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academic qualifications
PhD Political Science, 2001-2006 (cum laude)
Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Thesis: ‘Politics of Sovereignty’

MScEcon International Politics, 1999-2000
University of Wales, Aberystwyth, United Kingdom
Specialist Degree: International Relations Theory

MA Public Administration and Management (Bestuurskunde), 1994-1999
Twente University, Enschede, The Netherlands
Specialisation: International Relations and International Law

academic positions
Director, Centre for the Politics of Transnational Law, VU university Amsterdam (2013–)
Senior Research Fellow at the Faculty of Law, Department of Transnational Legal Studies, VU University Amsterdam (July 2012–)
Assistant Professor at Leiden University, Department of Political Science, tenured (Aug 2006–June 2013)
Visiting Fellow at European University Institute, Department of Law, Florence (2009)
Lecturer at the Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, Department of Political Science (2004–2006)

awards, fellowships, grants
Bulthuis van Oosternieland award 2014 for my monograph Constructing Sovereignty between Politics and Law (Routledge New International Relations Series, 2012)

Jean Blondel PhD Prize 2007 of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) for the best dissertation in Political Science at a European university, awarded to ‘Politics of Sovereignty’
Annual Dissertation Award 2007 of the Dutch Political Science Association (NKWP) for ‘Politics of Sovereignty’
International expert grant, Danish Research Council, as part of the project Human Rights in the Age of Globalisation (principal investigator Thomas Gammeltoft-Hansen), 2010-2014
COST Action IS1003 conference organization and travel grants (2011–2015)
Research Activation Grant, Netherlands Institute of Governance (2009)
Scholarship Van Coeverden Adriani Stichting (2009)
Visiting fellowship, European University Institute, Department of Law, Florence (2009)
Stipend executive post Faculty of Social Sciences, Leiden University (2007–2012)
Stipend executive post Faculty of Social Sciences, Vrije Universiteit (2002–2004)
VSB scholarship for postgraduate education abroad (1999–2000)

publications

books

book chapters
6. ‘Mastering the Globe: Law, Sovereignty and the Commons of Mankind’ (co-authored with Wouter Werner), in: Rens van Munster and Casper Sylvest, Assembling the Planet, Cambridge University Press, 2016 (forthcoming)
international peer reviewed articles

7. ‘International Law’ (co-authored with Wouter Werner), in: Xavier Guillaume, Pinar Bilgin and Mark B. Salter (eds), The Routledge Handbook of International Political Sociology, Routledge, 2016 (forthcoming)


international peer reviewed articles


13. ‘Sovereignty at Sea: The law and politics of saving lives in the Mare Liberum’ (co-authored with Thomas Gammeltoft-Hansen), Journal of International Relations and Development 17(4), 2014 [SSCI]


17. ‘On the Uses of Foucault for International Law (special issue)’ (with Ben Golder), Leiden Journal of International Law 25(3), 2012 [SSCI]


22. ‘From Wendt to Kuhn; Reviving the Third Debate’ (co-authored with Rens van Munster), International Politics 45(6), 2008, pp. 720-746


national peer reviewed articles

25. ‘Discipline, Recht, Politiek’ (co-authored with Wouter Werner), Vrede en Veiligheid 38(3), 2009


international bookreviews


29. ‘Constructivism in International Relations [book review], Cooperation and Conflict 39(1), 2004, pp. 93-94 [SSCI]


Journal special issues (guest) editor

‘Expertise, Uncertainty and International Law’ (with Anna Leander), Leiden Journal of International Law 26(4), 2013, 783-854 [SSCI]

‘Foucault and International Law’ (with Ben Golder), Leiden Journal of International Law 25(3), 2012, 603 [SSCI]


affiliations and research groups

European International Studies Association (Executive Secretary), International Political Sociology Section of the International Studies Association (former chair and program chair), European Consortium for Political Research/ Standing Group International Relations (board member), Dutch Political Science Association (former board member), International Studies Association

invited presentations


‘Reflecting on the Transnational in International Law’, at the conference ‘The Transnational in International Law’, University of Bremen, 26-28 March 2015

‘Sovereignty at Sea: The law and politics of saving lives at mare liberum’, University of
Organiser of two panels on ‘Rezoning the International? Politics, Law and the (im)possibilities of Interdisciplinary Research’ (together with Nikolas Rajkovic), at the 9th convention of the Central and East European International Studies Association, Krakow, 20-21 September 2012

Organiser and chair of an ECPR Joint Sessions ‘Revisiting International Institutions: Theory, Practice, Performativity’ (together with Jorg Kustermans), Antwerp, 10-14 April 2012

Organiser and chair of the roundtable ‘Theorising Governance between Politics and Law’ (together with Thomas Gammeltoft-Hansen) under the COST Action IS1003, Copenhagen, 8-9 December 2011


