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## Research interests

I study how actors in public governance use information in decision-making. Research interests include: indicator based governance, accountability, performance management, behavioral public administration, citizen-state interactions, participation, and policy conflict escalation.

## Main position

*Full Professor*

Research Group Politics & Public Governance,  
Department of Political Science, Faculty of Social Sciences,  
University of Antwerp

## Other current positions

<i>from 2007</i>	Lecturer, Antwerp Management School
<i>from 2012</i>	Board member, Flemish Association of Administration and Policy
<i>from 2015</i>	Senior member, Netherlands Institute of Governance
<i>from 2018</i>	Board member, UAntwerp Urban Studies Institute
<i>from 2019</i>	Chair, the Belgian Institute of Administrative Sciences
<i>from 2020</i>	UAntwerp coordinator of the research programme Steunpunt Bestuurlijke Vernieuwing
<i>from 2020</i>	Member of the UAntwerp Centre of Excellence GOVTRUST
<i>from 2023</i>	Chair, department of political science

## Previous positions

<i>2021-2023</i>	Vice-chair, department of political science
<i>2018-2023</i>	Chair, Flemish Association of Administration and Policy

2000-2006	Researcher, KULeuven
2007	Seconded expert, OECD
2007-2009	Postdoctoral Researcher, Flemish Research Foundation
2006-2011	Assistant professor, University of Antwerp
2011-2018	Associate professor, University of Antwerp

## Education

1997-1999	Master Political Science, KULeuven
1999-2000	Secondary Education Teaching Qualification, KULeuven
2000-2006	Doctor Social Sciences, KULeuven
2009-2010	University Teaching Qualification, UAntwerp
2014	English Teaching Certificate (Itace), UAntwerp

## Teaching

UAntwerp	Bachelor Political Science, Public Administration
UAntwerp	Bachelor Political Science, Political Science Seminar
UAntwerp	Master Political Science, Policy Professionals
AMS	Master in Public Management, Master Thesis Seminar

## Publications

### Articles

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## Research

### Funded research projects (promotor)

Project title	From	Until	Funding	Budget
Support Analysis for the Reform of Local and Domestic Governance in Flanders	2023	2023	Flemish government	29736
Private capital for public services. Is private capital affecting public accountability and government executive capacity in social service markets?	2022	2024	FWO - Research Foundation Flanders : doctoral fellowship (1&2)	95436
Will this ordeal ever end? How the accumulation of administrative encounters can erode trust in government and create psychological harm.	2022	2025	FWO - Research Foundation Flanders : postdoctoral fellowship	283108
Evaluating the project duration for building social housing.	2022	2022	Flemish government	19797

