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School of Area Studies, History, Politics and Literature (SASHPL)
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Date/Place of Birth: 11 July 1979 / Anderlecht, Belgium

EDUCATION

PhD (2013) in International Relations, Centre for EU Studies, **Ghent University**

'In the Name of Human Rights. The Problematics of EU Ethical Foreign Policy in Sub-Saharan Africa and Elsewhere'

doctoral programme **European University Institute**, Florence (2001-2005)

MA (2001) in Political Science/International Relations, **Ghent University**

'Humanitaire interventies: menslievendheid of (on)bewust imperialisme? Somalia en Rwanda'

(incl. Erasmus exchange year at the **Università di Firenze**, 1999-2000)

BA (1999) in Social and Political Sciences, **University of Antwerp**

EMPLOYMENT

- 2016 – **Senior Lecturer** European and International (Development) Studies, School of Area Studies, History, Politics and Literature, University of Portsmouth, UK
- 2015 – 2016 **Postdoctoral Fellow**, Kate Hamburger Kolleg, Centre for Global Cooperation Research, University of Duisburg-Essen, Duisburg, Germany (July-July)
- 2013 – 2016 **Lecturer** European and International Development Studies, School of Languages & Area Studies, University of Portsmouth, UK
- 2010 – 2013 **Africa Desk Editor/Journalist**, MO* Magazine, Brussels, Belgium
- 2008 – 2010 **Research Assistant**, Ghent University, Belgium
- 2006 – 2008 **Project Manager**, Peace Centre, Province and City of Antwerp, Belgium
- 2003 – 2004 **Intern**, European Commission, RELEX B/1 (Human Rights and Democratisation), Brussels, Belgium (October-February)
- 2003 – 2003 **Visiting Fellow**, European Institute for Security Studies, Paris, France (May-July)

(CURRENT) ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITIES

Teaching/Module Coordination:

(BA): Rethinking Aid and Development; EU in a Global Context; Nation, Language and Identity; The Making of the Global South; Research Skills; Governing the EU; Economics and Politics of Development; Africa Revisited

(Postgraduate): MA and Mres On Campus and Distant Learning; Doctoral Teaching Programme: teaching and dissertation supervision

Phd Supervision; BA/MA dissertation supervision; Personal Tutor, Placement Tutor, Year Tutor 1st year BA; Research Clusters Leads/Membership: Citizenship, Race and Belonging (CRaB), Francophone Africa; **Social Media Officer** for International Development programme

Forthcoming

- 20-21 (monograph) *On the Ruins of Epistemicide: Decolonising Solidarity through Blackness, Dignity, Retreat & Reparation* (Kilombo special book series, Rowan & Little)
- 2019 (monograph – non academic) *Het Einde van de Witte Wereld. Een Dekoloniaal Manifest.* Antwerpen: EPO (The End of the White World. A Decolonial Manifesto)

Edited Volumes

- 2018 *Routledge Handbook of Postcolonial Politics* (co-editor with Robbie Shilliam)
- 2018 *Decolonization and Feminisms in Global Teaching and Learning*, Routledge (co-editor with Rosalba Icaza and Sara de Jong)

