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EDUCATION

PhD in Political Science, spec. in EU politics – 2021

University of Liège (BE)

Dissertation Title: *A Tale of Europe(anness): Interpretations of the "European State" in the Discourse of the Political Institutions of the European Union*
(defended on July 1st, 2021)

MA Government, conc. in Security Studies – exp. 2025

Certificate in Intelligence – exp. 2025

Johns Hopkins University (US) - Current GPA: 4.0

Dissertation Topic: Institutions' Legitimacy and Citizen Engagement in the United States and the European Union

MA Communication, spec. in International Organizations – 2015

University of Liège (BE) - Summa Cum Laude

Dissertation Title: *Bidding farewell? On the assessment of the structural or situational nature of the current crisis surrounding David Cameron's prospective referendum on Britain's continued membership of the EU* (18/20)

Internship: Communications Assistant - Wallonia-Brussels Delegation (Belgian Embassy) in The Hague, Netherlands (18/20)

BA Languages and Literature (English and Dutch) – 2013

University of Liège (BE) - Cum laude

Erasmus stay (6 months): University of Leeds (UK) – Magna Cum Laude

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral Research Fellow – Sept. 2021 – Aug. 2023

University of Pennsylvania (US) - Perelman Center for Political Science and Economics

Belgian American Educational Foundation (B.A.E.F.) fellowship to conduct research on EU institutions' legitimacy in times of crises

Lecturer (*Professeure associée*) – Sept. 2020 - present

University of Liège (BE) - Political Science Department

Teaching a graduate course in EU politics in the EU studies program (fall semester) and supervising master's theses

Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science (EU politics) – Jan. 2017 - Jul. 2021

University of Liège (BE) - European Studies Unit, Political Science Department

SHS/non-Fria Doctoral Fellowship to conduct research

Teaching Assistant – Sept. 2019 – Aug. 2020

University of Liège (BE) - Political Science Department

Support for undergraduate courses in the EU studies program

Executive Assistant – Jan. 2016-Dec. 2016

Interparking, Brussels (BE)

Providing administrative support to the Group CEO and assisting the Marketing-Communications Manager with communication tasks

Researcher/Book contributor – Sept. - Dec. 2015

University of Liège (BE) - European Studies Unit, Political Science Department

Conducting research and writing a book chapter

Communications Intern – Aug. 2014 - Oct. 2014

Wallonia-Brussels Delegation, Embassy of Belgium in the Netherlands (The Hague)

Providing support with communication tasks, developing the newsletter, and helping with events

TEMPORARY
APPOINTMENTS AS
RESEARCH FELLOW

University of Pittsburgh, Jean Monnet European Studies Center, USA – June 2022

Jean Monnet Foundation for Europe, Lausanne, Switzerland – January 2020

University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands – Sept.-Nov. 2018

European University Institute, Florence, Italy – Nov.-Dec. 2017

INVITED LECTURER
POSITIONS

Hofstra University – Nov. 2023

Bertelsmann Foundation – July 2023

University of Liège – March 2023

Harvard-MIT Belgian Society – Mai 2022

Princeton University – March 2022

Sofia University – Nov. 2019

University of Amsterdam – Sept. and Oct. 2018

ADDITIONAL
ACADEMIC
APPOINTMENTS

Reviewer – *Journal of Common Market Studies* (2023), *Politique Européenne* (2023)

Special issue coordinator (with Dr. M.-H. Hermand) – *De Europa – European and Global Studies Journal* – “Multilingualism and the EU” (vol. 6, n°1, 2023)

Editorial board member – *Normes* - Interdisciplinary journal published in the Presses Universitaires de Liège (2020-present)

Co-Editor in Chief – *Cahiers de Science politique de l'Université de Liège* (2019-2021)

Elected Representative (University of Liège)

- Political Science Department Scientific Staff Senate – 2019-2020
- Scientific Staff in Law and Political Science Senate – 2018-2020
- Doctoral Office - 2018-2019
- Multilingual communication Senate – 2013-2014
- Modern languages and literatures Senate – 2011-2012
- Senate of the Faculty of Philosophy and Arts – 2011-2012

VOLUNTEERING

Event Volunteer, Embassy of Belgium in the US (2023), Think Pink Belgium (2019), Liège aide Haïti (2010)

Member jury for “Aux encres citoyens” (contest of philosophical essays for high school students) organized by Mnema and Maison des Sciences de l’Homme - 2022

Founding member and Coordinator, *Polidoc* (group of mutual support and research activities for pol. sci. doctoral students at the University of Liège) - 2018-2020

Communication and Event Coordinator, Réseau des Doctorants (PhD candidates’ network of the University of Liège) – 2017-2019

AWARDS

APSA Centennial Center Grant (USD 2,500) – American Political Science Association & Edward Artinian Fund for Publishing – for the publication of my book *The European Union’s Interpretations of Europe-anness* – 2022

Jean Monnet EUCE Summer Research Scholar Program Grant (USD 2,500) – European Studies Center (Jean Monnet Center of Excellence) & University Library System of the University of Pittsburgh – 2022

B.A.E.F. Postdoctoral fellowship (USD 50,000) - Belgian American Educational Foundation – 2021

Henri Rieben research grant (CHF 3,000) – Jean Monnet Foundation for Europe – 2019

Vibeke Sørensen research grant (EUR 1,300) - European University Institute, with the support of the European Commission – 2017

Doctoral fellowship (EUR 100,000) – University of Liège – 2017

Julie Dehay Award for “promising research project” obtained for my postdoctoral research project (EUR 3,000) – Dehay Foundation – 2022

Doctor Europaeus (European PhD, additional title) – European University Association – 2021

Jean Gol Award (EUR 2,500) for “outstanding research in Law/Political and/or Communication Sciences” – Jean Gol Foundation – 2019

Valedictorian of the MA Communication, Class of 2015 – University of Liège

LANGUAGES

French (native)

English (fluent – TOEFL-iBT 2022: 108)

Dutch (intermediate: B2 spoken, C1 understanding)

Spanish (beginner)

German (beginner)

COMPUTER

Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook)

NVivo

Canvas – E-campus

Zoom – Teams