

Curriculum Vitae Eva Brems, 1 March 2010

Education and Training

GRADUATE STUDIES: LAW SCHOOL

- 1E CANDIDATURE EN DROIT: Facultés Universitaires Notre Dame de la Paix (FUNDP), Namur, 1987-1988: magna cum laude
- 2E CANDIDATURE EN DROIT: FUNDP, Namur, 1988-1989: magna cum laude
- 1STE LICENTIE RECHTSGELEERDHEID: Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (KULeuven) 1989-1990: magna cum laude
- 2DE LICENTIE RECHTSGELEERDHEID: KULeuven 1990-1991: magna cum laude
- 3DE LICENTIE RECHTSGELEERDHEID: KULeuven 1991-1992: magna cum laude (1st term at Università degli Studi, Bologna, Italy, ERASMUS programme)

MASTER OF LAWS: Harvard Law School, U.S.A., 1994-1995 as Van Waeyenbergh fellow of the Belgian American Educational Foundation.

PH.D. IN LAW: DOCTOR IN DE RECHTEN: KU Leuven, 29 October 1999.

Thesis: "Human Rights: Universality and Diversity". Supervisor: Prof. Paul Lemmens

ADDITIONAL COURSES

- SUMMER COURSE Human Rights at the Institut des Droits de l'Homme, Strasbourg, July 1992
- TRAINING COURSE "Working in conflict areas: election observation, human rights monitoring", Field Diplomacy Initiative, Vaalbeek, 18-24 May 1998
- TEACHERS' TRAINING, Ghent University, March 2002
- ITALIAN at Centrum voor Levende Talen, Leuven: 1989-90 and 1990-91, and summer courses in Firenze (July 1989 and July 1991) and Bologna (July 1990)
- ARABIC at Centrum voor Levende Talen, Leuven: 1992-93 and 1993-94
- GERMAN at Groep T, Leuven: 1995-96.

Career

- Since 1 October 2008: HOOFDDOCENT 100 %, of Human Rights Law and non-Western Law, Ghent University, Belgium. Courses currently taught: Advanced Study of Human Rights Law, Law and Gender, Islam and the Law.
- October 2005 – September 2007: DOCENT (100 %) of Human Rights Law and non-Western Law, Ghent University, Belgium.
- October 2000- September 2005: DOCENT (First rank of Professor) of Human Rights Law (40 %), Ghent University, Belgium.
- October 2001- September 2005: POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCHER, FWO (Foundation for Scientific Research – Flanders) at Human Rights Centre, Ghent University
- October 1999 – September 2001. RESEARCH ASSISTANT (20%), Institute of Constitutional Law, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium.
- September 1999 – December 2000. LECTURER of Constitutional and Administrative Law, in particular Comparative Administrative Law, University of Maastricht, Netherlands.
- October 1995 - August 1999. DOCTORAL RESEARCHER, Fellow of Fonds voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek-Vlaanderen (Foundation for Scientific Research - Flanders), at the Institute for Human Rights, Law Department, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven.
- September 1992 - June 1994. PROJECT RESEARCHER, Law Department Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, project "Burger en Rechtsbescherming" ("Citizens and Judicial Protection"): *Modelcode beginselen algemeen procesrecht (Model Code of Principles of General Procedural Law)*. Supervisors: prof. P. Van Orshoven and prof. P. Lemmens.

Membership of Academic Organisations

- Member Steering Committee *International Centre for Reproductive Health* (Ghent University)
- Board Member *Gents Afrika Platform* (Gent Africa Platform)
- Member *CeDiO*: UGent (Centre for the Study of Diversity and Inequality)
- Member of the Steering Committee of the *Inter-university Centre for Discrimination Law and Diversity Law* (Universities of Ghent and Antwerp)
- Member *International Law Association* – Belgian Chapter
- Member *European Society of International Law*

Board of Academic Journals

- *Mensenrechten, Jaarboek van het Internuniversitair Centrum Mensenrechten*, 1993 - 2003.
- *Tegenspraak* (book series) since 1999.
- *Tijdschrift voor Bestuurswetenschappen en Publiekrecht* since 2002.
- *Panopticon* (Tijdschrift voor strafrecht, criminologie en forensisch welzijnswerk) core board 2002-2004 and ‘Human rights since 2003
- Editor ‘human rights’, *Nieuw Juridisch Weekblad*, since 2002.
- Editor in chief *Tijdschrift voor Mensenrechten*, since 2003.
- Member Advisory board *De Juristenkrant* since 2009.
- *Human Rights and International Legal Discourse*, since 2006.

