

# Curriculum Vitae: Sara Dewachter

## Personal data:

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## Academic Education

First year Bachelor (1ste kan.) Medicine, 'satisfaction', K.U. Leuven, 1996-1997  
Master degree (licentiaat) in Political Science, 'great distinction', K.U. Leuven, 1997-2001  
Master degree Policy Economics (Beleidseconomie), 'great distinction', K.U. Leuven, 2001-2002  
Ph.D. in Social Sciences, K.U. Leuven, 2011

## Additional Training

Short course 'Developing Surveys' (K.U. Leuven)  
Summer school 'Qualitative Comparative Analysis' (University of Essex, UK)  
Short course 'Introduction to Categorical Data Analysis' (K.U. Leuven)  
Short course 'Categorical Models' (K.U. Leuven)  
Polnet: Summer school on Network analysis (University of Tilburg, NL)  
Short course: 'StatUa Course Principles of Statistics' (University of Antwerp)  
Additional Short training programmes: writing policy advice, e-learning  
Cursus Project Management (University of Antwerp)

## Present position: (2012-ongoing)

\*(Part-time 50%) **Postdoctoral researcher** at the Institute of Development Policy, University of Antwerp:

Currently working on **research projects**

- on the sustainable effects of unconditional [cash transfer project in Uganda](#)
- Citizen Science [Women Water Watch](#) project (COESO, EU funded) in Tanzania
- Action research [Fuatilia Maji](#) on community based monitoring of rural water in Tanzania
- [Alumni barometer project](#), impact study of development studies programme in multi country study, with multi country alumni team (Belgium -Ethiopia- Nicaragua- Philippines- Tanzania- Uganda- Vietnam)

## PhD supervision:

- Doreen Kyando, "Investigating the potentiality of community-based mobile monitoring for household water management practices and public water services in rural Tanzania : a multi-method analysis" (defended 2024)
- Filippo Grisolia, "Exploring the (sustainability of the) collective and productive effects of basic income: Insights from universal unconditional cash transfers in rural Western Uganda" (defended 2024)
- Diana Tiholaz, "Community-based monitoring and its spillover effects: from anecdote to evidence" (ongoing)
- Solomon Mwije "Towards Extreme Participatory M&E? Assessing Global South Community Based Monitoring and Citizen Science (CMCS) Initiatives from an Inclusion Lens: Perspectives from Uganda" (ongoing)

## Education:

- (Co-)Lecturer in subunit 'Community based Monitoring' co-organised with Mzumbe University (Tz), Uganda Christian University (Ug) and De La Salle University (Phil), a course taught in the Advanced IOB Master Programmes (Development Evaluation and Management, Governance and Development, Globalization and Development).
- Co-promotor and lecturer (incl. social network analysis) in training programme '[Strengthening National Monitoring & Evaluation Capacities](#)' (funded by the Special Evaluation Office of the Belgian Development cooperation (SEO))
- Co-founder of Community of Practice [CommunitorPlus](#), a Community of Practice (CoP) on community based monitoring/citizen science which organizes online/offline exchanges/ workshops for IOB alumni in the area of M&E.

## Partnerships:

- (together with promotor Nathalie Holvoet) team coordinator of (VLIR-UOS funded) ICP CONNECT project '[Towards Multi-Perspective and Inclusive M&E](#)' (2022-2027) with partner universities in Tanzania, Uganda & Philippines.

\*(Part-time 50%) [alumni, promotion and education innovation coordinator](#) at the Institute of Development Policy: Strategy, policy and evaluation and policy for IOB alumni, internationalization, promotion and innovations in education

### ***Previous positions:***

2009-2012: postdoctoral collaborator Education & Research at IOB

2001-2009: Research Assistant (Mandaatsassistent) at the Institute of Development Policy (IOB)

*PhD research: Civil society participation in Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper process (Promotor: Prof. Bart Kerremans (KUL) and co-promoter Prof. Nadia Molenaers (IOB))*

### **Some highlighted publications**

Grisolia, F., Dewachter, S., & Holvoet, N. (2025). Evaluating the sustainability of the productive effects of a universal cash transfer in rural Uganda : do impacts on savings, investment, production and labour persist after program end? *Basic income studies* - (2025)32 p.

Grisolia, F., Dewachter, S., & Holvoet, N. (2024). Shifting the focus? From individual to collective-level effects of cash transfers: a systematic review of the impacts on social capital, *Journal of international development* -36:7(2024), p. 2725-2768.

Aernout, R., Dewachter, S., Holvoet, N. (2024). Matrilineality, water knowledge and networks, and the position of women in rural Tanzania, *Journal of international women's studies*, 26(1), 1-22.

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Holvoet, N., Casten W., Demissie, E., Dewachter, S., et al. (2023). Theory-based evaluation of the impact of Master's programmes in development studies : insights from a mixed-methods and multicultural alumni action research project, *Evaluation and program planning*, ,97, 1-11.

Singh, S., Holvoet, N., Dewachter, S. (2021). A relational understanding of co-educating and learning : information sharing and advice seeking behavior in a dairy cooperative in Gujarat, *India Journal of Co-operative Organization and Management* - 9:2(2021)

Dewachter, S., Bamanyaki,P., Holvoet, N. (2019). Not quite what's on paper? Comparison between theoretical and actual information-sharing networks in the Ugandan rural water service sector, *Commonwealth Journal of Local Governance*, 22, 1-24.

Dewachter, S., Holvoet, N., Van Aelst, K. (2018). How does water information flow? Intersectionality in water information networks in a rural Ugandan community, *Water international*, 43(5), 553-569.

Dewachter, S., Holvoet, N., Kuppens M., Molenaers, N. (2018). Beyond the short versus long accountability route dichotomy: using multi-track accountability pathways to study performance of rural water services in Uganda, *World Development*, 102(2018), p. 158-169.

Dewachter, S. & Holvoet, N. (2017). Intersecting social capital and perceived efficacy perspectives to explain underperformance in community-based monitoring, *Evaluation*, 23 (3) , 339-357.

Holvoet, N., Dewachter, S. & Molenaers, N. (2016). Look who's talking: explaining water-related information sharing and demand for action among Ugandan villagers, *Environmental Management* 58(5), 780-796

Dewachter, S. & Holvoet, N. (2016). Facing up to (online) fashion and fads...Face-to-face contact is here to stay in M&E capacity building. Evidence from 35 National Evaluation Societies, *African Evaluation Journal* 4(1), a 158.

Holvoet, N. & Dewachter, S. (2013). Building national M&E systems in the context of changing aid modalities: the underexplored potential of national evaluation societies, *Evaluation and program planning*, 41, 47-57.

Holvoet, N. & Dewachter, S. (2013.) Multiple paths to effective national evaluation societies: evidence from 37 low- and middle-income countries, *American journal of evaluation*: 519-544.

Molenaers, N., Dewachter S., and Dellepiane, S. (2011) Moving into the New Aid Approach, Dilemmas for NGOs: The Belgian Case, *Public Administration and Development*, 31, 188-204.

Dewachter, S. & Molenaers, N. (2011) Who Takes a Seat at the Pro-Poor Table? Civil Society Participation in the Honduran Poverty Reduction Strategy, *Latin American Research Review* 46(3), 112-132.