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Career

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Degrees

- Advanced Security and Defence Studies (Royal Defence College, Belgium, 2007)
- MA in Political Sciences (Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium, 2004)
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Conference contributions and guest lectures

- ‘Possible futures for EU arms export controls?’ at annual COARM-NGO Conference ‘Developments in EU Arms transfer controls & the Yemen conflict’ organised by the European External Action Service and Saferworld, Brussels, 16 May 2019
- ‘The impact of internet on illicit firearms trafficking in Europe’ at seminar “Preventing and combatting illicit arms trafficking: new challenges and perspectives” organized by the Institut de Relations Internationales et Stratégiques (IRIS) and Groupe de recherche et d’information sur la paix et la sécurité (GRIP), Paris, 15 May 2019.
- Presentation at panel discussion ‘Reducing the firepower of criminals and terrorists: The new EU Strategy to combat the illicit proliferation of firearms’ organized by the EU Non Proliferation and Disarmament Consortium and the Flemish Peace Institute, Brussels, 4 April 2019.
- Guest lecture ‘Illicit arms trade and violent conflicts’ in the course “Transnational crimes and conflict”, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, 26 February 2019.
- Lecture ‘The illicit proliferation of SALW in the EU’ at the annual assembly of the Parliamentary Forum on Small Arms and Light Weapons, Brussel, 28 November 2018.
- ‘Arms flows and terrorism in the Middle East and the EU’ op UNIDIR Expert Seminar “Preventing Terrorists from Acquiring Weapons”, New York, 12 November 2018.
- ‘Firearms Acquisition by Terrorists in the EU: Research findings from Project SAFTE’ op 25e ENFSI Firearms/GSR Working Group Meeting, Copenhagen, 3 October 2018.
- ‘Firearms Acquisition by Terrorists in the EU: Research findings from Project SAFTE’ at side event “Strengthening ATT implementation by better understanding of diversion risks” of CSP4 of Arms Trade Treaty, Tokyo, 23 August 2018.
- ‘Terrorist access to (converted) firearms in Europe’ at side event “Legal loopholes and terrorism” of RevCon3 of the UN Programme of Action on SALW, New York, 22 June 2018.
- ‘Firearms Acquisition by Terrorists in the EU: Research findings from Project SAFTE’, Assembly of the Special Committee on Terrorism, European Parliament, Brussels, 18 June 2018.
- ‘Policy options to combat firearms acquisition by terrorists in Europe’ at the seminar “Combating Terrorism in Europe: Strengthening the Tools and Ensuring a Coordinated Response” organised by Public Policy Exchange, Brussels, 17 May 2018
- ‘Project SAFTE – Terrorist access to illicit gun markets in Europe’ at side event “Organized Criminal Groups and Terrorists’ Access to Firearms” organized by UNODC at 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, 17 April 2018.



- 'Project SAFTE: Studying the acquisition of firearms by terrorist networks in Europe' op cursus 'Firearms linked to organised crime and terrorism' organized by CEPOL (European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training), Madrid, 3 April 2018.
- Lecture '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', organised by RIS/GRIP, Paris, 31 January 2018.
- 'Weapons acquisition: a neglected aspect of the crime-terror nexus? The case of Belgium in a broader European Perspective' op de 11th Annual International Conference of Society for Terrorism Research, New York, 15 August 2017.
- 'Concluding remarks' at study day '10 jaar sportschuttersdecreet', Antwerp, 15 June 2017.
- Lezing 'Belgische wapenhandel: Uitdagingen voor de controle van de legale handel en de strijd tegen illegale handel', De Stroom, Gent, 18 April 2017.
- Presentatie 'De voornaamste actoren op de illegale vuurwapenmarkt' op studiedag 'Illegaal wapenbezit in België', Gent, 16 March 2017.
- Presentatie 'Beeldvorming omtrent de illegale vuurwapenmarkt in België' op studiedag 'Illegaal wapenbezit in België', Gent, 16 March 2017.
- Lecture 'Belgische wapenhandel', at 'Prikkel jongerendriedaagse' Oxfam & Broederlijk Delen, Ghent, 18 February 2017
- Lecture 'Belgische wapenhandel', Humanistisch-Vrijzinnige Vereniging, Denderleeuw, 26 January 2017.
- Presentation 'Trafics d'armes à feu et la violence criminelle et terroriste' op de conferentie 'Trafic d'armes en situation post-conflits : étude de cas et enjeux' organiseed by IRIS & GRIP, Paris, 24 January 2017.
- Presentation 'Analysis of firearms used in terrorist attacks in Europe' at the ECSA-seminar 'Explosives & tactics used by terrorist groups', Antwerp, 19 December 2016.
- Lecture 'Vuurwapenrichtlijn 91/477: context, basiselementen en evolutie' at conference 'Wapenbezit: wat mag of moet de politie nog doen?', Antwerp, 9 December 2016.
- Presentation 'Firearms research in support of European and national policies to combat gun violence in Europe' at the 'Sixth Regional SALW Commissions Meeting' organised by SEESAC/UNDP, Becici (Montenegro), 6 December 2016.
- Presentation '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' organised by Transcrime, Milan, 25 November 2016.
- Presentation 'Acquisition of firearms by terrorist networks in Europe' at the '10th Annual International Conference of the Society for Terrorism Research', Den Haag 7 November 2016.
- 'Firearms research in support of European and national policies to combat gun violence in Europe', Brussels: Seminar "Public Mass Shootings in Europe", 17 October 2016.
- 'Gun acquisition dynamics of the perpetrators of public mass shootings in Europe', Brussels, Seminar "Public Mass Shootings in Europe", 17 October 2016.
- Presentation on Beglian arms trade, Antwerp: Rotary Metropool, 13 October 2016
- Contribution to "UNODC Informal Expert Group Meeting on data collection and analysis on illicit firearms trafficking", Vienna: UNODC, 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.
- Contribution to the seminar 'El Parlamento Europeo y la lucha contra el terrorismo' [The European Parliament and the fight against terrorism], Madrid: Information office of the European Parliament in Madrid, 15 April 2016.
- Lecture 'Belgian arms trade', Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Brussels, 16 March 2016.
- Closing remarks, Study Day 'Police Weapons', Mechelen, 4 December 2015.
- 'Firearms and violent deaths in Europe', Guest lecture at the University of Sarajevo, 5 November 2015.
- 'Firearms and violent deaths in Europe', Presentation at the meeting 'Current security situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina' organised by UNDP, OSCE, DCAF en NAVO, Vitez, 4 November 2015.
- 'Terrorism threats to EU internal and external security from illicit trafficking of SALW', Presentation at “Fourth Consultative Meeting of the EU Non-Proliferation Consortium”, Brussels, 13 July 2015.
- Firearms and violent deaths in Europe, Presentation at the seminar of the Flemish Peace Institute, Brussels, 25 June 2015.
- Gun possession, firearms legislation and violent deaths, Presentation during the 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.
- European arms trade, Berchem, contribution for 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', Brussels, European Parliament, 28 January 2015.
- Exchange about the research report Flemish Foreign Arms Trade, Flemish Parliament, Foreign Affairs Commission, 9 December 2014.
- Belgian arms trade, Brussels, Flemish Parliament, book presentation, 20 November 2014.
- 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, 6 September 2014.
- 'EU legislation on SALW and its practical implications' at the Second Formal Regional Meeting of South East Europe SALW Commissions van SEESAC (UNDP), Jahorina, 24 June 2014.
- Illegal arms possession in Belgium: characteristics, acquisition and risks, study day 'Illegal arms possession in Belgium', 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, Brussels, 15 May 2014.