Other Activities in the Human Rights Field

- AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL: Chair of the Flemish section 2006-2010; member of the International Affairs and Mandate Committee of the Belgian (Flemish) section 1995-2005; member of the Belgian delegation at the International Council Meetings in Capetown, December 1997, Dakar, August 2001, Morelos, August 2006 and Antalya, August 2009
- LIGA VOOR MENSENRECHTEN (HUMAN RIGHTS LEAGUE): Board member (1998-2001)
- VORMEN (Flemish Organisation for Human Rights Education): Board member; Co-founder and chair (2000-2006)
- AVOCATS SANS FRONTIERES: Board member 2005-2007
- Member External Advisory Board for ethical investments, KBC Bank
- Member Committee for Intercultural Dialogue instituted by the Belgian government (2004-2005)
- Jury member IDP-price (Intercultureel Dialoog Platform), 2007
- Member UGender (UGent) 2005-2007
- Chair of the Diversity Working Group (Law Department, Ghent University)
- Correspondent of the Council of Europe, DG Human Rights, on developments in Belgium with respect to the rights protected in the European Convention on Human Rights (2007)

External Funding for academic activities

- FWO (Foundation for Scientific Research-Flanders) 1995- 1999: 4 –year fellowship for Ph.D. research on ‘Human Rights: Universality and Diversity’, approx. 240 000 EUR
- FWO 2001-2005: 3 +1 year post-doctoral fellowship for research on ‘Judicial enforcement of human rights: the European Court of Human Rights and the domestic judge as models?’ approx. 300 000 EUR
- BOF (Special Research Fund, Ghent University) 2003- 2007: 4-year project ‘Conflicts between fundamental rights’, 143 300 EUR

- European Commission, 8th Development Fund, 2003-2006: Staff Capacity Building for Mekelle University Law Faculty (Ethiopia), 309 400 EUR [project taken over from deceased colleague]
- FWO 2005-2008: 3 years post-doctoral fellowship for research on ‘Toward a polyvalent approach to conflicts between fundamental rights’ [fellowship rejected because of appointment as professor]
- FWO 2006-2010: 4-year project ‘Cultural context and transitional justice’, 1 full-time junior researcher (approx. 240 000 EUR) + 42 500 EUR
- VLIR-UOS 2007-2008: 18-month project with University of Lubumbashi (DRC) ‘Introduire le genre dans les formations universitaires’, 43 325 EUR
- Flemish Ministry of Equal Opportunities, 2007: funding for Centre on Discrimination Law (Antwerp University and Ghent University) – with Stefan Sottiaux (Antwerp University), 99 935 EUR
- FWO 2007-2011 : 4 year project ‘Traditional law and institutions confronted with human rights in Sub-Saharan Africa’, 1 full-time junior researcher (approx. 240 000 EUR) + 36 400 EUR
- Belgian Technical Cooperation 2007-2011: 4 year support (including 16 months in Ghent) for Ph.D. student Richard Mulendevu Mukokobiya (DRC) for research on land rights in the DRC
- Belgian Ministry of Science, 2008-2011: 3-year project ‘Dealing with traditional law in the context of post-conflict legal and judicial development aid in Africa’, 571 708 EUR
- FWO 2008-2011: 4-year project on ‘Accountability for human rights violations by international organisations’, 2 junior researchers (50 %) = approx. 240 000 EUR + 34 000 EUR (joint project with Prof. Jan Wouters, KU Leuven, and Prof. Stefaan Smis, VUB)
- BOF 2009-2013: 4-year project on ‘Identifying and defining a chilling effect on the right to freedom of expression’, 172 000 EUR– co-promoter (promoter is Prof. Dirk Voorhoof, Ghent University)
- FWO 2008-2012: 4-year fellowship for Ph.D. research by Michèle Morel on ‘Ecological Refugees’ – co-promoter (promoter is Prof. Frank Maes, Ghent University), approx. 240 000 EUR
- FWO 2009: 12 month visiting post-doc fellowship for Daniel Mekonen, “Cultural context and transitional justice”, approx. 60 000 EUR
- European Commission, Erasmus Mundus, Basileus doctoral scholarship, 34 months for Gjylbehare Murati, 2008, approx. 120000 EUR.
- European Commission, Erasmus Mundus, Basileus doctoral scholarship, 34 months for Remzije Istrefi, 2009, approx. 120000 EUR.
- BOF Doctoral scholarship for Mohammed Abdo “National human rights commissions and economic and social human rights”: 4 year scholarship, approx; 160 000 EUR, 2009-2013
- Belgian Technical Cooperation 200-2013: 4 year support (including 16 months in Ghent) for Ph.D. student Rémy Kambala (DRC) for research on the position of spouses in law of the DRC
- Gender and Diversity Cell of Ghent University, project ‘Diversity in the law faculty’: 13 months 2009-2010, approx. 55 000 EUR.
- European Research Council, Starting Grant “Strengthening the European Court of Human Rights: More Accountability Through Better Legal Reasoning”: 1 November 2009-31 October 2014: 1 370 000 EUR
- BOF project “Strengthening the European Court of Human Rights: More Accountability Through Better Legal Reasoning”: 1 November 2009 – 31 October 2013: ca. 196 000 EUR

