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Curriculum Vitae

Leiden University
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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of International Relations, Institute of Political Science, Leiden University, 2017 – present.

Fung Global Fellow, Princeton Institute of International and Regional Studies, Princeton University, 2019-2020.

Associate Lecturer, Department of Social Sciences, Oxford Brookes University, 2015-2016.

Tutor in International Relations, University of Oxford, 2014-2016.

EDUCATION

D.Phil. International Relations, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford, 2018. Dissertation: *Constructing the Right to War: Alberico Gentili and his Receptions in International Law*.

Visiting doctoral student, Erik Castrén Institute of International Law and Human Rights (ECI), University of Helsinki, supervised by Martti Koskenniemi, 2015.

Visiting doctoral student, Centre d'Étude des Relations Internationales (CERI), Sciences Po, Paris, 2014.

M.Phil. International Relations, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford, 2013.

B.A. International Relations, Department of International Relations, Brown University, 2010.

PUBLICATIONS

Book

War, Sovereigns, and International Order: Alberico Gentili and the Foundational Myth of the Laws of War. Cambridge University Press (Cambridge Studies in International Relations), 2022.

Edited works

Canon-Making in the History of International Legal and Political Thought, special issue of the *Leiden Journal of International Law*, co-edited with Paulo Amorosa, 2022.

Journal articles

Historicizing the Canon in International Law and International Relations. *Leiden Journal of International Law* 35:3, 2022.

Context, Reception, and the Study of Great Thinkers in International Relations. *International Theory* 11:1, 2019, 110-137.

Alberico Gentili's *De iure belli*: An absolutist's attempt to reconcile the jus gentium and the reason of state tradition. *Journal of the History of International Law* 19:4, 2017, 429-466.

From Metropolis to Microcosmos: The EU's New Standards of Civilization. *Millennium - Journal of International Studies* 42:3, 2014, 718-745, with Nicolaidis, K., Fisher Onar N., and Viehoff J.

Book chapters

The Berlin and Hague Conferences. In Mlada Bukovanski, Edward Keene, Christian Reus-Smit, and Maja Spanu (eds), *The Oxford Handbook of History and International Relations* (Oxford: Oxford University Press), forthcoming 2022.

International Law and the Laws of War. In Julia Costa Lopez, Benjamin de Carvalho, and Halvard Leira (eds.), *The Routledge Handbook of Historical International Relations* (Abingdon: Routledge), 2021.

Book reviews & symposia

Introduction to the Joseph Fletcher prize forum on *Empire, Race and Global Justice* by Duncan Bell (ed.), *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, 2021.

War & International Order: The Old and the New, review of *The Justification of War and International Order: From Past to Present* by Lothar Brock and Hendrik Simon (eds.), *Völkerrechtsblog*, 31 May 2021.

Review of *System, Order, and International Law: The Early History of International Legal Thought from Machiavelli to Hegel* by Stefan Kadelbach, Thomas Kleinlein, and David Roth-Isigkeit (eds.), *Journal of the History of International Law* 21:2, 2019, 331-335.

Outreach

Beyond the Nation-State, *Boston Review*, 27 May 2021. [#6 most read *Boston Review* essay of 2021]
- French version: Au delà de l'État-nation, *Le Grand continent*, 19 July 2021.
- Reposted upon invitation in the World Government Research Network's *World Orders Forum*, 20 January 2022.

Working Papers

Beyond Westphalia: States, International Law, and the Monopolization of the Right to Wage War.

Three Histories of the System of States, with Quentin Bruneau.

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS (selected)

NWO VENI grant: Beyond the Myth of Westphalia: States, International Law, and the Monopolization of the Right to Wage War (€250,000), 2019-2023.

Winchester Thesis Prize, 2018, awarded annually by Oxford University's Department of Politics and International Relations to an outstanding thesis on international relations with particular reference to the area of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Honorable mention for the Barbara Tuchman Prize 2018, International Studies Association, for best paper in historical international relations by a graduate student: 'Alberico Gentili and the Modern Conception of International Violence'.