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Project title	From	Until	Funding	Budget
Conflict in Transformation (CONTRA)	2022	2025	FWO ERA net	329934
Does performance reporting of public performance strengthen the trust and voice of citizens? An experimental study.	2022	2025	FWO research project	246000
Private capital for public services. Is private capital affecting public accountability and government executive capacity in social service markets?	2022	2024	FWO - Research Foundation Flanders : doctoral fellowship (1&2)	95436
Policy Research Centre on Governance innovation	2021	2025	Decretal Policy Research Centres	641025
Innovative Financing for Nature-Based Solutions in Flemish Cities (INNOFINS)	2021	2025	FWO SBO	304994
Towards a new regulatory oversight for the housing corporations	2021	2022	Flemish government	57014
Policy Research Centre on Governance Innovation	2021	2025	Flemish government	641025
Digital revolution in Belgian Federal Government: an open governance ecosystem for data, artificial intelligence, and blockchain (DIGI4FED)	2019	2022	Belspo: BRAIN-be (Belgian Research Action through Interdisciplinary Networks)	219450
Backseat drivers: How Regulatory Indicators are made.	2017	2019	FWO - Research Foundation Flanders : doctoral fellowship (year 3 & 4)	93282
Performance Indicators and methods for performance budgeting	2017	2018	Min. Fl. Com, Department Economy, Employment and Internal Affairs	103070
Advice on the design parameters for a Flemish participatory budget	2017	2018	Min. Fl. Com, Department General Affairs and Finance	29000
Policy research centre: administrative renewal	2016	2020	Decretal Policy Research Centres	1175000
Administrative capacity of rural municipalities: phase 4 and knowledge transfer	2016	2017	Vlaamse Landmaatschappij	59730
Backseat drivers: How Regulatory Indicators are made.	2015	2017	FWO - Research Foundation Flanders : doctoral fellowship (1&2)	86604
Steering without a stick - intergovernmental relations in transition	2015	2015	Min. Fl. Com, Department Economy, Employment and Internal Affairs	29524
The administrative capacity of rural municipalities (phase 2&3)	2013	2015	Katholieke Universiteit Leuven	96000
New Public Management and the Performance of Public Services: a Missing Link?	2013	2016	FWO research project	264000
Between public support and decisiveness: a comparative case study of the (societal) support in decision making processes)	2013	2017	BOF - University Research Fund and Province of Antwerp	162500
The impact of New Public Management at the frontline of public services	2013	2017	BOF - University Fund - Doctoral Projects	180000
Governance of municipalities and provinces: towards a new form of inter-relationships around spatial policy.	2013	2014	Min. Fl. Com, Dept. Spatial Planning, Housing Policy and Immovable Heritage	16400

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Project title	From	Until	Funding	Budget
Research on models of cooperation for a coordinated urban and city regional housing policy.	2012	2012	Katholieke Universiteit Leuven	18000
Optimization of the functioning of the housing inspectorate in relation to the housing actors.	2011	2011	Katholieke Universiteit Leuven	15000
Performance management in government: cross-cultural perspectives.	2011	2013	Erasmus Mundus - CONNEC	30000
Cooperation between support services of municipalities and local social welfare agencies (OCMW): a public administrative and legal analysis.	2011	2012	Min. Fl. Com, Department Economy, Employment and 12/12/2011 Internal Affairs	55364
Feasibility and design study of rural municipal fund	2010	2010	Min. Fl. Com, Department Environment and Infrastructure	58400
The administrative capacity of rural municipalities (phase 1)	2010	2011	Flemish Land Agency (VLM)	20000
A comparative study of urban governance in China and the EU member states	2010	2013	Erasmus Mundus - CONNEC	51000
Can China learn from the EU? A comparative analysis of sustainable building policies.	2010	2011	Erasmus Mundus - CONNEC	15000
Flexibility and accountability in local labour market policies: Flemish national expertise for the OECD/LEED review.	2010	2011	Organisation for economic co-operation and development (OECD)	13000
Performance Criteria for the operation of social housing.	2007	2008	Decretal Policy Research Centres	39880

Total research funding as a promoter: 5573709 euro

### **Funded research projects (copromotor)**

Project title	From	Until	Funding	Budget
ROBUST Crisis Governance in Turbulent Times – Mindset, Evidence, Strategies (ROBUST).	2022	2026	Horizon Europe - Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society	524550
Capturing the unearned increment: urban planning, land value capture and financialization	2021	2023	FWO junior fellowships	90982
Trust in Governance and Regulation in Europe (TiGRE).	2020	2023	H2020 - Inclusive, innovative and reflective societies	251675
Implementing innovative financing for nature-based solutions in Flemish cities	2020	2024	BOF - Stimulus European Framework Program & FWO-SBO Projects	300000
Using Twitter as a public communication strategy: Can 140 characters reduce the Performance-Satisfaction Gap in the public sector?	2019	2022	FWO research project	237294
Antwerp Consortium on the Organization of Rulemaking and Multilevel Governance in Europe (ACTORE).	2016	2019	EU Erasmus+	100000