Conferences and lectures

(a) Conferences and seminars (co-)organized

- *Naar een antidiscriminatiewet in België*, Gent, 20 April 2001 (with Liga voor Mensenrechten)
- Round table Tegenspraak: ‘*De ontwikkelingen in de mensenrechten gedurende de laatste 20 jaar*’, Gent, 18 December 2001 (with Dirk Voorhoof)
- Round table Tegenspraak: ‘*De ontwikkelingen in de rechtspraak van het EHRM gedurende de laatste 20 jaar*’, Gent, 24 May 2002 (with Dirk Voorhoof)
- ‘*Bedrijven en mensenrechten; verantwoordelijkheid en aansprakelijkheid*’, Gent, 21 February 2003

- ‘*De Wet Bestrijding Discriminatie in de praktijk*’, Gent, 9 May 2003 (with Marc De Vos)
- ‘*Vrijheden en Vrijheidsbeneming*’, Antwerpen, 4 February 2005 (with Wouter Vandenhove, Pieter Vanden Heede and Stefan Sottiaux)
- 15 February 2006: VUB (co-organisation with Paul De Hert) *conferentie Scheiding van Kerk of actief pluralisme? Een benadering vanuit de mensenrechten*
- 12-13 July 2006: Brussel, expert seminar: *Ethiopian Ethnic Federalism and the Protection of Human Rights*
- 15-16 December 2006: Gent, *International Conference on Conflicts Between Fundamental Rights*
- 16-17 March 2007: kick-off conferentie HR&ILD: *Accountability for human rights violations by international organisations*, Brussel: co-organisation HR&ILD board
- 22 March 2007: Amnesty International chair UGent: co-organiser : *lecture Irene Khan: 50 years after the Treaty of Rome: challenges for human rights in Europe and in the World*
- 9 November 2007: Brussel, international expert seminar “*The collection of data on racial or ethnic originis for antidiscrimination policies: equality, privacy and diversity in European perspective*”: co-organiser with Olivier De Schutter
- 16-17 June 2008: Brussel, co-organiser (with Stephan Parmentier and Luc Huyse) seminar “*Traditional forms of justice: a new approach to deal with the legacy of the past*”;
- 10 October 2008: co-organiser international seminar ‘*The European protection of freedom of expression: reflections on some recent restrictive trends*’ Strasbourg
- 30-31 March 2009: co-organiser Amnesty International chair UGent: *Nawal El Saadawi*
- 29-30 October 2009: Gent, co-organisaer International Seminar on Judicial Decisions and Statutory Interpretation (with The Protection Project, Johns Hopkins University Washington, en Mofid University, Qom, Iran)
- 25 November 2009: Gent, organiser lectures *Tariq Ramadan: Islam and Human Rights*
- 22-23 March 2010: co-organiser Amnesty International Chair UGent: *Luis Moreno Ocampo*
- 23-24-25 March 2010: Cape Town: International Forum *Traditional Justice and the role of external actors in Sub-Saharan Africa* (co-organisation with University of Cape Town)
- 21 May 2010: Gent, International Seminar on the *Margin of Appreciation Doctrine of the European Court of Human Rights* (co-organisation with Janneke Gerads, Universiteit Leiden)

(b) Active participation in international conferences, seminars etc.

