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Degrees

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- Advanced Security and Defence Studies (Royal Defence College, Belgium, 2007)

Career

- Researcher Flemish Peace Institute (2006-now)
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Conference contributions and guest lectures

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- 'Project SAFTE – Terrorist access to illicit gun markets in Europe' at side event "Organized Criminal Groups and Terrorists' Access to Firearms" organized by the Global Firearm Programme of UNODC during the 27th session of The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice of the United Nations, Vienna, 16 May 2018.
- *Closing conference Project SAFTE: Terrorist access to illicit firearms markets in Europe*, Flemish Parliament, Brussels, 17 April 2018.
- 'Project SAFTE: Studying the acquisition of firearms by terrorist networks in Europe' at training course 'Firearms linked to organised crime and terrorism' organized by CEPOL (European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training), Madrid, 3 April 2018.

- *'Appréhender la menace pour mieux y faire face : comprendre comment les armes parviennent aux groupes terroristes'* at seminar 'Prévenir et lutter contre les trafics d'armes classiques' of the UN Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, organized by IRIS/GRIP, Paris, 31 January 2018.
- In panel 'Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) Flows: Preventing Diversion' of the Sixth EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Conference, Brussels, 12 December 2017.
- *'Proliferație van kleine en lichte wapens: Probleem en aanpak'*, Hogere Studies voor Veiligheid en Defensie, 18 November 2017
- *'Sustainable Development Goals and illegal arms trade'* at the International-Intercultural week of VIVES-SAW, Kortrijk, 14 November 2017
- *'De Belgische vuurwapenmarkt in beeld'*, Interfederaal Overlegcomité ter bestrijding van illegale wapenhandel, Brussels, 6 oktober 2017.
- *'Weapons acquisition: a neglected aspect of the crime-terror nexus? The case of Belgium in a broader European Perspective'* at the 11th Annual International Conference of Society for Terrorism Research, New York, 15 August 2017.
- *'Slotbeschouwingen'* at seminar *'10 jaar sportschuttersdecreet'*, Antwerp, 15 June 2017.
- *'Belgische wapenhandel: Uitdagingen voor de controle van de legale handel en de strijd tegen illegale handel'*, De Stroom, Gent, 18 April 2017.
- *'De voornaamste actoren op de illegale vuurwapenmarkt'* at seminar 'Illegaal wapenbezit in België', Gent, 16 March 2017.
- *'Beeldvorming omtrent de illegale vuurwapenmarkt in België'* at seminar 'Illegaal wapenbezit in België', Gent, 16 March 2017.
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- *'Trafics d'armes à feu et la violence criminelle et terroriste'* at seminar 'Trafic d'armes en situation post-conflits: étude de cas et enjeux' organized by IRIS & GRIP, Paris, 24 January 2017.
- *'Analysis of firearms used in terrorist attacks in Europe'* at ECSA-seminar 'Explosives & tactics used by terrorist groups', Antwerp, 19 December 2016.
- *'Vuurwapenrichtlijn 91/477: context, basiselementen en evolutie'* op conferentie 'Wapenbezit: wat mag of moet de politie nog doen?', Antwerp, 9 December 2016.
- *'Firearms research in support of European and national policies to combat gun violence in Europe'* at the 'Sixth Regional SALW Commissions Meeting' organized by SEESAC/UNDP, Becici (Montenegro), 6 December 2016.
- *'Linkages between illicit firearms trafficking, criminal violence and terrorism in Europe'* at the 'Final Conference of Project FIRE: Fighting Illicit Firearms Trafficking Routes and Actors at European Level' organized by Transcrime, Milaan, 25 November 2016.
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- *Presentation on Belgian arms trade*, Antwerpen: Rotary Metropool, 13 October 2016
- *Contribution to UNODC Informal Expert Group Meeting on data collection and analysis on illicit firearms trafficking*, UNODC, Vienna, 15-16 September 2016

- *Presentation on the advices of the Flemish Peace Institute in a Hearing of the Temporary Committee for the combating against Terrorism*, Federal Parliament, 24 June 2016
 - *Closing remarks at Conference “10 jaar Wapenwet”* [10 years of Firearms Legislation], Federal Parliament, Brussels, 9 June 2016
 - *Lecture on European arms export*, Karel De Grote Hogeschool, Antwerp, 10 May 2016
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 - *Lecture 'The Belgian Arms Trade'*, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Brussels, 16 March 2016
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 - *'Terrorism threats to EU internal and external security from illicit trafficking of SALW'*, Presentation at the Fourth Consultative Meeting of the EU Non-Proliferation Consortium, Brussels, 13 July 2015
 - *Firearms and violent deaths in Europe*, seminar of the Flemish Peace Institute, Flemish Parliament, Brussels, 25 June 2015.
 - *Gun possession, firearms legislation and violent deaths*, panel discussion 'Targeted Action' at the Second Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons and All Its Aspects, United Nations, New York, 3 June 2015.
 - *European arms export policy vis-à-vis the Middle East and North Africa*, COARM-NGO Conference "EU arms exports: steady-as-they-go in times of crisis?", Brussels: 29 May 2015
 - *Europese wapenhandel*, Berchem: toelichting voor Vredesactie, 21 April 2015
 - *The strategy of EU to tackle the illicit acquisition and possession of firearms*, Brussels: Guns & Governance seminar, 27 March 2015.
 - *Illegal arms trafficking and terrorism*, seminar 'European Jihadists', European Parliament, Brussels, 28 January 2015.
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 - *Implementation of the EU SALW policy in the light of the ATT*, Brussels: EU Non Proliferation Consortium Seminar, 3-4 November 2014
 - *The EU's Strategy to Tackle Illegal Firearms in Europe*, ECPR General Conference, Glasgow (United Kingdom), 6 September 2014.
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 - *Illegaal wapenbezit in België: kenmerken, verwerving en risico's*, Studiedag 'Illegaal wapenbezit in België', Brussels, 12 June 2014.
 - *The role of human rights in arms export control systems*, Expert Consultation of the UN Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order, Brussel, 15 May 2014.