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Project title	From	Until	Funding	Budget
Policy Research Governmental Organisation	2012	2015	Flemish government	1013999
Public Private Partnership and Public Accountability	2012	2014	FWO - Research Foundation Flanders : doctoral fellowship (year 3 & 4)	87430
Public Private Partnership and Public Accountability.	2010	2012	FWO - Research Foundation Flanders : PhD Fellowship	77930

Total research funding as a co-promoter: 2683860 euro

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## Outreach

When	What
2023-12-11	Redaction committee annual report on poverty (University of Antwerp)
2023-05-31	Member of the jury of the Van Poelje price for the best Public Admin PhD in the lowlands. (Vereniging Bestuurskunde)
2023-04-28	Lecture on the reform of the municipal fund (Westhoekoverleg)
2023-01-31	Chair of the event ‘public manager of the year’ (VVBB)
2023-01-27	Chair of the steering committee of the spending review in the department of culture (Flemish Government)

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When	What
2022-12-12	Member of the selection committee of a professor of public administration (TU Delft)
2022-11-25	Panelist at a conference on intermunicipal municipal cooperations (UHasselt)
2022-05-02	Discussion on reforming the municipal fund with the Flemish minister of the interior
2022-04-29	Lecture on experiments in Public Administration (GOVTRUST summer school)
2022-04-22	Lecture on local government reform (Kempense cultuurraad)
2022-03-12	Moderator of a panel on citizen activism and infrastructure planning (de Peperfabriek)
2022-02-15	Lecture on citizen participation for Avansa Kempen
2021-12-13	Member of the scientific board of the NWO project 'innovation in regulatory oversight'
2021-11-26	Witness to the OECD fact finding mission on evidence informed policy in Belgium
2021-10-27	Guest lecture on the Oosterweel project in Module Diversity & Law of the Master in Law (UAntwerp)
2021-10-23	Lecture on citizen participation in large projects for master real estate of the Antwerp Management School
2021-10-22	Member of the selection committee of a professor public law at the UAntwerpen Law Faculty
2021-08-27	Guest lecture on the Oosterweel project in the Urban Institute summer school (UAntwerp)
2021-07-05	Lecture for the cabinet of the Flemish minister of the Interior on decentralisation towards local governments
2021-06-28	Assessor of the Dutch National Science Foundation's call for the National Science Agenda: New approaches to oversight.
2021-05-03	Member of the jury of the Els Witte prize for best PhD thesis in political science in Netherlands and Belgium
2021-04-23	Lecture on local governance in Belgium for the Master in Development Studies (University of Antwerp)
2021-03-22	chair of the VVBB webinar on 'Covid and Public Management'
2021-02-11	Lecture on the politics of performance measurement, Essex Business school
2020-12-19	Lecture on citizen participation in complex infrastructure projects for the Master in Real Estate (Antwerp Management School)
2020-11-30	Jury member for the selection of local climate adaptation projects (VVSG)
2020-11-15	Commission member of the Research assessment of the VU Amsterdam, the University of Leiden, the University of Utrecht, and Erasmus Rotterdam.
2020-10-07	Lecture on citizen participation in large projects for the 'Werkvennootschap' and the project of the flyover in Ghent
2020-08-22	Interview 'Radio Centraal' on large infrastructure planning and the Oosterweel project
2020-05-04	Interview for 'Lokaal', the magazine of the association of Flemish municipalities
2020-04-14	Session chair at the European Consortium for Political Research Joint Sessions (Toulouse)
2020-02-26	Lecture on decision making in large infrastructure projects (Ostend, Eurocities)
2020-02-21	Panelist at a conference on public statistics (Brussels, Statistics Flanders)
2020-02-13	Lecture on decision making in complex projects in Antwerp (Spectrum lezing UAntwerp)
2020-02-07	Panelist at a conference on nudging in the public sector (Brussels, Flemish government)
2020-02-06	Lecture on participation as a fundamental right (Antwerp, Civil Society Day)
2019-12-16	Lecture on performance budgeting (Brussels, Flemish department of finance and the budget)
2019-12-04	Panelist at conference on local policy (Brussels, Agency for Internal Affairs)
2019-10-16	Advisory committee on neighborhood budgets in Borgerhout (Antwerp, district of Borgerhout)
2019-10-04	Keynote lecture on decision making in large infrastructure projects (Stockholm, Swedish Evaluation Society)
2019-08-29	Lecture on decision making in large infrastructure projects (Ghent, Flemish association for environmental law)