- 'Business as usual? Assessing the impact of the Arab Spring on European arms export control policies', op COARM-NGO Conference 'Louder than words: improving Common Position implementation and ensuring a powerful ATT' organised by the European External Action Service, GRIP & Saferworld, 24 March 2014.
- 'Illegal acquisition of firearms and ammunition in Europe, Seminar 'Firearms in Europe', Brussels, 6 December 2013.
- Overview of the Belgian arms export, Lecture at the conference 'Belgian arms trade: 10 years after regionalisation', Brussels, 21 October 2013.
- European arms export to the Arab world, Second Consultative Meeting of the EU Non Proliferation Consortium, Brussels, 17 June 2013.
- The impact of the Arab Spring on European arms export control, 17th Annual International Conference on Economics and Security, Stockholm, 14-15 June 2013.
- 'Analyse van het sportschieten in Vlaanderen' at the study day 'De wapenwet en het sportschuttersdecreet: passen de puzzelstukjes?' georganiseerd door Politeia, Antwerp, 31 May 2013.
- Belgian firearms in international conflicts, Lecture, Vrije Universiteit Brussels, 16 April 2013.
Lecture 'Belgian export control system' at Export Controls Seminar: 'Do you know what happens with your product?' organised by Deloitte, Brussel, 6 & 8 March 2013.
- End-use of military components, COARM-NGO conference 'The end of the affairs: concluding the Common Position review and ATT negotiations', Brussels, 5 December 2012.
- Youth and violence in Belgium, Second World Conference on the Right to Education, Brussels, 9 November 2012.
- Belgium's arms trade, Lecture at the UN Disarmament Week for 'Vereniging voor de Verenigde Naties', Brussels, 29 October 2012.
- Illegal possession and acquisition of firearms and ammunition in Belgium, Stockholm Criminology Symposium, Stockholm, 11-13 June 2012.
'De pijnpunten en de hiaten van de Wapenwet', Politeia study day 'De Wapenwet op een keerpunt', Antwerpen, 8 juni 2012.
- 'Van Vlaamse makelij: het eindgebruik van Vlaams militair materieel', Flemish Parliament', Foreign Affairs Commission, 13 December 2011.
- Gun control, public opinion, and mortality. The case of Belgium, Stockholm Criminology Symposium, Stockholm, 13-15 June 2011.
- 'Vergeten conflict? De Verenigde Naties en het conflict in de Nigerdelta', Presentation of chapter at book presentation 'Langs de vuurlijn. De VN en gewapende conflicten', UNRIC, Brussels, 11 January 2011.
- Arms acquisition patterns and the dynamics of conflict, Paper presented at the 7th PanEuropean International Relations Conference of the Standing Group on International Relations, Stockholm, 9-11 September 2010.
- Arms acquisition methods by non-state actors and the dynamics of armed conflict, Paper presented at Internal Conflicts Commission of the biannual conference of the International Peace Research Association, Sydney, 8 July 2010.
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