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- *Overzicht van de Belgische wapenexport*, Conference 'Belgische wapenhandel: 10 jaar na de regionalisering', Brussels (Belgium), 21 October 2013.
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- *Business as usual? Assessing the impact of the Arab Spring on European arms export control policies*, COARM-NGO Conference 'Louder than words: improving Common Position implementation and ensuring a powerful ATT' organized by the European External Action Service, GRIP & Saferworld, Brussels, 24 March 2014.
- *The impact of the Arab Spring on European arms export control*, 17th Annual International Conference on Economics and Security, Stockholm (Sweden), 14-15 June 2013.
- *Analyse van het sportschieten in Vlaanderen*, Conference 'De wapenwet en het sportschuttersdecreet: passen de puzzelstukjes?', Antwerp (Belgium), 31 May 2013.
- *Belgische vuurwapens in internationale conflicten*, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium), 16 April 2013.
- *Belgian export control system*, Export Controls Seminar: 'Do you know what happens with your product?' organized by Deloitte, Brussels, 6 & 8 March 2013.
- *End-use of military components*, organized by the European External Action Service, GRIP & Saferworld, Brussels, 5 December 2012.
- *Youth and violence in Belgium*, Second World Conference on the Right to Education, Brussels (Belgium), 9 November 2012.
- *De Belgische wapenhandel*, United Nations Association Flanders Belgium, Brussels (Belgium), 29 October 2012.
- *Illegal possession and acquisition of firearms and ammunition in Belgium*, Paper presented at the Stockholm Criminology Symposium, Stockholm (Sweden), 11-13 June 2012.
- *De pijnpunten en de hiaten van de Wapenwet*, Lecture at Politeia Seminar 'De Wapenwet op een keerpunt', Antwerp (Belgium), 8 June 2012.
- *Van Vlaamse makelij: het eindgebruik van Vlaams militair materieel*, Vlaams Parlement, Commissie Buitenlands Beleid, 13 December 2011.
- *Gun control, public opinion, and mortality. The case of Belgium*, Paper presented at the Stockholm Criminology Symposium, Stockholm (Sweden), 13-15 June 2011.
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- *Peace Education in Flanders: a mismatch between supply and demand?* Paper presented at the Peace Education Commission of the Biannual Conference of the International Peace Research Association, Sydney (Australia), 8 July 2010.
- *Fanning the Flames of Discontent: The impact of the oil industry on the outbreak and intensification of political violence in the Niger Delta*, Paper presented at the IPSA World Congress of Political Science, Santiago (Chile), 12-16 July 2009.
- *Fuelling insurgency: oil revenues and the financing of insurgent activities in the Niger Delta*, Paper presented at the 50th Annual Convention of International Studies Association (ISA), New York (USA), 15-18 February 2009.

- *Arms acquisition patterns and the dynamics of conflict: lessons from the Niger Delta*, Paper presented at 'International Workshop on the Niger Delta', Nordiska Afrika Institutet/Internationa Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), Oslo (Norway), 18-19 August 2008.
- *Insurgent groups, local population support and questions of legitimacy*, Paper presented at 'Second Global International Studies Conference of the World International Studies Committee (WISC)', Ljubljana (Slovenia), 23-26 July 2008.
- *Weapons procurement and insurgency: different methods, different dynamics?*, Paper presented at 'Cost Action A25 Final Conference on Armed Violence', Brussels (Belgium), 17 March 2008.
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- *The impact of arms availability and arms acquisition networks on the conflict in the Niger Delta*, Paper presented at 'COST Action A 25 Working Group 2 & 3 Meeting on small arms acquisition and conflict', Nicosia (Cyprus), 28-29 May 2007.
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- *ExxonMobil en de Afrikaanse olie-industrie*, Paper presented at 'Kauri Academie', Brussels (Belgium), 4 May 2006.
- *Oil interests and armed conflicts in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Expert Meeting: DRC's Natural Treasures. Source of conflict or key to development*, Brussel, 23-24 november 2005
- *Subject choice and gender inequality. The effect of skills and competencies on the labour market*, Paper presented at the '13th Annual workshop of the European Network on Transitions in Youth', Valencia (Spain), 7-10 September 2005.
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Awards, teaching, membership of scholarly associations, service to the community

- Member of the Europol Platform for Experts
- Award for Best Masters Thesis of the Faculty of Economic, Social and Political Sciences and Solvay Management School of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, 2001-2002.
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- Guest teaching at Vrije Universiteit Brussel and Universiteit Antwerpen since 2006.
- Ad hoc member of the Firearms Expert Group of the European Commission
- Member of the Advisory Board for Weapons of the Department of Justice (Belgium)

- Member of the COST Action A 25 on European Small Arms and the Perpetuation of Violence
- Several presentations of research results in the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Subcommittee on Arms Trade of the Flemish Parliament, in the Temporary Committee on Combat against Terrorism of the Federal Parliament, and in the European Parliament.
- Several public lectures and contributions on a wide range of topics.