Articles/reviews/commentaries

- 2019 [What's There to Mourn? Decolonial Reflections on \(the End of\) Liberal Humanitarianism.](#) *Journal of Humanitarian Affairs* 1(1)
- 2018 [‘Understanding Epistemic Diversity: Decoloniality as a Research Strategy’.](#) ISS Blog
- 2016 ‘From the everyday to IR: In Defence of the Strategic Use of the R-word’. *Postcolonial Studies* 19(2):1-10
- 2016 ‘Migration and the Need to Decolonize (Hegemonic Thought)’ in: Markus Böckenförde, Nadja Krupke, and Philipp Michaelis (eds.) A Multi-Disciplinary Mosaic: Reflections on Global Cooperation and Migration, *Global Dialogues* 13, Duisburg: Käte Hamburger Kolleg/Centre for Global Cooperation Research (KHK/GCR21)
- 2015 [‘Comforting discomfort of rebel music: some diaspora Legba/Pākehā reflections on Robbie Shilliam’s ‘The Black Pacific’](#) in *The Disorder of Things*
- 2014 ‘Studying Agaciro. Moving beyond Wilsonian Interventionist Knowledge Production on Rwanda’, *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*.
- 2013 ‘What if we took autonomous recovery seriously? A democratic critique of contemporary western ethical foreign policy’, *Ethical Perspectives* 20(1), 81-108
- 2010 ‘Book Review: David B. MacDonald, Robert G. Patman, and Betty Mason-Parker (eds), The Ethics of Foreign Policy. Dominik Zaum, The Sovereignty Paradox, The Norms and Politics of International Statebuilding). David Chandler and Volker Heins (eds), Rethinking Ethical Foreign Policy, Pitfalls, Possibilities and Paradoxes’, *Millennium - Journal of International Studies* 39(1), 209-213
- 2010 ‘The problematics of the EU’s ethical (self)image in Africa. The EU as an ‘Ethical Intervener’ and the 2007 Joint Africa-EU Strategy’, *Journal of Contemporary European Studies* 18(2), 209-228
- 2008 Meerjarenbegroting voor een ander Europa, Rapport. Antwerpen: Steunpunt Buitenlands Beleid
- 2008 ‘Towards a Social-democratic Europe’ in *Belgian Society and Politics Annual Review 2008-2009*, Gent: Stichting Kreveld
- 2006 ‘From Conditionality to Operation Artemis, Humanitarian Interventions in Sub-Saharan Africa and Local Agency’ in *Studia Diplomatica* 59(2), 97-121

Book Chapters

- 2019 ‘Agaciro. Re-centering Dignity in Development’. with Eric Ndushabandi, In: Escobar, A., Kothari, A., Salleh, A., Acosta, A., Demaria, F. *Pluriverse. A Post-Development Dictionary*. New Delhi: Columbia University Press.
- 2019 ‘Who do we think we are?’ with Annick T.R. Wibben, Chapter 5 in: *Global Politics. Third Edition*, ed. Jenny Edkins and Maja Zehfuss, London: Routledge
- 2018 ‘On Babies and Bathwater. Decolonizing International Development.’ *Decolonization and Feminisms in Global Teaching and Learning*, Routledge, (eds. Rosalba Icaza and Sara de Jong, Olivia U. Rutazibwa)
- 2018 ‘Bruine Vrouwenlijven’ in *Zwart. Afro-Europese literatuur uit de Lage Landen*, eds. Vamba Sherif & Ebissé Rouw, Amsterdam: Atlas Contact
- 2014 ‘Back to Basics: Decolonizing Democracy in Africa’, *Africa South of the Sahara 2015*. Routledge
- 2010 ‘Interculturele ID’n als Samenlevingsproject, in Lleshi, B. and Van den Bossche, M., (eds), *Identiteit en Interculturaliteit; Identiteitsconstructie bij jongeren in Brussel*, Brussel: VUB Press
- 2009 ‘L’Unione Europea nell’Africa subsahariana: un intervento umanitario? Autodeterminazione limitata e fallimento umanitario’ in Calloni, M. (ed.), *Umanizzare l’umanitarismo. Limiti e potenzialità della comunità internazionale*, Torino: UTET

- 2009 'Iedereen Conservatief! Beschavingspluralisme in binnen- en buitenland', in Arnaut, K. et al. (eds.), *Een Leeuw in een Kooi, De Grenzen van het Multiculturele Vlaanderen*, Antwerpen: Meulenhoff Manteau
- 2009 'Naar een Sociaaldemocratisch Europa' in Devos, C., Vander Vennet, R. (eds.), *Rood Zonder Roest*, Leuven: Van Halewyck
- 2008 'De Europese Unie en Maatschappelijk Verantwoord Ondernemen in het zuiden: een internationaal voorbeeld in ethisch beleid?' in Nauwelaerts, P., Schramme, A. (eds.), *Responsabilisering van bedrijven in conflictregio's en landen met een zwakke overheid*, Roeselare: Roularta Books

