

SARAH LAMBRECHT



PERSONALIA ° 19 August 1987 (25 years old) – Ghent, Belgium

EMPLOYMENT

PHD FELLOW OF THE RESEARCH FOUNDATION FLANDERS (FWO)

10/2011-09/2015

Supervisor: prof. dr. Patricia Popelier, Research Group Government & Law, University of Antwerp

PhD Topic: ‘The dynamics between national and supranational fundamental rights protection in Europe: a practice of convergence?’

During the course of writing my PhD, I have already attended over 30 international conferences and lectures; I made an active contribution at nine and organised one. Certain of these have resulted in (inter)national publications. I successfully applied for an official traineeship at the European Court of Human Rights to gain practical knowledge. I also attended numerous courses organised by the Antwerp Doctoral School to enhance my research and language skills and have had the opportunity to partake in teaching at the University.

EXPERIENCE

TRAINEE – REGISTRY EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

09-10/2012 – Strasbourg, FR

During this official traineeship I was able to attend the induction course for new lawyers (topics included: execution of judgments, role and functioning of the Grand Chamber, functioning of sections, case law hierarchy, life of an application and Rule 39) and the introduction presentations on the Council of Europe. I worked on a number of Chamber cases, constructing a communication report, statement of facts and internal research documents. I also attended deliberations, section meetings and received Rule 39 training.

ASPIRANT-ASSISTANT

2010-11 – University of Antwerp, BE

Mandate granted by the Faculty of Law, University of Antwerp in preparation of a research career

During my Aspirant-Assistant under supervision of prof. dr. Patricia Popelier, I successfully wrote a research proposal for the Research Foundation Flanders and obtained a PhD fellowship. I participated in the closed expert seminars ‘Role of courts in a context of multilevel governance’ (University of Antwerp & FUSL) and ‘Constitutional conversations’ (Maastricht University & University of Antwerp). I also submitted my dissertation for the Jura Falconis Prize and became Second Laureate.

SUMMER ASSOCIATE – LAW FIRM EUBELIUS

08/2010 – Brussels, BE

Department Public Law under guidance of prof. dr. Kaat Leus

During my internship at Belgium's largest independent firm, I drafted statements, responded to legal questions of clients and researched legal problems covering both administrative and public law.

INTERNSHIP – BELGIAN CONSTITUTIONAL COURT

02/2010 – Brussels, BE

Evaluation: summa cum laude (85%) under legal secretary dr. Lien De Geyter

During my internship at the Belgian Constitutional Court, I was responsible for drafting a provisional judgment, which included a vast amount of research in the field of EU law and public law.

SUMMER ASSOCIATE – LAW FIRM PROGRESS LAWYERS NETWORK

09/2009 – Antwerp, BE

Department Migration Law

During my internship I drafted statements and responded to legal questions of clients. I also attended client meetings, court sessions and an interview at the Commissariat of Refugees and Stateless People. I researched legal problems covering public law, human rights law and (EU) migration law.

SUMMER SCHOOLS

VENICE ACADEMY OF HUMAN RIGHTS – EIUC, IT

8-19/07/2013

Focus: International and interdisciplinary programme of excellence for human rights education, research and debate on 'Obligations of States'.

YOUNG SCHOLARS LAB – EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE, IT

4-7/06/2013

Focus: seminars on interdisciplinary approaches to the legal studies, research methodology, academic legal writing and legal teaching.

EDUCATION

MASTER OF LAWS – UNIVERSITY OF ANTWERP, BE

2009-11

Magna cum laude (82%, ranked 4th)

Dissertation: 'The added value of a constitutional catalogue of fundamental rights in a multilevel system of fundamental rights protection' (summa cum laude - 85% - awarded with Second Laureate of Jura Falconis Prize)

Research activities: selected as an Aspirant-Assistant and obtained a PhD Fellowship

ERASMUS – UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW, UK

09-12/2010

Courses: Legal Theory, Constitutional Law (Advanced), Human Rights and Scots Law, Globalisation, Constitutionalism and Human Rights (LLM)

BACHELOR OF LAWS – UNIVERSITY OF ANTWERP, BE

2006-09

Magna cum laude (80%, ranked 3rd)

AFS HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE STUDENT – GREAT FALLS, MT, USA

2005-06

Member of Debate Team

GENERAL SECONDARY EDUCATION LATIN-SCIENCES, BE

1999-2005

ACADEMIC
INTERESTS

(European) Human Rights Law, (Comparative) Constitutional Law, Judicial Dialogue, EU Law and Federalism.