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When	What
2019-05-13	Lecturer on performance management in executive education programme (Dhaka, Asian productivity organisation)
2018-11-26	Introduction and moderator of the Studium Generale lecture on the new commons (UAntwerpen)
2018-11-06	Moderator political debate of the European Studies Student Association (UAntwerp)
2018-10-17	Interview for 'the Wakkere Burger' on citizen budgets
2018-10-08	Lecture on citizen participation for PIUS X highschool (Antwerp)
2018-10-02	Contribution to a hearing of the Flemish Parliament Budget commission on Participatory budgeting
2018-09-24	Lecture on large infrastructure planning (Ghent, Flemish government - team complex projects)
2018-06-15	Lecture on policy planning for the Flemish association of spatial planning (Mechelen, VRP)
2018-03-22	Panelist for a conference on public sector reform (Brussels, DG EMP European commission)
2018-03-22	Panelist at a conference of the Flemish local government agency (Brussels, ABB)
2018-02-21	Interview for Binnenband (the magazine of the Flemish local government agency)
2017-04-29	Lecture on citizen participation for a civil society conference (Antwerp, plan voor A)
2017-04-18	contribution to a hearing in the Flemish parliament (internal affairs) on quango's
2016-12-24	Local organiser of the annual conference of the Netherlands Institute of Government
2016-12-16	Lecture on citizen participation for the board of Vormingplus (Antwerp)
2016-12-13	Lecture on performance based accountability (Brussels, European Commission)
2016-12-08	Lecture on infrastructure policies (Hertie school of Governance, Berlin)
2016-04-22	Lecture on performance budgeting (Ispra, Joint Research Centre)
2015-11-19	Lecture on citizen participation at the annual conference of the socio-cultural sector (Leuven, Socius)
2015-11-05	Co-chair of an NIG panel on knowledge in policy (Nijmegen, NIG annual conference)
2015-10-28	Chair of a seminar on democratic accountability of intermunicipal cooperation (Brussels, Flemish Agency of Internal Affairs)
2015-10-08	Lecture for the Network of European Agencies on the performance paradox (Dublin, Eurofound)
2015-06-04	Lecture at a conference on local policy capacity (Leuven, University of Leuven, Ghent and Antwerp)
2015-03-19	Lecture at the annual conference on youth policy on decentralisation to municipalities (Brussels, VVJ)
2014-12-08	Panelist at a conference of the Community of Practice on Results-based management (Brussels, European Commission)
2014-08-27	Contribution to a staff seminar on measuring governance capacity (Paris, OECD)
2014-06-03	Lecture on the use of performance information (Brussels, OECD & DG Employment)
2014-03-25	Lecture on administrative reform in Flanders (Brussels, VLABEST colloquium)
2014-02-18	Hearing on administrative reform in Flanders (Brussels, Flemish Parliament)
2014-02-13	Chair of a seminar on international benchmarking of public administration (Brussels, OECD and Ministry of Administrative Affairs)
2014-02-06	Lecture on performance of networks in public governance (Leuven, Network for Care in Flanders (Zorgnet))
2014-01-22	Panelist at a conference on administrative reform (Brussels, Social and Economic Council Flanders (SERV))
2014-01-20	Lecture on spatial boundaries in public governance (Antwerp, prepared for Dutch School of Public Administration (NSOB))
2013-12-07	Panelist in a political conference local administrative reform (Gent, SP.a)