Media appearances/press contributions (selection of 2017-19)

- 2019 MO* Magazine, 28 May 2019, [Witte Zondag](#) (essay)
Canvas, 16 March 2019, [Nachtwacht: Breek de Witte Wereld nu af](#). (TVtalk show, central guest)
- 2018 Le Monde, 27 November 2018, [Dix femmes qui pensent l'Afrique et le monde](#) (1 of 10 feature profiles of women of African descent 'thinking Africa and the world')
BBC Radio Scotland, 23 September 2018, [On Black Earth Rising](#) (expert commentary)
MO*Magazine, 6 August 2018, [Het einde van de Witte Wereld. Een dekoloniaal manifest](#) (essay)
De Standaard, 28 July 2018, [Zieners: Olivia Rutazibwa "Neen u bent geen racist maar kunnen we het nu over racisme hebben?"](#) (interviewee)
ID4D, 27 March 2018, [La dimension post-colonial du development en question](#) (interviewee)
Knack, 3 Januari 2018, ["Op kieslijsten moeten ook quota voor mensen met migratie achtergrond worden ingevoerd"](#) (interviewee)
- 2017 Radio 1, 17 December 2017, [Touché: Wat Raakt Olivia Rutazibwa?](#) (single guest, 2h radio talkshow)
MO* Magazine, 14 November 2017, Olivia Rutazibwa: ["Een andere geschiedenis is ook nodig voor witte machthebbers"](#) (op-ed)
Le Point, 12 November 2017, [Olivia Rutazibwa: "Pour en finir avec la colonialité"](#) (podcast/interviewee)
RFI, 2 November 2017, [Comment decoloniser les esprits?](#) (radio debate, Dakar Senegal)
Radio 1, 12 August 2017, [Interne Keuken: Ten Huize van Olivia Rutazibwa](#) (single guest, 2h radio talkshow)
BBC One, 7 May 2017, [Big Questions Episode 16](#) (on humanitarian interventions) (tv show, panel guest)
MO* Magazine, 1 March 2017, [Het bruine vrouwenlijf is een intiem kruispunt van onderdrukkingen](#) (essay)

RESEARCH GRANTS

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| 2016-18 | AEGIS Trust Rwandan Researchers Grant |
| 2016 | Fieldwork Grant USA, Käte Hamburger Kolleg/Centre for Global Cooperation Research |
| 2015-16 | Visiting Fellowship (12 months), Käte Hamburger Kolleg/Centre for Global Cooperation Research, Duisburg |
| 2011 | Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek (Research Foundation Flanders, Belgium), international mobility research grant for fieldwork Addis Ababa, Somaliland, Nairobi |
| 2004 | European Union Institute for Security Studies, visiting fellow scholarship |
| 2003-4 | European Commission internship scholarship |
| 2002 | European University Institute, mobility research grant, Arabic language course, Yemen |
| 2001-4 | European University Institute/ Belgian government, doctoral research scholarship |

(ACADEMIC) CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND TALKS (selection of the 2017-19)

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| September 2019 | Chicago, USA, <i>De Paul University</i> , Workshop on Thomas Sankara, (panel, invited speaker) |
| August 2019 | Accra, Ghana, <i>University of Ghana at Legon, ISA International Conference</i> (panel, paper presenter, chair) |
| July 2019 | Antwerp, BE, <i>Photography Museum</i> (invited curator for alternative guided tour)
Portsmouth, UK, <i>University of Portsmouth, Exploring the Edge of Citizenship: Nationhood and Nationalism</i> (invited keynote speaker) |