- Paper “The cultural critique of international human rights”, symposium TACIS project Instituut voor Europees Beleid KU Leuven, 27 October- 3 November 1997, Tasjkent (Uzbekistan)
- Co-ordinator discussion group on the perspective of women: 21-23 juni 1998, Taipei (Taiwan), Fujen University: Fujen International Conference on Human Rights and Values in East Asia
- Paper “Universaliteit en diversiteit in de internationale mensenrechten”, 16 December 1999, Universiteit Leiden, conference “Sociale Cohesie”
- Paper “The Rights of Women”: 28-30 January 2000, Cambridge University, UK, Conference“International Human Rights: the Next 50 Years (1)”
- Paper “Protecting the Human Rights of Women”: 1-4 June 2000, Dartmouth College, New Hampshire, Conference “International Human Rights: the Next 50 Years (2)”
- Paper “Indirect protection of social rights by the European Court of Human Rights”: 20-23 May 2001, Tel Aviv University, International Conference on Social Rights
- Paper “The Margin of Appreciation Doctrine of the European Court of Human Rights: Accommodating Diversity Within Europe”: 11- 14 October 2001, University of Nebraska Lincoln (USA), conference Human Rights and Diversity
- Paper “Children’s Rights and Universality”: 20 November 2001, Universiteit Maastricht, International Conference: Developmental and Autonomy Rights of Children: Empowering Children, Caregivers and Communities.
- Intervention “Human Rights Dialogues in the Context of the Dialogue Among Civilizations”: 21 November 2001, Brussel, Unie, EU Human Rights Discussion Forum

- Comment “De doorwerking van grondrechten in het verbintenissenrecht”: 30 May 2002, KU Leuven, meeting Ius Commune Onderzoeksschool
- Comment “Sexual and Reproductive Rights”: 25 November 2002, Gent: International Expert Meeting “Sexual and Reproductive Needs and Rights of Women Displaced by War and Armed Conflict”
- Comment “A human rights perspective on minority education”: 10 December 2002, Gent, Seminar ‘National Minorities and Education Policy in Russia’
- Paper “Reconciling universality and diversity in international human rights: a theoretical and methodological framework”, 17-18 May 2003: Mofid University, Qom, Iran: Second International Conference on Human Rights: Theoretical Foundations of human Rights
- Paper “Universality through contextuality in international human rights”: 12-13 March 2004: Hartford, Connecticut (VS) Annual Meeting of the Association of Law, Culture and the Humanities.
- Paper ‘Environmental protection in the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights’: 1 June 2004: Green Week Conferentie, Europese Commissie, Brussel: sessie ‘Your environmental rights’
- Paper “De situatie in België”: 3 juni 2004: seminar “Diversiteit in het onderwijs”, Seneca Forum voor Onderwijsrecht, Gent
- Paper ‘De hoofddoek als constitutionele kopzorg in België, Frankrijk en Duitsland’: 18 June 2004: RIMO (Vereniging tot bestudering van het recht van de Islam en het Midden Oosten) Leiden, 22^{ste} RIMO Symposium
- Paper “Diversity in the classroom: the headscarf controversy in European schools”: 14-17 October 2004, University of San Francisco, Peace and Justice Studies Association Conference.
- Paper “Kosova’s Challenges on the Way to European Integration: Human and Minority Rights”, Ohrid (Macedonia), 28 January 2005, Research seminar of the Kosova Foundation for an Open Society.
- Comment ‘Comparative argumentation in the European legal system over fundamental rights’, Thorbecke seminar, Leiden, 10 February 2005.
- Co-chair “The viewpoint of indigenous populations: legal pluralism and indigenous law”: 27-28 February 2005, KU Leuven: International Expert Seminar on ‘Dealing with the past in Guatemala: the long road to reparation and reconciliation’
- Co-pilot working party on ‘Federalism and fundamental rights’, International Conference on Federalism, Brussel, 3-5 March 2005
- Paper “The headscarf controversy in European schools from the perspective of children’s rights”: 20-23 March 2005, Kaapstad, 4th World Congress on Family Law and Children’s Rights
- Gent, International Interdisciplinary Conference on Children’s Rights 18-19 May 2006: keynote speech: ‘Universality and diversity in children’s rights’; paper presentation: ‘Protecting children’s rights to child-specific and non-child-specific mechanism: the headscarf case’; moderator panel debate ‘NGO approaches to the CRC’; chair working party ‘economic and social rights’
- Brussel, expert seminar: Ethiopian Ethnic Federalism and the Protection of Human Rights: 12-13 July 2006: paper: “Ethiopia before the United Nations Human rights monitoring bodies”
- 1 September 2006: Leuven, Symposium on Fundamental Rights and Fundamental Responsibilities, paper “Fundamental responsibilities in the context of multicultural societies”
- 20 September 2006: Gent, International Gentle Teaching Congres: Keynote speech: “The latest step toward inclusive human rights: the UN Disability Convention”
- 27 September- 1 October 2006: Brussel, Francqui colloquium ‘The response of state law to the expression of cultural diversity’: paper: Human rights as a framework for negotiating/protecting cultural differences – an exploration in the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights”
- 16-17 April 2007: The Hague, Conference Hague Academic Coalition ‘Culture and International Law’; paper: “Legal techniques for accomodating cultural diversity in international human rights”
- 26-27 April 2007: Universiteit Antwerpen, International seminar ‘Localizing Human rights’, paper: “Introduction on methodology” (
- 24-25 May 2007: Institute for the Sociology of Law, Oñati (Spanje) seminar: Toward a Sociology of Human Rights; paper: “Should rights change societies or should societies change rights? An examination in the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights”
- 13-14 November 2007: London, participant Belgo-British Conference London ‘Bridges across the