ACADEMIC
AWARDS

SECOND LAUREATE OF THE JURA FALCONIS PRIZE 2010-11

Dissertation: The added value of a constitutional catalogue of fundamental rights in a multilevel system of fundamental rights protection

LAUREATE OF THE PRIZE PROFESSOR WILLIAM LAMBRECHTS 2010

Academic work that contributes to the advancement of Administrative Law or Environmental Law

ORGANISING
ACADEMIC
EVENTS

PHD CONFERENCE ‘MULTILEVEL ASPECTS OF PUBLIC LAW’

26/02/2013 – University of Antwerp, KU Leuven & Ghent University at Antwerp, BE

This year drs. S. De Somer and I were able to make the yearly tradition in our Research Group Government & Law to organise a PhD Conference even more ambitious with the financial aid of the Flemish Government. We started up an interuniversity PhD Conference, which was able to bring together over 50 (inter)national PhD and Postdoc students in the field of Public Law *sensu lato*. This event created a unique possibility for PhD students to acquaintance themselves with researchers with similar research interests. The keynote speech was given by prof. dr. Eva Brems. I was co-responsible for contacting the other participating universities, inviting speakers, finding a venue, promotion and editing and publishing the papers in a peer reviewed journal and fully responsible for obtaining subsidies and certain practical matters such as catering and creating flyers and the conference booklet.

VENICE SCHOOL OF HUMAN RIGHTS

12/07/2013 – European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation at Venice, IT

Topic: ECtHR case law in domestic courts

PHD CONFERENCE ‘MULTILEVEL ASPECTS OF PUBLIC LAW’

26/02/2013 – University of Antwerp, KU Leuven & Ghent University at Antwerp, BE

Topic: The attitude of four supreme courts towards the European Court of Human Rights: Strasbourg has spoken...

EXPERT SEMINAR ‘JUDICIAL REVIEW IN NORTHER EUROPE, RECENT AND OLDER QUESTIONS’

14/12/2012 – Project ANR ‘Néo-Rétro Constitutionnalismes’ at Paris, FR

Topic: The question of judicial review in Netherlands (replacing Prof. dr. Popelier)

SEMINAR ‘THE JUSTIFICATION OF POLITICAL AUTHORITY’

07/12/2012 – University of Antwerp & Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic at Antwerp, BE

Topic: The attitude of four supreme courts towards the European Court of Human Rights: Strasbourg has spoken,...

DOCTORAL COLLOQUIUM ‘THE JUDGE IN EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL LAW’

20/10/2012 – University of Fribourg, CH

Topic: Domestic judges shaping and shielding the interpretation of the ECHR by the Strasbourg Court: Can they make Strasbourg feel more like home?

Paper **selected for publication** by prof. dr. Samantha Besson.

PHD SEMINAR WITH PASQUALE PASQUINO (NYU)

05/07/2012 – University of Antwerp, BE

Topic: Presentation of PhD research

PHD TRAINING SCHOOL ‘INTERNATIONAL LAW BETWEEN CONSTITUTIONALISM AND PLURALISM’

29/06/2012 – Cost Action ‘Constitutionalization and Fragmentation of International Law’ at University of Minho, Braga, PT

Topic: Bringing rights *more* home. Can a home-grown Bill of Rights lessen the influence of the European Court of Human Rights?

PHD COLLOQUIUM ‘INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE’

06/06/2012 – Glasgow University, University of Antwerp & University of Helsinki at Glasgow, UK

Topic: Bringing rights *more* home. Can a home-grown Bill of Rights lessen the

influence of the European Court of Human Rights?

PHD TRAINING SCHOOL ‘THE VICIES AND VIRTUES OF INTERNATIONAL CONSTITUTIONALISM’

20/10/2011 – Cost Action ‘Constitutionalization and Fragmentation of International Law’ at EUI, Florence, IT

Topic: The dynamics between national and supranational fundamental rights protection in Europe: a practice of convergence?