June 2019 London, UK, Royal Society, *BISA Annual Conference* (convenor, chair, paper, roundtable participant)

May 2019 London, UK, LSE, *Workshop the Global International?* (closing panel, invite speaker)
 Ghent, BE, *University of Ghent, TAPAS Workshop* (invited keynote speaker)
 Portsmouth, UK, *University of Portsmouth, BAAL Conference* (invited speaker)
 Manchester, UK, *University of Manchester*, research seminar (invited speaker)

April 2019 London, UK, *Queen Mary University*, Brexit, White supremacy (panel, invited speaker)
 Hartford, USA, *Trinity College*, (invited guest lecturer)
 Stellenbosch, SA, *Workshop Future scenarios Africa-EU relations* (3-day workshop participant)
 Hamilton, CA, *McMasters University, Research in Progress Seminar* (invited speaker)

March 2019 Toronto, CA, Sheraton Hotel, *ISA 60th Annual Convention* (panel convenor, paper, discussant, chair)
 Antwerp, BE, Karel De Grote Hogeschool, Annual School Away Day (keynote)
 Brussels, BE, VRT (Flemish Radio and Television), *Nachtwacht* (central guest TV programme)
 Amsterdam, NL, OFF Days Nederlands Opera and Ballet (Keynote)

Feb 2019 Accra, Kumasi, Ghana, British Council (presenter on IR, Int'l Development programmes UoP)

Jan 2019 Portsmouth, UK, Community Center, *Stand Up against Racism Talk* (invited speaker)

Dec 2018 Brussels, BE, Vlaams-Nederlands Huis De Buren, *VN Debate* (panel, invited speaker)
 Ghent, BE, Vooruit, *Festival van de Gelijkheid* (panel, invited speaker)
 London, UK, LSE, research seminar (invited speaker)
 Bristol, UK, Community Center, workshop on decolonising sustainability (invited speaker/facilitator)

Oct 2018 London, UK, LSE, *Millennium Conference* (roundtable)

Sept 2018 Antwerp, Belgium, De Roma, *Het Einde van de Witte Wereld. Een avond rond Dekolonisatie*. (organiser, host/keynote and roundtable participant of event for general public (760+) around my book)

July 2018 Kigali, Rwanda, AEGIS Trust Writing Workshop (participant/paper)
 London, UK, Tobacco Dock, *FutureFest*, Eurovision: Long Context (speaker)

June 2018 Manchester, UK, Development Studies Association, *EADI Debating the Colonial Legacies of Development* (invited roundtable participant)
 Amsterdam, NL, De Balie, *Europe on Trial* (invited speaker-participant-judge)
 The Hague, NL, Institute for Social Sciences, *Epistemic Diversity* (keynote)
 Bath, UK, *BISA Annual Conference* (roundtable, discussant, paper)

May 2018 London, UK, King's College London, *Rwandan Perspectives on Post-conflict Reconstruction* (chair, discussant, paper)

April 2018 London, UK, QMUL, book launch *Routledge Handbook of Postcolonial Politics* (co-organiser with Robbie Shilliam)
 San Francisco, USA, *International Feminist Journal of Politics Annual Conference* (paper, convenor)
 San Francisco, USA, *ISA 59th Annual Convention* (roundtable convenor, discussant, chair)

Jan 2018 Portsmouth, UK, University of Portsmouth, *Study Half Day African Thinkers* (paper)
 Naples, Italy, Università di Napoli, *Beyond Talking Back: The merits of decoloniality in Knowledge Production* (Keynote speaker)
 Brighton, UK, University of Brighton, CAPPE Lecture Series *The End of the White World* (keynote)

Dec 2017 Brighton, UK, University of Sussex, *On Babies and Bathwater: Decolonising International Development Studies* (keynote)

Nov 2017 Brighton, UK, University of Sussex, *Symposium: Decolonising Development Studies* (convenor, speaker)
 Dakar, Senegal, *Ateliers de la Pensée 2* (participant, presenter)