Organiser of the international workshop ‘Practices of International Governance’ (together with Jorg Kustermans), University of Antwerp, 27-28 November 2009

Organiser and chair of the panel ‘IB in de Lage Landen’, at the Politicologenetmaal, Annual conference of the Dutch Political Science Association (NKWP), 28-29 May 2009

Organiser of the international conference ‘Mobilisations of Uncertainty and Responsibility in International Politics and Law’ (together with Erna Rijsdijk), Netherlands Defence Academy, 20-22 November 2008

Presentations at international conferences

‘Sovereign Marks: colonial treaties as legal technology’, 9th Pan-European Conference on International Relations, Giardini-Naxos, Sicily, 23-26 September 2015

‘From interdisciplinarity as a boundary drawing practice to reflexive interdisciplinarity’, 9th Pan-European Conference on International Relations, Giardini-Naxos, Sicily, 23-26 September 2015

‘Politics in the Age of Legal proliferation’ (co-authored with Thomas Gammeltoft-Hansen), at the workshop ‘Changing Practices of International Law’, Bifrost University, Reykjavik, 27-29 August 2014

‘International Law as Practice: Moving Past the Anxieties of Interdisciplinarity’ (co-authored with Ingo Venzke), at the European Workshops on International Studies, Gediz University, Izmir, 21-24 May 2014


‘Rethinking sovereign equality as a standard of civilisation’ at the Annual Conference, Millennium: Journal of International Studies, London School of Economics, 19-20 October 2013

‘From Sovereigns to Savages: imagining the global legal order and colonial subjectivity’ at the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, 3-7 April 2013

& at the workshop ‘Constructions of Globality’, Copenhagen, 17-18 June 2013

‘International Law and International Relations: Should we agree just to date?’ (co-authored with Thomas Gammeltoft-Hansen) at the 9th Convention of the Central and East European International Studies Association, Krakow, 20-21 September 2012

‘Governing sovereigns through the politics of law’, paper presentation at the joint panel and conference organisation

Organiser and section chair of 5 panels on ‘Law’s violence’ at the 9th Pan-European Conference on International Relations, Giardini-Naxos, Sicily, 23-26 September 2015


Organiser of the Conference Program for the International Political Sociology Section (90 panels) of the 55th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Toronto, 26-29 March 2014

Organiser and chair of four panels on the Power of Legality at the COST IS1003 conference ‘Globalization and the Boundaries of Legality’, Weimar, 11-13 December 2013

Organiser and chair of an interdisciplinary PhD school on ‘the Politics of International Constitutionalism’ (together with Jessica Lawrence), VU University, Amsterdam, 28-30 Aug 2013

Organiser of the workshop ‘Power of Legality: Practice of International Law and their Politics’ (together with Nikolas Rajkovic and Thomas Gammeltoft-Hansen), Florence, European University Institute, 28-29 May 2013

Organiser and chair of the panel ‘International Law as Practice’ (together with Ingo Venzke), at the European Society of International Law Research Forum, Amsterdam, 29-25 May 2013

Organiser of the panel ‘Governamentality and Legal Techniques of Power’ at the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, 3-7 April, 2013

Organiser of the COST IS1003 conference ‘International Law and the Construction of Knowledge’ (together with Rosemary Rayfuse and Wouter Werner) in Lund, 31 Jan-1 February 2013

Organiser of the Exploratory Symposium of the European International Studies Association, Rhodes, 24-26 October 2012

Organiser of two panels on ‘Rezoning the International? Politics, Law and the (im)possibilities of Interdisciplinary Research’ (together with Nikolas Rajkovic), at the 9th convention of the Central and East European International Studies Association, Krakow, 20-21 September 2012
& at the 51th Annual Convention and International Studies Association, New Orleans, 17-20 February 2010
‘Sovereignty Subjectivity’, paper presentation at the ECPR Joint Sessions 2012, Antwerp 10-14 April 2012
‘Sovereignty at Sea. The law and politics of saving lives in the Mare Liberum’ (co-authored with Thomas Gammeltoft-Hansen) paper presentation at the COST Action IS1003 workshop ‘Organizing Fragmented Territoriality’, Centrum fur Globalieserung und Governance, Hamburg, 15-17 November 2012
& at the 51th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, 17-20 February 2010
& at the workshop ‘Sovereignty, Territory and emerging Geopolitics’, Danish Institute of International Studies, Copenhagen, 3-4 May, 2010
‘Disciplining Softly. The Counter-Terrorism Committee and the Making of Responsible Sovereigns’ (with Wouter Werner), paper presentation at the 50th Annual Convention International Studies Association, New York, 15-18 February 2009
‘Discipline, Recht, Politiek’ (with Wouter Werner), paper presentation at the Annual Conference of the Netherlands Institute of Governance, Enschede, 20-21 November 2008
‘Mobilising Sovereignty, Responsibility and Uncertainty: A Foucauldian Perspective on the Counter-Terrorist Committee’ (with Wouter Werner), paper presentation at VIEW conference Mobilisations of Uncertainty and Responsibility in International Politics and International Law, Netherlands Defence Academy, Breda, 20-22 November 2008
‘Constructing Sovereignty between Politics and Law’, invited speaker Symposium ‘The Meaning of Sovereignty in the XXI Century’, Faculty of Law, University of Amsterdam, 29 June 2007
‘Sovereignty as Discipline’, paper presentation at the Annual Conference, British International Studies Association, University of Cork, Ireland, 18-20 December 2006
‘It’s All in the Game. The English School on Sovereignty-Politics-Law’, paper presentation at the 46th Annual Convention, International Studies Association, Honolulu, 1-5 March 2005
‘Sovereignty Reloaded? A Constructivist Perspective on European Research’, paper presentation at a departmental seminar at the Department of Political Science, University of Southern Denmark, August 2004
‘Next Stop Constructivism?! Controversies and Challenges for Dutch IR theory’ (with Rens van Munster), paper presentation at the Annual Conference of the Dutch Political Science Association, Politicologenmetaad, Dordrecht, 22-23 May 2003

