

LUBUMBE VAN DE VELDE



PROFILE

Date of birth: 30/05/1988

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RESEARCH AREAS

EXPERTISE

- Intersectional equality with a focus on gender, sexuality, class, religion, race and nationality
- Human rights
- Health and wellbeing
- Privacy

SERVICES

- Research
- Policy advocacy
- Education and training

EDUCATION

PHD (OCTOBER 2017- SEPTEMBER 2021)

Canterbury Christ Church University, United Kingdom

Department: Theology and Religious Studies

- Dissertation: 'A critical investigation of the epistemological, familial, and spiritual invisibility of spiritual black lesbian and bisexual women in the Belgian LGBT rights framework.'

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EDUCATION CONTINUED

YOGA TEACHER TRAINING

*Rishikesh Yoga Teacher Training Center (August 2018), India
200 YTTC*

- Focus: philosophy and principles of Ashtanga and Hatha Yoga

MASTER OF LAWS (LL. M) CUM LAUDE

University of Antwerp, Belgium (September 2011 - September 2013)

- Minor International and European Law
- Minor Public Law
- Minor International student mobility
- Thesis: 'The Economic, Cultural and Social Rights in the Indian Constitution'

UNIVERSITÄT DES SAARLANDES, GERMANY

(January 2013 - August 2013)

- Minor International student mobility
- International, European Law and German Law
- German language course C1(European Common framework for languages)

NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY OF NEW DELHI, INDIA

(August - September 2012)

- International Law
- Indian Environmental Law
- Indian Constitutional Law

BACHELOR OF LAWS (LL. B)

University of Antwerp, Belgium (September 2007 - June 2011)

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TRAINING & EXPERIENCE

Full-time PhD researcher

- Department of Theology and Religious Studies Canterbury Christ Church University (October 2017- December 2020)

Lecturer

- School of Law, University of Zambia (January 2019- December 2019)
Courses taught: International Law; Environmental Law

Yoga teacher

- One to One classes. Lusaka, London and Brussels (January 2019- present)

Sessional Lecturer

- London South East Colleges Greenwich campus (January 2018-March 2018)
Course taught: Women, Religion, and Sexuality.

Teaching and Research Assistant

- Free University of Brussel (October 2016- September 2017).
Courses taught: Legal Methodology; The History of Private Law; The Political History of Belgium and the Netherlands.

European Project Legal Officer

- Johanniter International in Belgium (October 2015- October 2016)
Data protection laws and ethics on healthcare projects under the European H2020 funding scheme.

Project Officer

- University of Ghent (May 2015- August 2015)
REFLEX project aimed at facilitating the transition to blended learning

Freelance Legal translator

- German to English, Berlin (June 2014 - April 2015)

Internships

- Legal intern, dotHIV Berlin
- Intern at the Permanent Representation of Belgium to the United Nations, Geneva
- Legal intern at the Human Rights Law Network, Ranchi

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AWARDS

- Recipient full-time PhD scholarship, Canterbury Christ Church University (2017-2020)
- Recipient of the Leonardo Da Vinci scholarship, working culture exchange at dotHIV in Berlin, Germany (2013-2014)
- Recipient of the Bundesministerium scholarship in Saarland to conduct a study to court tv (2013)
- Recipient of an Erasmus scholarship from the EU Commission, student at the University of Saarland in Germany (2013)
- Recipient of Flanders traineeship program funding (2012)
- Recipient of VLIR-OUS scholarship, Flemish Interuniversity fund (2012)

PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & DEBATES

PUBLICATIONS

- Van de Velde, L. (2019). Black Pete, Black Motherhood and Womanist Ethics. In Emejulu A. & Sobande F. (eds.), *To Exist is to Resist: Black Feminism in Europe*, 141-150, London: Pluto Press.
- Van de Velde, L. (2017). "De Waarde van je mening" (The value of your opinion in a twitter democracy?), available at http://www.dedebatten.be/assets/van_de_velde_lubumbe.pdf. (last viewed 2 May 2020). (In Dutch).
- Van de Velde, L. (2017). Book review: the experiences of face veil wearers in Europe and the law. Brems, E.(ed), *Tijdschrift Genderstudies*, 20(2).
- Van de Velde L. (2013). Court TV: a Belgian case study. [Online]. Available at: <https://docplayer.org/57075345-Strafrechtsvergleichung-projekt-fernsehen-im-gerichtssaal-court-tv.html>. (last viewed 2 May 2020). (In German).
- Editorial team and contributor. *Verreijkers* magazine. University magazine on Sustainability and Development. University of Antwerp. (September 2011- September 2013). [Online]. Available at: https://issuu.com/verreijkers/docs/verreijkers_21_webfile. (In Dutch).

PRESENTATIONS

2020 - Presenter

- Collegium of Black Women in Philosophy Virtual Conference, April 2020. Presentation of my paper on 'relationality and the impact of family and religion for Black lesbian and bisexual women during lockdown'.

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PRESENTATIONS & DEBATES CONTINUED

2020 - Presenter

- African Diaspora Postgraduate Student Seminar, November 2020. Presentation of my paper on the 'epistemological invisibility of spiritual Black lesbian and bisexual women in the Belgian LGBT rights framework.'

2017 - Workshop facilitator

- Series of workshops on Transparency in Media and Journalism. Organised by Transparency International Belgium. Training and presentations by Lubumbe Van de Velde and Hanneke Devisser. Published in proceedings.

Introduction/speaker

- De debatten "Waar of niet? Presidenten mogen alles zeggen". Dutch-Flemish House of Culture, Deduren, Brussels, Belgium. (in Dutch)

2016 - Presenter/moderator

- Convenor of a series of workshops on corruption and fraud in healthcare. The theme of the series was 'the role of media in the fight against corruption'. Transparency International Belgium.

2013 -Presenter

- Comparative study conducted in various countries pertaining to the admission of cameras in criminal proceedings. The objective of the study was to aid the German legislator in understanding the implications of implementing court tv in other legal systems ahead of legislative reforms in Germany. I presented the case for Belgium before the State Ministry of Justice in Saarland, Germany. (In German)

SKILLS

LANGUAGE

- English: advanced
- Dutch: advanced
- German: advanced
- French: intermediate
- Spanish: beginner
- Latin: reading advanced
- Bemba: intermediate

IT

- Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Power Point)
- Content Management System (typo 3, Wordpress)
- Online platforms (Zoom, Webex, Microsoft Teams)
- Social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)

ACTIVISM

- Founder - Reading group on the colonial history of Belgium in Congo. Free University of Brussels (January 2017-present)
- Board Member. Transparency International Belgium (February 2016- March 2018)
- Coordinator. Young Transparency International Belgium (September 2015- March 2018)