EUROPEAN STUDENT SEMINAR, SOCIAL LAW

27-29/04/2011 – Reges European Working Group on Social Regulation at University of Antwerp, BE

Topic: Report on the social rights protection and the Council of Europe

PUBLICATIONS

Co-editor

- M. Chamon, S. De Somer, S. Lambrecht, J. Nowak (eds.), *Meergelaagdheid van het publiekrecht [Multilevel Aspects of Public Law]*, Brussels, Kluwer, 2013, 162p.
Special edition of Tijdschrift voor Bestuurswetenschappen en Publiekrecht [Belgian Journal of Administrative and Public Law] following a **PhD conference**

Book chapter

- S. Lambrecht, ‘The attitude of four supreme courts towards the European Court of Human Rights: Strasbourg has spoken...’, In Besson and Ziegler (eds.), *Le juge en droit international et européen – The Judge in International and European Law*, (Schulthess 2013), to be published.

Paper selected for publication following the Doctoral Colloquium ‘The Judge in European and International Law’ at the University of Fribourg

Article in international peer reviewed journal

- S. Lambrecht, Handvest voor Vlaanderen [Charter for Flanders]’, *Tijdschrift voor Constitutioneel Recht [Dutch Journal for Constitutional Law]* (2013) (in peer review process).

Article in national peer reviewed journal

- S. Lambrecht, ‘De houding van vier hoogste rechtscolleges ten aanzien van het EVRM en het Europees Hof voor de Rechten van de Mens: Strasbourg has spoken... [The attitude of four supreme courts towards the ECHR and the ECtHR: Strasbourg has spoken...]', *Tijdschrift voor Bestuurswetenschappen en Publiekrecht [Belgian Journal of Administrative and Public Law]* (2013) 69-94.
- S. De Somer, S. Lambrecht, and V. Verbeeck, ‘De toepasselijkheid van algemene publiekrechtelijke regelgeving en beginselen op autonome overheidsbedrijven, IVA’s en EVA’s [The applicability of general public law rules and principles on privatised government agencies in Belgium]’, *Tijdschrift voor Bestuurswetenschappen en Publiekrecht [Belgian journal of Administrative and Public Law]* (2011) 4-33.

Awarded with Prize Professor William Lambrechts 2010

Article in national journal

- S. Lambrecht, 'De meerwaarde van een grondwettelijke catalogus van grondrechten in een gelaagd systeem van grondrechtenbescherming [The added value of a constitutional catalogue of fundamental rights in a layered system of fundamental rights protection]', *Jura Falconis* (2011-12) 227-276.

Awarded Second Laureate of the Jura Falconis Prize 2010-11

Case note

- S. Lambrecht, 'Case note under ECtHR 16 December 2010, *A, B and C v Ireland*', *Rechtskundig Weekblad [Belgian Legal Journal]* (2012-13) 877-878.
- S. Lambrecht, 'Case note under ECtHR 1 June 2010, *Gäfgen v Germany*', *Rechtskundig Weekblad [Belgian Legal Journal]* (2012-13) 474-476.
- S. Lambrecht, 'Case note under ECtHR 16 March 2010, *Carson a.o. v UK*', *Rechtskundig Weekblad [Belgian Legal Journal]* (2012-13) 272-273.
- S. Lambrecht, 'Case note under ECtHR 7 July 2011, *Al-Skeini a.o. v UK & Al-Jedda v UK*', *Rechtskundig Weekblad [Belgian Legal Journal]* (to be published).
- S. Lambrecht, 'Case note under ECtHR 20 September 2011, *Ullens de Schooten & Rezabek v Belgium*', *Rechtskundig Weekblad [Belgian Legal Journal]* (to be published).
- S. Lambrecht, 'Case note under ECtHR 15 December 2011, *Al-Khawaja & Tahery v UK*', *Rechtskundig Weekblad [Belgian Legal Journal]* (to be published).

Short contribution

- M. Chamon, S. De Somer, S. Lambrecht and J. Nowak, 'Voorwoord: Meergelaagdheid van het Publiekrecht [Foreword: Multilevel Aspects of Public Law]', *Tijdschrift voor Bestuurswetenschappen en Publiekrecht [Belgian journal of Administrative and Public Law]* (2013), 66-68.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Dutch: mother tongue

English: advanced active and passive knowledge

- Erasmus at University of Glasgow (4 months)

- AFS High School Exchange Student in USA (1 year)

- I was admitted by the Faculty Board to write my PhD in English and I have attended and presented at several seminars in English

French: advanced active and passive knowledge

- University language courses (Level B2)

- Internship at European Court of Human Rights in France (2 months)

Italian: basic knowledge

- University language course (Level 1)

German: basic knowledge

- Fourth language during secondary education