Frances V. Harbour Award 2017, International Studies Association, for best paper in international ethics by a graduate student: 'Alberico Gentili and the Modern Conception of International Violence'.

Britain & Ireland Association for Political Thought graduate student essay prize, 2017, for 'Carl Schmitt's Gentili and the History of Modern War'.

Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellowship, European University Institute, 2017-2018 (declined).

Jenkins Memorial Fund Scholarship and Scatcherd Scholarship, Oxford University, 2014, to spend six months at the University of Helsinki under the supervision of Martti Koskeniemi.

INVITED TALKS

War, Sovereigns, and International Order: Alberico Gentili and the Foundational Myth of the Laws of War.

- Qualitative Research Seminar, Political Science Department, Princeton University, March 10, 2020.
- Conference on Global Legal Histories, Shelby Cullom Davis Center & Fung Global Fellows Program, Princeton University, March 6-7, 2020.
- NYU War & Knowledge Lab, New York University, November 22, 2019.

Sovereignty, Civilization, and the Rise of the Modern Laws of War, Second Annual Conference of the Cambridge IR/History Working Group, University of Cambridge. May 11, 2018.

Carl Schmitt's Gentili and the History of Modern War', Oxford Political Thought Conference, University of Oxford, January 4-6, 2018.

Inventing a history to the exclusionary laws of war: Colonial violence and the revival of Alberico Gentili in the 1870s. Comparing Insurgencies Workshop, University of Oxford, March 16-17, 2017.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY (selected)

The Historic Power of International Lawyers: Shaping the International Legal Imagination through the Canon. Law and Society Association Annual Convention, Lisbon (online), July 13-16, 2022.

Beyond Westphalia: States, International Law, and the Monopolization of the Right to Wage War, International Studies Association Annual Convention, Nashville (online), March 28-April 2, 2022.

Three Histories of the States-System (with Quentin Bruneau), International Studies Association Annual Convention, Nashville (online), March 28-April 2, 2022.

Co-organizer of two-day workshop on ‘The Canon of Great Thinkers in International Legal and Political Thought.’ In preparation for a special issue of the *Leiden Journal of International Law*, with Paolo Amorosa, November 2-3, 2020.

Inventing the History of the Laws of War: The Revival of Alberico Gentili in the Late Nineteenth Century. Conference on Politics and the Histories of International Law, organized by the Journal of the History of International Law (*JHIL*) Heidelberg, February 15-16, 2019.

International Law and the Laws of War. European Workshops in International Studies, Groningen, June 6-9, 2018.

Alberico Gentili and the Modern Conception of Violence. International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore, February 22-25, 2017.

Roundtable ‘Sexisms and White Privilege in the International Studies Classroom.’ International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore, February 22-25, 2017.

Inventing a history to the exclusionary laws of war: Colonial violence and the revival of Alberico Gentili in the 1870s. Law and Colonial Violence: An International Workshop, Queen Mary University of London (in collaboration with Cambridge and EUJ), London, February 14, 2017.

Of War and its Violent Counterparts: Alberico Gentili’s Absolutist Theory of the Laws of War. Legacies of the Tricontinental Conference, Coimbra, Portugal, September 22-24, 2016.

Beyond War and Peace: Peacetime Violence and Enemies of Mankind. International Studies Association Annual Convention, Atlanta, March 16-19, 2016.

TEACHING

Teaching prizes & qualifications

Appointed as a Teaching Fellow to the Leiden Teachers' Academy (\$25,000), project title: Overcoming Polarization: A Program of Research-Based, Inclusive Teaching Methods for a Global University, 2022.

Finalist for the EU-wide European Award for Excellence in Teaching in the Social Sciences and Humanities, 2021.

Winner of Leiden University's Casimir Prize for best lecturer in the Faculty of Social and Behavioral Sciences, 2020.