- channel’, in werkgroep ‘cultural diversity’
- 23-24 November 2007: Maastricht, keynote address ‘methods in normative human rights research’ international conference ‘Methods in human rights research’
 - 18 April 2008: Stanford University, conference “Trafficking of women in Post-communist Europe”, paper: “The Human Rights Perspective in the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings”
 - 8 May 2008: Universiteit Utrecht: Seminar “Religion in the public sphere”: paper Conscientious objections of municipal officials against concluding same-sex marriages
 - 28 May 2008: Leuven, Nederlands-Vlaamse sociologendag, panel ‘de islamitische hoofddoek’
 - 7-8 June 2008: Budapest, Central European University, 16th Annual Conference on ‘The Individual vs. the State’, paper: “Should rights shape societies and their values or should societal values shape rights? An examination of the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights”
 - 16-17 June 2008: Brussel, seminar “Traditional forms of justice: a new approach to deal with the legacy of the past”: presentatie “Introduction to the theme of the workshop”
 - 2-3 October 2008: Järvenpää, Finland: Annual meeting of the European Consortium on Church-State Research, Rapporteur for Belgium on ‘religion and the criminal law’
 - 2-3 December 2008: Johns Hopkins University Bologna Center, International Conference: “Regional human rights mechanisms: The European Convention and the Arab Charter”: paper: The evolution of the Court’s jurisprudence: the doctrine of the margin of appreciation

 - 19-20 January 2009: Sion (Switzerland): Institut Universitaire Kurt Bosch, Research Seminar Living Rights. Theorizing children’s rights in international development; paper: Inclusive universality and the child-caretaker dynamic
 - 23 January 2009: Colloque “Droit et solidarité”, Institut des droits de l’homme du barreau de Bruxelles, Rentrée solennelle 22-23 janvier 2009, paper : « Droits humains, étrangers et multiculturalisme : pour une approche maximaliste et inclusive des droits fondamentaux »
 - 5 March 2009: Stanford University, Forum on Contemporary Europe conference, paper: “European Human Rights as limits on domestic efforts addressing the communist past”
 - 13 March 2009: artikel 1 lezing, Utrecht: “Botsende grondrechten. Over politieke partijen die discrimineren. Nederlandse SGP-oordelen versus Belgische rechtspraak ivm het Vlaams Blok”
 - 12 May 2009: The Hague, Colloquium Women’s human rights vs Religion/culture/ tradition, repliek: “the SGP case”
 - 5-6 June 2009: seminar Transitional Justice, Brussel: paper: “transitional justice in the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights”
 - 6 October 2009, Brussel: Legal Seminar on the implementation of EU law on equal opportunities and anti-discrimination, paper: “Discrimination on grounds of gender and religion: a case of conflict between grounds?”
 - 23 October 2009: Brussel, International Conference on the rehabilitation and reintegration of war-affected children: voorzitter working party
 - 14-15 December 2009: Kleef annual conference Vereniging voor de Sociaalwetenschappelijke Bestudering van het Recht, paper: “Creating added value through constitutional human rights provisions”
 - 21 and 22 January 2010: Bergen aan Zee, VU Seminarie ‘Migratie en Mensenrechten’, discussant paper ‘nationality and racial discrimination in migration law’

(c) Active participation in national conferences and seminars

- paper “Nieuwe grondrechten in de Belgische Grondwet”, February 1994, Leuven (KUL), 1ste Alumnidag van het Vlaams Rechtsgenootschap
- paper “De universaliteit van de mensenrechten” 9 December 1996, Leuven (KUL): Centrum voor Vredesethiek: Wetenschappelijk Seminarie “Dag van de Mensenrechten”
- paper “Rechten van de mens en verplichtingen tegenover de gemeenschap”, 24 March 1997, Leuven (KUL): Besloten colloquium n.a.v. het eredoctoraat toegekend aan Prof. J.A. Frowein

