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Career

- Researcher *Vlaams Vredesinstituut* (2026 – present)
- Guest lecturer department of Political Science, *University of Antwerp* (2026)
- Postdoctoral researcher department of Political Science, *Universiteit Antwerp* (2026)
- Doctoral researcher and teaching assistant in the department of Political Science, *University of Antwerp* (2019–2025)

Degrees

- Doctor in Political Science – *University of Antwerp* (2019–2025)
- Master in International Relations and Diplomacy – *University of Antwerp* (2017–2018)
- Master in Laws – *Universities of Antwerp and Lyon* (2012–2017)

Publications

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