Completion of Leiden University's University Teaching Qualification (BKO), 2020, final approval 2023 pending the submission of additional teaching evaluations delayed by the VENI grant.

Courses taught

Leiden University

The Making of Modern International Relations

Master's seminar with ~15-20 students

Taught in Fall 2017, Spring 2019, Spring 2021

Global History

1st year UG lecture series with ~380-550 students

Designed course; taught in Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2021, Spring 2022

International Law/International Law & Human Rights

2nd year UG lecture series with ~150-300 students

Designed course; taught in Spring 2018 & Spring 2019

Undergraduate Thesis Seminar

3rd year UG seminar with ~15 students

Designed course, taught in Spring 2018

University of Oxford (all undergraduate tutorials)

Introduction to International Relations (Fall 2016)

International Relations in the Era of the Two World Wars (Fall 2014, Fall 2015)

International Tribunals and Their Critics (designed course, Fall 2015)

Sustainable Peace Processes (designed course, Fall 2015)

Contemporary Debates in International Relations (Fall 2015)

Post-Conflict State Building (designed course, Fall 2014)

Other teaching experience

Researching Politics and International Relations: Analytical Modes and Controversies

(Oxford Brookes University, undergraduate seminar, Fall 2015)

Public Speaking/Speech & Debate (Summer course for Oxbridge Academic Programs, 2014)

Power & Politics (Summer course for Oxbridge Summers, 2014)

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Legal Officer, International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, Defence Team for Callixte Nzabonimana (final appeal phase of the trial), Paris/Arusha, 2013-2014.

Trainee, European Commission, Cabinet of Commissioner Lewandowski (Budget and Financial Programming), Brussels, 2011.

Intern, Human Rights Watch, Hissène Habré Division, Brussels, 2010-2011.

DEPARTMENTAL/UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Leiden University

Member of the Working Group 'Vision on Blended Education,' Faculty of Social Sciences, 2022-2023.

Member of Assistant Professor Hiring Committee (International Law & International Relations), Institute of Political Science, 2022.

Chair of the CasimirPrijns Committee awarding prize to best lecturer in the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences, 2020-2021.

Member of Msc Programme Committee, Institute of Political Science, 2020-2021.

Member of Assistant Professor Hiring Committee, Leiden University's Global Transformations and Governance Challenges project, 2020.

Member of Outreach Committee (Werving en Voorlichting Commissie), Institute of Political Science, 2018.

University of Oxford

Member of International Relations Curriculum Diversity Committee, 2016.

Facilitator for Balliol College Mandatory Sexual Consent Workshops, 2014-2016.

Chief Editor, Oxford Transitional Justice Research, extensive work with Fondation Hironnelle on justiceinfo.net, 2014-2015.

Member of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) Undergraduate Admissions Committee, Balliol College, University of Oxford, 2014.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Committee Member, ISA Historical International Relations Member-at-Large, 2020-2022.

Committee Member, ISA Francesco Guicciardini Prize for Best Book in Historical International Relations, 2019-2021.

Committee Member, ISA Barbara W. Tuchman Prize for Best Paper in Historical International Relations by a Graduate Student, 2019-2021.

Book & article manuscript reviewer for *International Organization*, *International Theory*, *History of Political Thought*, *Journal of International Political Theory*, *Millennium*, & Brill.

LANGUAGES

French, mother tongue

English, native fluency

Dutch, B1 level

German, A2 level

Italian, reading only

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Research Network: Understanding Insurgencies: Resonances from the Colonial Past
(Exeter Centre for the Study of War, State and Society, in partnership with Oxford, Warwick, Glasgow, CNRS Paris, Université de Québec, and KITLV Leiden)

International Studies Association

European International Studies Association

REFEREES (contact details provided upon request)

Professor Edward Keene, University of Oxford

Professor Duncan Bell, University of Cambridge

Professor Jeremy Adelman, Princeton University

Professor Kalypso Nicolaïdis, European University Institute & University of Oxford