- Paper “Democratie en extreem-rechts”, 10 February 1998, Brussel: Vlaams Parlement: Colloquium *Ondergesneeuwde sporen*
- Paper “Is het verkieselijk de antiracismewet als een aparte wet te behouden?”: 20 April 2001, Gent, studiedag “Naar een antidiscriminatiewet in België”
- Intervention “De complementaire bevoegdheid van het Internationaal Strafgerechtshof en de Belgische wet inzake universele rechtsmacht”: 10 December 2001, Brussel, colloquium, ‘Het internationaal strafgerechtshof en de Belgische uitvoeringswet: België voor zijn verantwoordelijkheden’
- Paper “Veiligheid en kwetsbare groepen”: 13 December 2001, Antwerpen, UIA, studiedag Interuniversitair Centrum Mensenrechten: “Recht op veiligheid”
- Rapporteur “De ontwikkelingen in de mensenrechten gedurende de laatste 20 jaar”: 18 December 2001, Gent, Rondetafel Tegenspraak
- Intervention “De Magna Charta als hoeksteen van de Europese democratie?”: 26 April 2002, Gent, UG, studiedag Vlaamse Werkgroep Mediëvistiek, interdisciplinaire discussie.
- Rapporteur “De ontwikkelingen in de rechtspraak van het EHRM gedurende de laatste 20 jaar”: 24 May 2002, Gent, rondetafel Tegenspraak
- Paper “Nieuwe verboden discriminatiegronden: o.m. seksuele geaardheid, leeftijd, handicap”: 9 May 2003, Universiteit Gent, studiedag “Wet Bestrijding Discriminatie in de Praktijk”
- Paper and Chiar “Conclusies: 10 jaar Comité P + 10 jaar Wet op het Politieambt: goed voor 10 rechten en 10 zekerheden voor de burger?”: 13 November 2003, Egmontpaleis Brussel: Colloquium “10 jaar politiefunctie. Het politieoptreden onder de loep van het Vast Comité P”
- Paper “Politieke vrijheden van gedetineerden”: 4 February 2005, Studiedag Interuniversitair Centrum Mensenrechten: ‘Vrijheden en vrijheidsbeneming’
- 30 September 2005: colloquium “De verhaalbaarheid van de kosten van de verdediging: en wat met de toegang tot de rechter?”, Gent, Magistratuur en Maatschappij ism Tegenspraak; paper: “Mensenrechtelijke aspecten”
- 21 October 2005: symposium “De verhouding tussen het Arbitragehof, de Rechterlijke Macht en de Raad van State”, Brussel; member working party 2: “Samenloop van grondrechten”.
- 15 February 2006: VUB: conference Scheiding van Kerk of actief pluralisme? Een benadering vanuit de mensenrechten; paper “Ruimte voor het actief pluralisme in de rechtspraak van het Europees Hof voor de Rechten van de Mens?”
- 20 October 2006: VJV Congres ‘Discriminatie en het recht’, debate ‘Discriminatie, samenleving en rechtspraak’
- 8 December 2006: Brussel, Vlaamse staatsrechtconferentie: paper Inclusie, burgerschap en de Grondwet: over Belgen, vreemdelingen en vreemde Belgen. Een blik vanuit de mensenrechten
- 12 December 2006: Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam, seminar Mensenrechten, paper: Conflictien tussen vrouwenrechten en multiculturele rechten
- 22 February 2008: FUSL round table ‘Eenheid en diversiteit in het Belgisch federalisme’ (Forum of Federations)
- 25 April 2008: Antwerpen, opening session Interuniversitair Centrum voor Discriminatie- en diversiteitsrecht: chair
- 30 April 2008: Brussel, GO! conference Actief Pluralisme, panel debate
- 20 October 2008: conference Vlaams Steunpunt Buitenlands Beleid, Brussel: “De naleving van internationale mensenrechtenverdragen door Vlaanderen”
- 4 May 2009: UGent, Genderforum: paper “Heil uit Genève? De bijdrage van een internationaal klachtenmechanisme aan de bescherming van vrouwenrechten”
- 7 May 2009: KUL conference “Taalvereisten: wat kan? Wat niet?” lezing: “Taalvereisten getoetst aan de internationale mensenrechten”
- 1 October 2009: Gent, conference ‘Kiezen tussen Recht en Rechtvaardigheid?’, panel debate
- 12 November 2009: Gent, conference “30 jaar Panopticon” panel Mensenrechten
- 4 December 2009: Hasselt, conference VJV “Recht en duurzaamheid”, panel debate