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When	What
2013-09-26	Moderator of a political panel on local government reform (Mechelen, CD&V)
2013-09-25	Lecture on the merits and risks of privatisation (Mechelen, trade union for public services (ACV))
2013-09-10	Chair of a conference on performance based management in government (Brussels, Flemish ministry of administrative affairs)
2013-09-02	Chair of the VLABEST advisory committee on administrative reform in Flanders (Flemish Advisory Board on Administrative Affairs)
2013-03-03	Lecture on the role and size of government (Brussels, CEDER dialogues)
2013-01-31	Lecture on the use of performance information in local government (Izegem, association of local financial managers)
2012-12-20	Lecture at the Re-thinking Belgium seminar on internal governance (Brussels, Re-Bel)
2012-10-29	Lecture on the use of performance indicators in local governments (Ghent, BDO)
2012-10-16	Lecture on the measurement of growth and welfare (Brussels, European Trade Union Institute)
2012-09-10	Lecture at the SVR seminar on efficiency and effectiveness in the Flemish government (Brussels, Studiedienst Vlaamse Regering )
2011-12-07	Contribution to a seminar on performance management in the public sector (Maastricht, European Institute of Public Administration)
2011-11-23	IES Citadel statement lecture on e-gov indicators (Brussels, VUB)
2011-10-20	Lecture on internal state reform (Hasselt, residential seminar of the Flemish Department for Welfare and Public Health )
2011-10-04	Lecture on the use of performance indicators (Warsaw, OECD)
2011-08-31	Lecture on the internal state reforms (Alden-Biezen, ACW summer university)
2011-05-11	Lecture on local government planning (Brussels, FARO (heritage association))
2011-04-26	Lecture on participation, democracy and decision making (Antwerp, city of Antwerp)
2011-01-01	member of the organising committee of the ECPR Joint sessions in Antwerp (2012)
2011-01-01	editor in chief of VTOM (Vlaams Tijdschrift voor Overheidsmanagement
2010-12-16	chair of the VVBB conference (the Flemish PA society) on participation in complex policy processes (Brussels, VVBB)
2010-10-27	Hearing on local government reform (Brussels, Flemish Parliament)
2010-09-01	member of the steering committee for a performance measurement project of the Social and Cultural Planning office (the Hague)
2010-06-18	Lecture on internal state reform (Ghent, LOCUS)
2010-05-26	Panel on silent ideologies at the politicologenetmaal (with Cor Van Montfort and Ank Michels)
2010-02-02	Hearing on local government reform (Brussels, Flemish Parliament)
2009-06-05	Chair of the conference of the VVBB (Flemish PA association) on the effectiveness of government (Brussels, VVBB)
2009-04-22	Panelist in a session on the relation between local governments and the Flemish Government (Brussels, Flemish Department of Culture and Youth)
2009-01-01	advisory board of the 'government at a glance' indicator project of the OECD (Paris)
2008-10-15	Chair of a VLABEST - working group (strategic advisory council on public administration in Flanders) on the evaluation of administrative reforms (BBB)
2008-09-23	Member of the evaluation committee of the master in organisational and administrative sciences (USBO, Utrecht University) (Dutch-Flemish accreditation organisation (NVAO))
2008-09-20	Moderator of a panel on the role of the centre for public welfare (Antwerp, Association of CPW managers)

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When	What
2007-09-03	Co-chair of the Permanent Study Group on Public Sector Performance of the European Group of Public Administration (organisation of workshop sessions in the annual conferences)
2007-06-01	Lid Vlaamse Adviesraad Bestuurszaken (strategische adviesraad voor het beleidsdomein bestuurszaken en binnenlands bestuur van de Vlaamse overheid)

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Reviewer of **project proposals** for the University of Antwerp Research fund, the Dutch National research fund, the Swiss Research foundation, and the Norwegian research foundation.