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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Legal and political philosophy of Immanuel Kant; history and theory of international law; just war theory; right to self-determination; philosophy of Carl Schmitt; private law theory; law of international organizations; EU constitutional law; legal history.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Leiden University, Department of Jurisprudence January 2023–present
PhD candidate and lecturer in jurisprudence

Preparing a doctoral dissertation on Immanuel Kant and international relations theory, provisionally entitled *State, Sovereignty, and Self-Determination in Immanuel Kant*, under the supervision of Prof Afshin Ellian en Dr Gelijn Molier.

Leiden University, Europa Institute November 2019–December 2022
Editorial assistant *Common Market Law Review* (0,4 fte)

Responsible for all book reviews: ordering review copies, finding and contacting potential reviewers, keeping in touch with reviewers, editing book reviews and correcting proofs. Also responsible for compiling the annual index, the survey of literature (published twice a year) and writing book notices (brief, unsigned book reviews).

EDUCATION

PhD Leiden University, Faculty of Law 2023–present
Thesis: *State, Sovereignty, and Self-Determination in Immanuel Kant*. Supervisors: Prof Afshin Ellian and Dr Gelijn Molier.

LLM Leiden University, Jurisprudence and Philosophy of Law (8.3) 2020–2023
Thesis: *To crown peace with law, and law with peace: Kantian cosmopolitanism and the right to self-determination in international law* (advisers: Dr Letizia Lo Giacco and Prof Bastiaan Rijpkema; grade: 8.5).

LLM Leiden University, Public International Law (7.6) 2020–2022
Thesis: *To crown peace with law, and law with peace: Kantian cosmopolitanism and the right to self-determination in international law* (advisers: Dr Letizia Lo Giacco and Prof Bastiaan Rijpkema; grade: 8). Privatissimum course on ‘Diasporas and international law’ (supervisor: Prof Larissa van den Herik; grade: 8).

LLB Leiden University, Law (7.5) 2016–2020
Thesis: *The End of ‘Law’s Empire’? The consequences of Brexit for the free movement of British lawyers in the European Union* (adviser: Dr Armin Cuyvers; grade: 8). Electives: Human rights; legal Latin; history of European public law; history of European codification; A Europe that serves and protects: the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice; Europe in Practice; Dutch parliamentary democracy; ethics (Philosophy). Participated in the Honours programme (average grade: 8.7).

VWO CSG Reggesteyn, Nature & Health / Nature and Technology (8.1) 2009–2015
 Subjects: Dutch, English, physics, chemistry, biology, mathematics B, Ancient Greek, Latin, philosophy, history. Final essay: *Peri Kosmou: Plato and modern physics* (grade: 10; shortlist KNAW Education Prize). Participated in and won several debating competitions; participated in National Philosophy Olympiad (2014 & 2015) and National Biology Olympiad (2015).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Jurisprudence and public international law (lecture and working groups, MA): 2023, 2024, 2025
 Tutor to first-year students / ‘Leiden Law Practices’ (BA 1): 2023, 2025
 Introduction to legal methodology (working groups, BA 1): 2022, 2024, 2025
 A History of the United Nations (lecture on Russia and the UN Security Council, MA): 2024
 Militant democracy (elective, lecture on Europe and the rule of law, BA 2/3): 2024
 Rule of law and democracy: Contemporary questions (elective, lecture on Europe and the rule of law, BA 2/3): 2024
 Supervision of bachelor’s theses on Immanuel Kant and international law (BA 3): 2023, 2024
 Law and Literature (elective, lecture on *Star Wars* and the law, BA 2/3): 2023

AWARDS AND HONOURS

Europa in Practice Paper Prize 2018
 For the best essay written during the course Europe in Practice, titled ‘*Diesen Kuß der ganzen Welt? On free movement for same-sex couples in the EU*’.

Member of Mordenate College 2017
 For excellent results obtained during the first year.

Katadreuffe Prize 2017
 For the best essay on militant democracy written during the course Foundations of the Law, titled ‘With thunderous applause’.

Shortlist KNAW Education Prize 2015
 Nominated and shortlisted for the Education Prize of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, with a high school final essay titled *Peri Kosmou: Plato and modern physics*.

PUBLICATIONS

Edited books

1. L.R. van den Berg, S. Geldermans, A.A. Heeres, N.W. Noort, J.T.J. van de Riet, S.E.C. Vonk & H.J. Weijers (eds.), *Recht en technologie. Vraagstukken van de digitale revolutie*, The Hague: BoomJuridisch, 2019.
 Reviewed by: E.H. Hondius, *NTBR* (15) 2020, issue 1, p. 19; M.D. Rijnveld, *Ars Aequi* (68) 2019, issue 9, p. 732.