d) Lectures at universities and other academic institutions

- 6-12 April 1997, Kyiv (Ukraine): Ukrainian Center for Legal Studies: 1 week lectures on the European human rights protection system
- 13 May 1997, Antwerpen: Debate Antwerps Centrum voor Migrantenstudies (UIA): “Nationale en niet-nationale minderheden - de doorwerking van de internationale mensenrechtenbescherming in de interne rechtsorde”
- 17 September 1997, Leuven (KUL): “The cultural critique of international human rights with a case study of Singapore”, Summer Program on Victimization, mediation and restorative justice (Program for cooperation in higher education and vocational training between the European Community and Canada)
- 20 March 1998, Antwerpen: RUCA, College voor de Ontwikkelingslanden: “Human Rights: Universality versus cultural diversity
- 27 August 1998, Leuven: “Freedom of Expression”, Summer Course in Human Rights 1998 (School of Human Rights Research, Utrecht and Institute for Human Rights, KUL)
- 9-15 October 1998, Venice, European Masters’ in Human Rights and Democratisation: workshops “right to life” and “freedom of expression”
- 24 November 1998: Kortrijk, KULAK: panel “50 jaar Universele Verklaring van de Rechten van de Mens: de universaliteit van de mensenrechten”
- 27 August 1999, Leuven (KUL): “The universality of human rights from the perspective of women’s rights”, Summer Course in Human Rights 1999
- 4 November 1999, Gent: Amnesty International and Vakgroep Afrikaanse Talen en Culturen van de Universiteit Gent, “Mensenrechten en Centraal-Afrika”, debate “universaliteit van mensenrechten”
- 9 February 2000, Maastricht, research presentation “Mensenrechten: universaliteit en diversiteit. Naar een inclusief universaliteitsbegrip”
- 15 March 2000, Antwerpen, lecture RUCA, College voor de Ontwikkelingslanden: “Les droits de l’homme et le développement”
- 22 March 2000, Maastricht, Teikyo University, lecture: “The approach of the European Court of Human Rights to freedom of speech”
- 21 August 2000, Universiteit Maastricht, Summer Course in Human Rights 2000, lecture “Cultural diversity versus universality”
- 5 November 2001, Justus-Liebig-Universität Giessen (Duitsland), Lecture Series ‘Forum Iuris Internationalis’: “The approach of the European Court of Human Rights to religion”
- 14 November 2001, Leuven, KUL, Master in Sociology of Social Change in European Societies, “Human Rights: Universality and Diversity”
- 18 December 2001, Leuven, KUL, Interdisciplinary lectures “Development and cultures”: “How universal are human rights?”
- 21 March 2002, Luxembourg (Bar Association and University) : “La liberté d’expression et la marge d’appréciation nationale”.
- 9 April 2002, Cape Town, International Human Rights Academy: “Freedom of Expression in the European Convention on Human Rights” and “The human rights of women”.
- 13 June 2002, Gent, students European Studies, Kansas University: lecture “Human Rights Protection in Europe”
- 20 and 25 Februari 2003, Universiteit Gent and Universiteit Antwerpen: XXIXe Postuniversitaire Cyclus Willy Delva: Goed procesrecht. Goed procederen, “Conflicten van mensenrechten: het recht op een eerlijk proces (art. 6 EVRM)”
- 6 May 2003: Universiteit Gent, guest lecture “Universaliteit en culturele diversiteit” faculteit Pedagogie, interoptiemodule ‘pedagogiek en mensenrechten’
- 11 June 2003: Gent, students European Studies, Kansas University: lecture “Human Rights Protection in Europe”

