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Work experience

Post-doctoral fellowship Research Foundation- Flanders (FWO)
Institute of Development Policy and Management (IOB), University of Antwerp
Since October 2014

Research and teaching assistant
Institute of Development Policy and Management (IOB), University of Antwerp
2007-2014

Education

PhD in development studies
Dissertation: "Qui cherche, trouve. The political economy of access to gold mining and trade in South Kivu, DRC"
IOB, University of Antwerp, 2014

Master in conflict and development, option conflict, with great distinction
Dissertation: "Struggling without arms: the demobilization and reintegration of former combatants in Ruyigi (Burundi) and Kinshasa (DRC)"
University of Ghent, 2007

Master in contemporary history, with great distinction
Dissertation: "Memories of the Congo: the image of colonizers and colonized in Belgian literature published after 1960"
University of Ghent, 2005

General information cycle of the Belgian Technical Cooperation (BTC-CTB)
Brussels, 2006

Teaching certificate
University of Ghent, 2006

Fieldwork experience

Ghana (Western Region)
February-March 2015

Democratic Republic of Congo (East)
September 2014; October 2012; May-June 2012; October- November 2011;
January- February 2011; July 2010; March- April 2010; July- August- September 2009; March- April 2008

Democratic Republic of Congo (Kinshasa)
February- April 2007

Burundi (Bujumbura, Ruyigi)
March-April 2010; October 2006- January 2007

Teaching experience

IOB, University of Antwerp
Simulation game Development Monopoly
AY 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13

Simulation game Mining in Maba
AY 2012-13
Simulation game Conflict and peace in the Great Lakes Region
AY 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12
Access to markets and value chains
AY 2013-14 and 2014-15
Qualitative data analysis
AY 2014-2015

Université Catholique de Bukavu
Qualitative research methods
AY 2011-12, 2012-13
Mining governance
AY 2011-12

Guest lectures
Université Catholique de Louvain (UCL) ; Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) ; Deep Springs College (California, USA) ; Surrey University (UK)

Participation in the MOOC (Massive Online Open Course) on Natural Resources and Sustainable Development organized by the Université Catholique de Louvain: lecture on "Exploitation minière artisanale et à petite échelle" and lecture on "Pistes de solution 'Minerais de conflit' en RDCongo"

Supervision of several end-of-module papers and masters dissertations
Co-supervision of PhDs (Francine Iragi at IOB, Anuarite Bashizi at UCL)

Development of educational simulation games: Development Monopoly, Mining in Maba, Conflict and Peace in the Great Lakes Region, Land Rush

Consultancy Joint MFS II evaluations at country level – DR Congo (Wageningen University)
2012

The complexity of resource governance in a context of state fragility : the case of Eastern DRC (IPIS and International Alert)
2010

Management and organization Project leader for VLIR-UOS sponsored Institutional University Cooperation project with the Université Catholique de Bukavu: 'Centre d'Expertise en Gestion minière'
Since November 2014

Organization of conference "Development 2.0 or business as usual? Private sector, institutions and development" (IOB's 15th anniversary conference + CERES summer school) from June 24-26 at the University of Antwerp

Member of IOB Bureau (since 2012)
Member of IOB Board (since 2011)
Member of IOB PhD commission (2010-2012)
Member of IOB Education and Research Commission (2007-2010)

Conference talks DPRN 2007; CERES/ EADI 2008; Dag van de Jonge Onderzoeker 2008; ECAS 2009, 2011, 2013; ASA 2009, 2010; IOB 4x4 2011; ASA UK 2012; Catholic University of Bukavu, 2009, 2014; Royal Africa Museum Tervuren 2008, 2010; IOB Great Lakes Conference 2010; Conference on legal pluralism, 2011; UCB 2011, 2014; EADI 2011; ASA UK 2012; ECA-CREAC 2013; CAS Mining and Political Transformations 2014; Mining Research Network 2009, 2014; Egmont Institute 2014; UCL Chair Singleton 2015; IOB 50/15 2015; LandAC 2015