other academic and professional experience

Executive Secretary, European International Studies Association (2013–2017)
Member of the Advisory Board Acta Politica (Palgrave Macmillan) (SSCI index) (2015–)
International Expert member of reference group/advisory board for the project ‘Duty of Care: Protecting Citizens Abroad’, of the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs NUPI, Oslo, funded by the Research Council of Norway (2015-2017)
Member of the Jury for the Distinguished Scholar Award, International Organization Section, International Studies Association 2015
Member of the Management Committee, COST IS1003 Action programme ‘International Law between Constitutionalization and Fragmentation’ (2011–2015)
Chair of the working group ‘Constitutionalization and Territorial Fragmentation’, COST IS1003 Action programme ‘International Law between Constitutionalization and Fragmentation’ (2011-2015)
Chair of the Jury for the Graduate Paper Award, International Political Sociology (2014–2015)
Chair of the Jury for the Book Award, International Political Sociology (2014–2015)
Committee member for the VU Fellowships Programme (2014–2015)
Member of the Jury for the European Journal of International Relations – best article published in 2009–2013
Chair of the Jury for the Annual Thesis Prize 'Visions on Peace' of IKV Pax Christi (Dutch NGO) and the Foundation for Peace Studies (2012–2015)
Board member Steering Committee, Standing Group International Relations, European Consortium for Political Research (2010–)
Elected staff representative of the Faculty Board, Social Sciences, Leiden University (2009–2012)
Board member European Confederation of Political Science Associations (2009–2014)
Board member Executive committee Dutch Political Science Association (2008–2014)
Chair MA International Relations and Diplomacy Education Committee, Department of Political Science, Leiden University (2009–11)
Member MA Admissions Committee Political Science, Leiden University (2009–10)
Advisory Board International Relations Studies Association, Leiden University (2008-12)
Chair of the Social Sciences Library Committee, Leiden University (2006–10)
Secretary to the VIEW Working Group on International Relations and Law (2001–11)
European Research Colloquium, Netherlands Institute for Governance (2002-05)
President of the Social Sciences PhD Committee, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam (2002-05)
PhD Advisory Committee, Netherlands Institute of Governance (2002-04)
External Consultant to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Hague
Internship at the Netherlands Organisation for International Development Cooperation (Oxfam/Novib), Advocacy and Press Department, The Hague (Feb-May 1998)

supervision
Supervision of PhD dissertations:
Benjamin Pohl – ‘But we have to do something’. The Drivers behind European Crisis Management Operations (awarded with the 1st European Defense Agency-Egmont PhD prize in European Defence, Security and Strategy) (Leiden University, 2008-2012)
Jessica Lawrence – ‘Minding Other States’ business: free trade, fair trade and clean trade in the EU (VU University, Amsterdam 2012–2015)
Sofia Stolk – The Opening Statement of the Prosecution in International Criminal Law (VU University, Amsterdam 2013–)
Supervision of MA theses (approximately 5 per year)

teaching experience
INSTRUCTOR
MA course International Relations: Studying the War on Terror, Political Science, Leiden University (2007-2010)
MA seminar Humanitarian Intervention, Leiden University (2006-2012)
MPhil Frontiers of Political Science I State of the Art, Leiden University (2009-2010)
MPhil Frontiers of Political Science II Classical Readings, Leiden University (2008-2010)
BA International Politics [BA1], Leiden University (2006-2007)
BA course International Relations [BA3], University College Utrecht (2005-2006)

BKO certificate (diploma Leiden University for academic teaching)

languages
Dutch mother tongue
English passive and active abilities fluent
French passive abilities good, active abilities sufficient
German passive abilities good, active abilities sufficient

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