- 6-18 July 2003: Gent, International Human Rights Academy; lectures “Human Rights: Universality and Diversity”, “Freedom of speech” and “Hate speech”
- 13-15 October 2003: Malta, Mediterranean Masters in Human Rights and Democratisation: 9 hours lectures on universality and diversity in human rights
- 11 December 2003: Gent, International Interdisciplinary Course on Children’s Rights, Keynote Lecture at opening session: “Children’s Rights and Universality”
- 9 June 2004: Gent, students European Studies, Kansas University: lecture “Human Rights Protection in Europe”
- 30 June – 2 July 2004: Fiesole (Italy), European University Institute, Academy of European Law, Specialized Course “Freedom of Political Association and the Question of Party Closures”
- 16 August 2004: Utrecht, International Human Rights Academy, lecture “Universality and cultural relativism”
- 3 September 2004: Gent: “Islamic Family Law and Human Rights”: Ghent-Mekelle cooperation programme, short course
- 5-7 October 2004: Malta: Mediterranean Masters in Human Rights and Democratisation: 9 hour lectures on universality and diversity in human rights
- 30 November 2004: Gent, International Interdisciplinary Course on Children’s Rights, lecture “Human Rights Monitoring Mechanisms”
- 1 March 2005: Leuven, Lessenreeks Culturen en Ontwikkeling, lecture ‘Culturele diversiteit en transitional justice’
- 17 June 2005: Maastricht, Summer Course on Race, Ethnicity, Religion and Belief (Discrimination),: “religious and racial discrimination in the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights”
- 24-26 October 2005: Human Rights Academy, Cape Town: 2 lectures on “universality and diversity in human rights”
- 9 December 2005: Leuven, lecture ‘Human Rights: Universality and cultural diversity’
- 3-6 April 2006: guest lectures Mekelle University, Ethiopië: “Children’s rights” and “Economic and social rights”
- 15 May 2006: Maastricht, Summer Course on Race, Ethnicity, Religion and Belief (Discrimination),: “Case-law of the European Court of Human Rights”
- 8 June 2006: Universiteit Leiden, boekpresentatie J.M. Otto: commentaar: “Shari'a en Mensenrechten: naar inclusieve universaliteit”
- 5-6 October 2006, Universiteit Malta, 6 hours on ‘Universality and Diversity in Human Rights’, Mediterranean Masters Programme in Human Rights and Democratisation
- 16 October 2006, UGent, Amnesty International students, lecture: “Mensenrechten in België: de knelpunten”
- 23 November 2006: UGent, “Autochtony: a human rights perspective”, in debate ‘Autochtony in Africa and Europe’, Afrika Vereniging Universiteit Gent
- 11 December 2006: lecture: een inleiding op het werk van Amnesty International, Antwerpen, Karel de Grote hogeschool
- 26 March 2007: Mechelen, Centrum voor Intercultureel Management en Internationale Communicatie, Voortgezette Opleiding Intercultureel Management, Module Cultuur, Diplomatie en Civiele Maatschappij: “Universele rechten en culturele verscheidenheid”
- 7 December 2007: UGent, guest lecture ‘vrouwenrechten versus culturele rechten’ in course ‘Gender en Diversiteit’
- 24 January 2008: lecture Queen’s University Belfast: “Cultural Diversity in the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights”
- 18 February 2008: lecture UA, lezingenreeks “60 jaar UVRM”, on “De Preamble: grondslagen van de UVRM”
- 10-13 March 2008: UNILU (Lubumbashi, DRC): lecture series « Droit et genre » ; lectures : “Les droits internationaux de la femme: approche égalité de traitement” and “Les droits internationaux de la femme: approche valoriser les différences”
- 23 April 2008: CIMIC, Mechelen, lecture “Mensenrechten: universaliteit en culturele diversiteit”

- 7 May 2008, UGent, "Permanente Vorming Actuele Filosofie: Seks, Globalisering en Ethisiek" lecture "Seksualiteit en Mensenrechten"
- 13 May 2008: KU Leuven, CADES, guest lecture: "Human rights: universality and diversity"
- 19 May 2008: UGent, student debate 'migratie en integratie'
- 18 August 2008: International Human Rights Academy, Middelburg: "Human Rights: universality and diversity"
- 26 November 2008: lecture UGent Open Universiteit: " 60 jaar UVRM"
- 18 February 2009: lecture Hogeschool Gent Studium Generale: "Inclusieve universaliteit van mensenrechten"
- 25 February 2009: VUB, panel debate "Westers feminisme & vrouwen in het zuiden"
- 24 March 2009: guest lecture UCL: "article 8 ECHR and access to the territory"
- 24 March 2009: Mechelen, CIMIC, guest lecture: "Mensenrechten: universaliteit en diversiteit"
- 4 April 2009: guest lecture UCL: "comparing headscarf decisions of different supranational monitoring bodies"
- 23 April 2009: guest lecture UCL: "gay rights in the case-law of the ECHR"
- 4 May 2009: UGent, Genderforum: lecture "Heil uit Genève? De bijdrage van een internationaal klachtenmechanisme aan de bescherming van vrouwenrechten"
- 5 October 2009: UGent, lecture for graduating medicine students "Artsen en Mensenrechten"
- 12 October 2009: guest lecture KU Leuven: 'Politieke partijen en strijdbare democratie'
- 28 October 2009: Gent, Mercator hogeschool: guest lecture 'mensenrechten anno 2009: een SWOT analyse"
- 9 November 2009: Gent, Gandaius lecture: 'Kopzorgen om een hoofddoek'
- 20 April 2010: lecture Lessius Hogeschool: "Universele mensenrechten: kan dat wel?"
- 5 May 2010: guest lecture Université de Liège: "Droits de l'homme et diversité culturelle"
- 18 May 2010: Mechelen, CIMIC, guest lecture: "Mensenrechten: universaliteit en diversiteit"