Prizes EADI/DSA Prize for excellence in Development Studies 2011 for the paper "Constraints, opportunities and hope. Artisanal gold mining and trade in Kamituga, South-Kivu" awarded at the EADI conference in York, September 2011

Reviews for Resources Policy; Journal of Eastern African Studies; Journal of Modern African Studies; Bonn International Centre for Conversion Working Papers; L'Afrique des Grands Lacs. Annuaire; Conjonctures Congolaises

Skills Fluent in Dutch (mother tongue), French and English
Good understanding of Kiswahili, German, Italian and Spanish
Computer skills: MS Office, NVivo (qualitative data analysis)

Publications

(2015 forthcoming) *African artisanal mining from the inside out. Access, norms and power in Congo's gold sector*, Routledge, Abingdon.

(2015 forthcoming) with Bryceson D.F. "Artisanal frontier mining of gold In Africa: Labour transformation in Tanzania and the Democratic Republic of Congo", *African Affairs*.

(2015) "Evident but elusive. Practical norms in the Congolese gold sector", in: De Herdt, T. and Olivier de Sardan, J.P., *Real governance and practical norms in Sub-Saharan Africa. The game of the rules*, Routledge, Abingdon : 228-244.

(2015) with Bashizi A. "Les limites d'une 'gouvernance par le bas': les logiques des coopératives minières à Kalimbi, Sud-Kivu", in : Marysse, S. et Omasombo Tshonda, J. (eds.) *Conjonctures Congolaises 2014. Politiques, territoires et ressources naturelles : changements et continuités*, Cahiers Africains, Paris, L'Harmattan : 239-260.

(2014) with Hönke J. "Land grabbing by mining companies, local contentions and state reconfiguration in South-Kivu, DRC", in Ansoms, A. and Hilhorst, T. *Losing your land. Dispossession in the Great Lakes*, Oxford, James Currey: 58-81.

(2014) with Radley B. "In the face of reform: what future for ASM in the eastern DRC?", *Futures* 62: 58-66.

(2014) "Dispossession, displacement and resistance: artisanal miners in a gold concession in South Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo", *Resources Policy* 40: 90-99.

(2013) with Iragi F. "'Les grands poissons mangent les petits' : multiples aspects d'un conflit autour d'une concession minière au Sud-Kivu", *Politique Africaine* 131 (3) : 121-141.

(2013) "Who seeks, finds: how artisanal miners and traders benefit from gold in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo", *European journal of development research* 25 (2): 197-212.

(2013) with Claessens K. "Disputed access to the gold mines in Luhwindja, eastern DR Congo", *The Journal of Modern African Studies* 51 (1): 85-108.

(2013) with Fahey, D. and Iragi Mukotanyi, F. (2013) "The future of artisanal gold mining and miners under an increasing industrial presence in South Kivu and Ituri, Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo", Discussion papers University of Antwerp, Institute of Development Policy and Management 2013.03, 42p.

(2012) "A dangerous bet: the challenges of formalizing artisanal mining in the Democratic Republic of Congo", *Resources Policy* 37 (3): 322-330.

(2012) with Claessens K. "De l'autre côté de la colline. Le contrôle contesté de Mukungwe, Sud-Kivu, in : Reyntjens, F., Vandeginste, S., Verpoorten, M. (eds.) *L'Afrique des Grands Lacs. Annuaire 2011-2012*, Paris, L'Harmattan.

(2012) with Ansoms A. "Building ties in a stratified society: a social networking simulation game", *Simulation and gaming* (online advanced publication).

(2012) with Ansoms A. "Development monopoly: a simulation game on poverty and inequality", *Simulation and gaming* (online advanced publication).

(2012) with Ansoms A. "Simulating poverty and inequality dynamics in developing countries", *Simulation and gaming* (online advanced publication).

(2011) "Relations and regulations in local gold trade networks in South-Kivu, DR Congo", *Journal of Eastern African Studies* 5 (3): 427-446.

(2011) with Kamundala, G. and Iragi, F. *Le pari qui paralysait. La suspension des activités minières artisanales au Sud-Kivu*, in Marysse, S., Reyntjens, F. and Vandeginste, S. (eds.) *L'Afrique des Grands Lacs. Annuaire 2010-2011*, Paris, L'Harmattan : 161-183.

