

# Annie Niessen, Ph.D.

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## RESEARCH POSITIONS

**Postdoctoral Research Fellow** – Sept. 2021 - present

*University of Pennsylvania (U.S.) - Perelman Center for Political Science and Economics*

Belgian American Educational Foundation (B.A.E.F.) Fellowship

**Lecturer (*Maitre de Conférences*) in EU politics** – 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

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

Committee: Quentin Michel (ULiège), Geoffrey Geuens (ULiège), Kiran K. Patel (LMU Munich), Maria Stoicheva (Sofia University), Geoffrey Grandjean (ULiège), Gilles Grin (UNIL Lausanne/Fondation Jean Monnet)

**Teaching Assistant** – Sept. 2019 – Aug. 2020

*University of Liège (BE) - Political Science Department*

Support for undergraduate courses in the EU studies program

**Researcher/Book contributor** – Sept. - Dec. 2015

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

## EDUCATION

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

*University of Liège (Belgium)*

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

**Certificate in Intelligence** – exp. 2025

*Johns Hopkins University (USA)*

Advanced online MA program

Current GPA: 4.0

**MA Communication, spec. in International Organizations** – 2015

*University of Liège (BE) - Summa Cum Laude*

Dissertation: British political parties' discourse on Brexit (18/20)

Internship: Communications Assistant - Wallonia-Brussels Delegation (Belgian Embassy) in The Hague (NL) (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

VISITING  
RESEARCHER  
POSITIONS

**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

PUBLICATIONS  
(Published and  
accepted)

*The European Union's Interpretations of Europe-anness: Discourse, Enlargement, and Legitimation* (Book, forthcoming 2023)  
Ideas and Legitimation: The European Central Bank's Discourse During the Eurozone and Covid-19 Crises (forthcoming 2023)  
Multilinguisme et Union européenne: Introduction (co-authored with M.-H. Hermand, *De Europa: European and Global Studies Journal*, 2023, 6(1), 7-11).  
Legitimacy and Soft Power: The EU Leaders' Legitimation Discourse on Twitter during the Russo-Ukrainian and Covid-19 Crises (*Journal of Cross-Regional Dialogues*, forthcoming 2023)  
Researching the Institutions' and International Organizations' Discourse: A Methodology for Grey Literature and Archives, In: *Conducting Scientific Research: Instruments and Processes*, Presses Universitaires de Liège (book chapter, forthcoming 2023)  
La communication de la Commission sur l'identité européenne dans le cadre des demandes d'adhésion et des élargissements (*Communication & Organisation*, 2020)  
Le paradoxe anglais (*Le labyrinthe européen - Eléments et principes de l'Union européenne*, in Michel and Habran, 2016)

JOURNAL POSITIONS

**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” (issue forthcoming July 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)

GRANTS &  
FELLOWSHIPS

**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

AWARDS

**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

GUEST LECTURER

**Hofstra University** (Oct. 2023), **Bertelsmann Foundation** (July 2023), **University of Liège** (2023), **Harvard-MIT Belgian Society** (2022), **Princeton University** (2022), **Sofia University** (2019), **University of Amsterdam** (2018)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

**APSA** (Quebec, 2022), **MPSA** (Chicago, 2022), **EUSA** (Pittsburgh, 2023; Miami, 2022; Denver, 2019), **SPSA** (San Antonio, 2022), **IPSA** (Brisbane, 2018; Online, 2021), **CES** (Online, 2021), **UACES** (Online, 2020), **ECPR** (Online, 2020), **Hebrew University of Jerusalem** (2018), **University of Amsterdam** (2018), **University of Liège** (2018), **Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences** (Brussels, poster, 2018), **Euroacademia** (Florence, 2017)

PANEL CHAIR & DISCUSSANT ROLES

**APSA** (Quebec, 2022), **EUSA** (Pittsburgh, 2023; Miami, 2022), **MPSA** (Chicago, 2022), **IPSA** (Online, 2021), **University of Liège** (2020, 2018)

ORGANIZED CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

“**Working at the European Parliament**” workshop (online, 2022), “**The Blue Blook Traineeship at the European Commission**” workshop (online, 2022), **Polidoc’s teambuilding day** (Aubel, 2019, 2021), “**How to write a scientific paper in social sciences**” workshop (Liège, 2020), “**Médias, Émotions et Politiques**” symposium (Liège, 2019), “**Discourse Analysis**” workshop (2019), **Polidoc’s monthly events** (2018-2020), “**How to do interviews**” workshop (2018), **ULiège PhD network’s three annual events** (2017-2019), **12th “Après-midi de recherche” of the Department of Political Science** (Liège, 2018), “**Sit down and write!**» workshop (Liège, 2018).

GENERAL PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS

**The Conversation France** - 2021  
*Quelle place pour les valeurs politiques au sein de l’UE ?*  
**MT180 / 3MT** (My thesis in 3 minutes, French-speaking version) - 2021  
*L’Etat européen sous toutes ses coutures.*  
**Podcast series “A contre-courant” UR Cité** - 2021  
*L’identité européenne : un concept malléable ?*

**University of Liège's Summer Reading Lists:** *The Bill of Obligations*, Richard Haass (2023); *L'incroyable histoire de la géographie*, Simmat, Pitte & Bercovici; *Culottées*, Pénélope Bagieu (2020); Olympe de Gouges, Catel & Bocquet (2021)

SERVICE

**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

**Elected Student/Researcher 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

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**