Oct 2017 Amsterdam, The Netherlands, *Brainwash Festival 2017* (keynote)

	London, UK, LSE, <i>Millennium Conference</i> (discussant)
	Brussels, Belgium, <i>Building Bridges Workshop Movement X, KijKif, Hand in Hand...</i> (keynote)
Sept 2017	Portsmouth, UK, University of Portsmouth, ' <i>Beyond the post(-)colonial?/ Au-dela du post(-)colonial?'</i> Conference (speaker)
July 2017	Havana, Cuba, University of Havana, <i>ISA GSCIS Workshop</i> (presenter, chair)
June 2017	Leuven, Belgium, KUL, <i>FWO Research Network Diversity and Solidarity</i> (speaker)
	Antwerp, Belgium, University of Antwerp, <i>Doctoral Workshop Day Decolonization Knowledge Production</i> (keynote, workshop leader)
	Brighton, UK, Jurys Inn Waterfront Hotel, <i>BISA 42nd Annual Conference</i> (roundtable participant, discussant, chair)
	London, UK, LSE, <i>Perceiving and Misperceiving Ourselves and Others Conference</i> (participant)
	Portsmouth, UK, University of Portsmouth, <i>ECPR SG Citizenship: Citizenship and Identity</i> (keynote)
	Portsmouth, UK, University of Portsmouth, <i>Global Journalism Workshop</i> (speaker)
May 2017	Mechelen, Belgium, Thomas More Hogeschool (guestlecture)
	Warwick, UK, University of Warwick, <i>LAS Europe and Africa Symposium</i> (speaker)
April 2017	London, UK, SOAS, <i>Echoes of Empire</i> (roundtable participant)
	Brussels, Belgium, Koninklijke Vlaamse Schouwburg (KVS) <i>Launch of LAVA Magazine</i> (keynote)
	Utrecht, The Netherlands, <i>Human Festival</i> (keynote, roundtable participant)
	Rabat, Morocco, Musee MVI, <i>Agora africaine, l'Afrique en mouvement</i> (speaker)
March 2017	Taipei, Taiwan, <i>World International Studies Conference WISC</i> (workshop and panel participant/presenter)
	Portsmouth, University of Portsmouth, <i>Race in Your Face 2: Liberate My Degree</i> , Student Union (speaker)
Feb 2017	Baltimore, USA, <i>ISA 58th Annual Convention</i> (roundtable convenor, discussant, chair)

MEMBERSHIPS, COMMUNITY SERVICE, OTHER ACTIVITIES

Associate Editor International Feminist Journal of Politics (2018 – 2022), **Chair Enloe Paper Prize Award** 2018-19

Columnist (occasional) MO* Magazine (www.mo.be), Belgium; NRC Handelsblad, The Netherlands;

Journal Reviewer *African Identities*, *Third World Quarterly*, *International Studies Review*, *Millennium*, *Security Dialogue*, *The Sociological Review*, *International Journal of Social Economics*

(External) examiner doctoral theses: University of Warwick (UK), Queen Mary University London (UK), Ghent University (Belgium), University Sussex (UK), University of Portsmouth (UK).

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Member of the International Studies Association (ISA) // Global South Caucus // Global Development Section (GDS) // GDS book prize selection committee

Member of the British International Studies Association (BISA)

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TEDx Flanders Fellow, Speech: Decolonizing the Western Minds, Flemish Opera House, Antwerp 24 September 2011, www.youtube.com/watch?v=z0b6wfDGseU

Member of the Jury of the 20th Open Doek International Film Festival, Belgium, 20-29 April 2012

Jury Member King Boudouin Foundation Africa Development Prize (Belgium)

Peterson Scholar, Speech: Decolonizing our Stories, International Baccalaureate Peterson Academic Symposium, The Hague, Netherlands, 5-6 July 2012