(2011) « La suspension des activités minières artisanales au Sud-Kivu », *La Revue Nouvelle* 66 (7-8) : 100-106.

(2011) "Ban op ambachtelijke mijnbouw in Zuid-Kivu: 'Alsof de president ons langzaam wil vermoorden'" *Mo*Magazine*, April 2011: 36-39.

(2011) "Local livelihoods, global interests and the state in the Congolese mining sector", in Ansoms, A. and Marysse, S. *Natural Resources and local livelihoods in the Great Lakes Region of Africa. A political economy perspective*, Palgrave Macmillan: 149-164.

(2011) "Constraints, opportunities and hope: Artisanal gold mining and trade in South Kivu (DRC)" in Ansoms, A. and Marysse, S. *Natural Resources and local livelihoods in the Great Lakes Region of Africa. A political economy perspective*, Palgrave Macmillan: 192-210.

with Marysse, S. (2011) "Triangular arm wrestling: Analysis and revision of the Sino-Congolese agreements" in Ansoms, A. and Marysse, S. *Natural Resources and local livelihoods in the Great Lakes Region of Africa. A political economy perspective*, Palgrave Macmillan: 237-248.

with Custers, R. (2010) "Tiraillements autour du secteur minier de l'Est de la RDC", in: Vandeginste, S., Reyntjens, F. en Marysse, S. *L'Afrique des Grands Lacs. Annuaire 2009-2010*, Paris, L'Harmattan : 231-258.

(2010) "The gold trade in Butembo" in: Cuvelier, J. *The complexity of resource governance in a context of state fragility : the case of Eastern DRC*, IPIS and International Alert, London: 21-25.

(2010) "Isolatie en connectie van een mijnstad", *Agora. Magazine voor sociaalruimtelijke vraagstukken*, 26 (1): 38-41.

(2010) "Recherches et formation en développement post-conflits et gouvernance locale/régionale" *Exchange to Change*, IOB Newsletter n. 17, March 2010 : 12-17.

with Kamundala, G. (2009) "Qui cherche, trouve: opportunités, défis et espoirs dans le secteur d'or à Kamituga, Sud-Kivu", Marysse, S., Reyntjens, F. et Vandeginste, S. (eds.) *L'Afrique des Grands Lacs. Annuaire 2008-2009*, Paris, L'Harmattan: 183-214.

with Marysse, S. (2009) "Win-win or unequal exchange, The case of the Sino-Congolese Cooperation Agreements", *Journal of Modern African Studies*, 47 (3): 371-396.

(2008) "Les combattants au carrefour. La réintégration socio-économique des ex-combattants au Burundi et en RDC" in : Marysse, S., Reyntjens, F. en Vandeginste, S. (eds.) *L'Afrique des Grands Lacs : Annuaire 2007-2008*, Paris, L'Harmattan : 129-150.

with Marysse, S. (2008) "La fin des diamants de sang... un futur brillant pour les diamants du Congo ?", in : Marysse, S., Reyntjens, F. en Vandeginste, S. (eds.) *L'Afrique des Grands Lacs : Annuaire 2007-2008*, Paris, L'Harmattan: 331-356.

with Marysse, S. (2008) "Les contrats chinois en RDC: l'impérialisme rouge en marche?", in : Marysse, S., Reyntjens, F. en Vandeginste, S. (eds.) *L'Afrique des Grands Lacs : Annuaire 2007-2008*, Paris, L'Harmattan: 287-314.

Online contributions :

"The DRC Mining ban: the view from Kamituga" guest blog on *Texas in Africa*, 18 December 2010, http://texasin africa.blogspot.com/2010_12_01_archive.html.

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Quoted in "DRC: keeping track of mineral resources", IRIN News, 13 December 2011, <http://www.irinnews.org/printreport.aspx?reportid=94465>.

Open letter on conflict minerals – signed and translated in Dutch
<http://christophvogel.net/2014/09/09/conflict-minerals-an-open-letter/>
