social-Scientific Study of Law), Conference 'Law and Uncertainty', Radboud University Nijmegen, 16-17 January 2020
- EPC, EMN Finland, Friedrich Naumann Foundation, Odysseus Network, launch of the publication "From Tampere 20 to Tampere 2.0 - Towards a New European Consensus on Migration", Finnish Embassy, Brussels, 11 December 2019.
- Consortium Belgian NGOs (Vluchtelingenwerk, NANSEN, 11.11.11), Conference 'Voorbij Terugkeer/Au-delà du Retour', Belgian Parliament, 9 December 2019
- UGent Research Department and Interdisciplinary Consortia, Societal Impact Event, 'Communication skills for scientists: Science narratives in post-truth times', with Joris Luyendijk, Ghent, 24 September 2019
- Doctoral School, 'Ethnography in challenging contexts: observing and responding to deviance and conflict', by Prof. Tom Decorte, Ghent University, 5 September 2019
- Odysseus Network, 'European Agencies (FRONTEX, EASO) as the new institutional framework', with Dr Lilian Tsourdi (Oxford University), Jamil Addou (EASO), and David Reizenzein (Frontex), ULB, Brussels, 4 July 2019
- Refugee Law Initiative (RLI), University of London, 4th Annual Conference 'Rethinking the 'Regional' in Refugee Law and Policy', London, 3-6 June 2019
- Doctoral School, 'Presentation Skills in English', 22, 29 May, 5, 12 June 2019
- CESSMIR, 'Research Seminars in the Social Study of Migration and Refugees', 20-24 May 2019
- Ghent University, Die Keure, 'Het Migratiepact: kroniek van een crisis. Actuele vragen uit internationaal recht, grondwettelijk recht en migratierecht', Ghent University, 8 May 2019
- Doctoral School, 'Fostering Responsible Conduct of Research', Ghent University, 6 May 2019
- Doctoral School, 'Creative Thinking', by Dr. Jamie McDonald, Ghent University, 26-27 March 2019
- UNU-CRIS, Workshop 'Qualitative Research Skills', by Dr. Vanessa Newby, Bruges, 19 March 2019
- Doctoral School, Seminar 'Doing research in Africa: funding, ethics and integrity', Ghent University, 26 February 2018
- Doctoral School, 'Communication skills: writing for non-peers and the press', by Ann De Ron, Ghent University, 15 & 22 January 2019
- Intergovernmental Conference on the Global Compact for Migration, Side Events, Marrakesh, 8-9 December 2018
- AIRE Centre, ECRE, Training 'Strategic Litigation', 1-2 October 2018
- CESSMIR, 1st Annual Conference 'Needs and Care Practices for Refugees and Migrants', Ghent University, 17-19 September 2018
- Refugee Law Initiative (RLI), University of London, 3rd Annual Conference 'Refugee Protection in a Hostile World', London, 18-19 July 2018

- Doctoral School, 'Qualitative data analysis with NVIVO 11', by Prof. D. Mortelmans, Ghent University, 19-20 June 2018
- UCL, Université Saint-Louis, International Francqui Professor François Crépeau Colloquium 'Contrôles et Hospitalités. Vers des politiques migratoires qui renforcent la démocratie contemporaine', Brussels, 4 May 2018
- Doctoral School, 'Developing interview questions and basic interview skills', by Prof. P. Stevens, Hasselt University, 26 April 2018
- Doctoral School, 'Narrative Analysis', by Prof C. Gilligan and Prof. G. Loos, VUB Brussels, 19-20 April 2018
- Class of Excellence, 'Human Rights Law taking up the Migration Challenge?' with prof. Crépeau, Ghent University, 29 March 2018
- Doctoral Seminar, Empirical Methods in Socia-Legal Research, with Dr. L. Israel, ULB, Centre d'histoire du droit et d'anthropologie juridique, 27 March 2018
- European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE), Annual General Conferences, Dublin 2012; Prague, 2013; Brussels, 2014; The Hague, 2015
- UNHCR, Tilburg University, Global Forum on Statelessness, The Hague, 15-17 September 2014
- European Database of Asylum Law (EDAL), 'Reflections on the current application of the EU Asylum Acquis', Dublin, 17-18 January 2014
- UNU-MERIT, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 'Complexities and Challenges in Afghan Migration Research and Policy', Brussels, 8-9 April 2013
- European Network on Statelessness (ENS), 'Addressing Statelessness in Europe', Budapest, 19-21 November 2012
- Refugee Studies Centre (RSC), University of Oxford, 'Palestinian refugees and International Law', 10-11 March 2012
- Chaire W.J. Ganshof Van Der Meersch, Institut d'Etudes Européennes, ULB, 'Principles of International Refugee Law' by Prof. Goodwin-Gill, February-March 2011
- European Legal Network on Asylum (ELENA), 'The Common European Asylum System: Ten Years On – Developments to Date and Future Challenges', Vienna, 13-15 November 2009
- KUL, UA, ULB, Colloquium 'De nieuwe Vreemdelingenwet: België in lijn met de Europese regelgeving', Brussels, 6-7 February 2008
- Rode Kruis België, International Humanitarian Law, Bilzen, 18-20 October 2006
- Leerstoel Migratie, 'Actuele tendensen in het vreemdelingenrecht', UA, February-May 2005
- Balie van Advocaten, Stageschool, 'Stagelessen tot het bekomen van een bekwaamheidsattest voor de uitoefening van het beroep van advocaat' Antwerpen, 2004-'05

Societal engagement (selection)

- *Liga voor de Mensenrechten* (League for Human Rights), council member, 2018-present
- NANSEN (the Belgian Refugee Council), co-founder and member of the board, 2017-present
- Globe Aroma, member of the board, 2016-present, chair since 2020
- *Commissie voor Advies in Vreemdelingenzaken* (Advisory Commission in Aliens Affairs), member, 2012-2016
- *Commissie van Toezicht op het Gevangeniswezen* (Monitoring Commission of the Prison System), Sint-Gillis prison, member, 2010-2013
- *Uit de Marge*, member of the board, 2008-2013