Articles and book chapters

2. ‘Self-Determination in International Law: A Kantian Perspective’, in: C. Horn, M. Ruffing & R. Schäfer (eds.), *Kant’s Project of Enlightenment: Proceedings of the 14th International Kant Congress*, Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter, forthcoming 2027.
3. ‘De academische stamboom van Eduard Maurits Meijers’, in: V. Mak et al. (eds.), *Het Erfgoed van Meijers*, Deventer: Wolters Kluwer 2025, p. 163–203.
4. (with Femke Klaver) ‘The EU and Russian Aggression: Perspectives from Kant, Hobbes, and Machiavelli’, *European Papers* (8) 2023, issue 3, p. 1523–1537.
5. ‘De Britten eruit, de advocaten erin? De gevolgen van de Brexit voor het vrij verkeer van Britse advocaten in de Europese Unie’, *Ars Aequi* (69) 2020, issue 9, p. 766–774.
6. ‘*A distant mirror: recht en technologie in de lange negentiende eeuw. Over de rol van wetgever en rechter bij het omgaan met nieuwe technologieën*’, in: L.R. van den Berg et al. (eds.), *Recht*

en technologie. Vraagstukken van de digitale revolutie, The Hague: BoomJuridisch 2019, p. 25–44.

7. ‘Het einde van ‘Law’s Empire’? De gevolgen van Brexit voor Britse en Europese advocaten’, in: N. du Bois et al. (eds.), *Juridische Dienstverlening in de 21e eeuw*, The Hague: Sdu 2018, p. 41–55.

Shorter articles and comments

8. ‘De Veiligheidsraad hervormen? Dat gaat zo maar niet’, *Nederlands Juristenblad* (98) 2023, issue 4, p. 312.

Book reviews

9. A.R. Ganesh, *Rightful Relations with Distant Strangers: Kant, the EU, and the Wider World*, Oxford: Hart Publishing 2021, *Common Market Law Review* (60) 2023, issue 3, p. 913–916.
10. F. Kainer & R. Repasi (eds.), *Trade Relations after Brexit*, Baden-Baden/Oxford: Nomos/Hart Publishing 2019; R. Frau, *Das Brexit-Abkommen und Europarecht*, Baden-Baden: Nomos 2020, *Common Market Law Review* (57) 2020, issue 5, p. 1662–1665.

Articles (popularizing)

11. ‘Hugo de Groot was geen pacifist, oorlog vond hij juist harde noodzaak’, *Trouw* 4 June 2025, p. 19.
12. ‘Studentenverenigingen zijn een verrijking, knijp ze niet af’, *Trouw* 10 August 2024, p. 21.
13. [‘Revenge of the Schmitt – Star Wars and Parliamentary Democracy’](#), *Opinio Juris*, 31 October 2023.
14. [‘No, Russia Can \(Still\) Not be Removed From the UN Security Council: A Response to Thomas Grant and Others: Part Two’](#), *Opinio Juris*, 11 February 2023.
15. [‘No, Russia Can \(Still\) Not be Removed From the UN Security Council: A Response to Thomas Grant and Others: Part One’](#), *Opinio Juris*, 11 February 2023.
16. ‘Een kiesdrempel haalt niets uit’, *Trouw* 3 January 2023, p. 18.
17. ‘Apart strafhof misdrijven Oekraïne geen oplossing’, *Dagblad van het Noorden* 19 April 2022, p. 19.
18. ‘Een apart strafhof voor misdrijven in Oekraïne biedt geen oplossing’, *Trouw* 14 April 2022, p. 21.
19. [‘No, Russia cannot be removed from the UN Security Council’](#), *Leiden Law Blog*, 22 March 2022.

Publications in preparation

- ‘Immanuel Kant on War, Peace, and World Order’ (review of: A.S. Ripstein, *Kant and the Law of War*, Oxford: Oxford University Press 2021; P. Unruh, *Kant und der Weltföderalismus: Zur Grundlegung und aktualität von Kants global-politischer Philosophie*, Berlin: Duncker & Humblot 2021), *Netherlands Journal of Legal Philosophy* (forthcoming).
- (with Filip Lubinski) ‘Kant, Private Law Theory, and Ordoliberal Competition Policy’, *ORDO* (76) 2025 (forthcoming).
- ‘Unjust Enemy or Enemy of All Humanity? Immanuel Kant’s Critique of Grotius and Carl Schmitt’s Rejoinder’, *Grotiana* (46) 2025 (forthcoming).

Other work

- Advised the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) on the application of the *nemo iudex* clause of Article 27(3) of the UN Charter for its term on the Security Council (together with Prof Niels M. Blokker, December 2023–February 2024).

PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

Conferences organized

- ‘Recht en technologie: Vraagstukken van de digitale revolutie’, Leiden, 17 May 2019 (30th anniversary conference, study association Mordenate College).

Professional

- 28-29 November 2025: ‘Immanuel Kant and Carl Schmitt on War and Hegemony in International Law’ (AjV/DGIR conference ‘Post Hegemonic International Law?’, Zürich).
- 20 June 2025: ‘Unjust Enemy or Enemy of All Humanity? Immanuel Kant’s Critique of Grotius and Carl Schmitt’s Rejoinder’ (conference on Grotian Law and Modernity at the Dawn of a New Age, The Hague).
- 9 May 2025: ‘The International Legal Order and Its Critics: Immanuel Kant and Carl Schmitt on the Right to Wage War’ (workshop ‘Rules for a lawless world? The international legal order in an age of great-power struggle for normative primacy’, Leiden).
- 10 December 2024: ‘Kant on self-determination in international law’ (Winter School of the ECPR SG on Kantian Political Thought, Colchester).
- 6 December 2024 (with Filip Lubinski): ‘Kant’s Theory of Law and Ordoliberal Competition Policy’ (NOUS Network/Walter Eucken Institute workshop ‘Immanuel Kant as an Inspiration for Ordoliberalism’, Freiburg im Breisgau).
- 9 September 2024: ‘Self-Determination in International Law: A Kantian Perspective’ (14th International Kant Congress, Bonn).
- 8 September 2023: ‘Revenge of the Schmitt: *Star Wars* and parliamentary democracy’ (GikII conference ‘Dancing with the AI Stars: Legal Moves in the Rhythm of Technological Change’, Utrecht).
- 22 June 2023 (with Femke Klaver): ‘The EU and Russian aggression: Perspectives from Kant, Hobbes, and Machiavelli’ (ESIL Doctoral Workshop ‘The EU’s Response to Russia’s Invasion of Ukraine: International and European Perspectives’, Leiden).
- 16 June 2021: ‘Free movement of British lawyers in the EU after Brexit’ (3rd Leuven-Edinburgh-Maynooth Brexit Seminar, online).

Popularizing

- 21 September 2024: ‘Wat is het Vredespaleis?’ (event for schoolchildren on the 125th anniversary of the First Hague Peace Conference, The Hague).
- 24 January 2024: ‘Wat *Star Wars* ons kan leren over het recht’ (lecture for A.S.V. Prometheus, Leiden).
- 14 April 2023: ‘Wat *Star Wars* ons kan leren over het recht’ (lecture for V.G.S.L. ‘Franciscus Gomarus’, Leiden).
- 19 December 2019: ‘*The End of History*: Fukuyama’s Afterparty’ (lecture for S.V. DIQIT, Leiden).
- 28 September 2017: ‘Wat *Star Wars* ons kan leren over het recht’ (lecture for Mordenate College, Leiden).

APPEARANCES IN MEDIA ETC.

- Mark Reid, [‘Wie zijn de Leidse Wikipedianen?’](#), *Mare*, 21 March 2024.
- Wilfred Simons, [‘Poetin bereikt doel met twijfel zaaien’](#), *Leidsch Dagblad*, 1 March 2022.
- Rosalie van der Broeck, [‘DIQIT Podcast aflevering 2: Met Joris van de Riet over Immanuel Kant’](#), *DIQIT Podcast*, 3 July 2021.
- Bendert Zevenbergen, [‘Het ontwarren van de kluwen die Brexit heet’](#), *Advocatenblad*, 27 May 2021.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Dutch Constitutional Law Association (Staatsrechtkring) (2017–present)

Netherlands Association for Administrative Law (VAR) (2018–present)
Netherlands Association of Jurists (NJV) (2020–present)
Netherlands Association for the Philosophy of Law (VWR) (2020–present)
European Society of International Law (ESIL) (2022–present)
Royal Netherlands Society of International Law (KNVIR) (2022–present)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Member of the PhD activities committee, Leiden Law School	2023–2025
Secretary, alumni association J.S.V. Solon	2023–present
Editor-in-chief, faculty magazine <i>NOVUM</i>	2020–2021
Executive editor, faculty magazine <i>NOVUM</i>	2019–2020
Secretary, cultural student association A.S.V. Prometheus	2018–2019
Board member, study association S.V. DIQIT	2018
Editor, faculty magazine <i>NOVUM</i>	2017–2025

LANGUAGES

Dutch: Native
English: Fluent
German: Moderate
French: Basic proficiency
Latin: Moderate
Ancient Greek: Basic proficiency

REFERENCES

Available upon request.