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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; international institutional law; legal history.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Leiden University, Department of Jurisprudence January 2023–present
PhD candidate and lecturer in jurisprudence
Thesis: *State, Sovereignty, and Self-Determination in Immanuel Kant* (provisional title).
Supervisors: Prof Afshin Ellian and 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, editing book reviews and correcting proofs. Also responsible for compiling the annual index, the survey of literature, 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* (provisional title).
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 on ‘diasporas and international law’ (Prof Larissa van den Herik).
- 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; A Europe that serves and protects: the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice; Europe in practice; Dutch parliamentary democracy; ethics.
- VWO** CSG Reggesteyn, Nature & Health / Nature and Technology (8.1) 2009–2015

Highest level of Dutch secondary school (A-level equivalent). Subjects: Dutch, English, physics, chemistry, biology, mathematics B, Ancient Greek, Latin, philosophy, history. Final essay: *Peri Kosmou: Plato and modern physics* (grade: 10). Participated in and won several debating competitions; participated in National Philosophy Olympiad (2014, 2015) and National Biology Olympiad (2015).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Seminars etc.

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
 Supervision of bachelor's theses on Immanuel Kant and international law (BA 3): 2023, 2024

Guest lectures

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
 Law and Literature (elective, lecture on *Star Wars* and the law, BA 2/3): 2023

GRANTS AND AWARDS

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| Leiden University Fund travel grant | 2025 |
| EUR 327,-- grant for conference visit at the University of Zurich. | |
| Europa in Practice Paper Prize | 2018 |
| EUR 150,-- prize for the best essay written during the course Europe in Practice, titled ' <i>Diesen Kuß der ganzen Welt?</i> 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 (48 best high school final essays of the year). | |

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. Rijneveld, *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, M. Haentjens, B.R. Rijpkema & T. Lubbers (eds.), *Het Erfgoed van Meijers*, Deventer: Wolters Kluwer 2025, p. 155–190.
4. (with Femke Klaver) 'The EU and Russian Aggression: Perspectives from Kant, Hobbes, and Machiavelli', *European Papers* (8) 2023, no. 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, no. 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, no. 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, no. 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, no. 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.

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 Niels M. Blokker, December 2023–February 2024).

PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

Conferences organized

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

Professional

- 20 November 2026: 'State, Sovereignty and Self-Determination in Immanuel Kant' (VWR PhD conference, Nijmegen).

- 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

- 5 November 2025: ‘Het Internationaal Gerechtshof’ (lecture for A.S.V. Prometheus, Leiden).
- 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.

- [‘Vredespaleis’](#), *Het Klokhuis*, NTR 1 October 2025.
- 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 SERVICE

Book review editor, <i>Netherlands International Law Review</i>	2025–present
Secretary, alumni association J.S.V. Solon	2023–2026
Member, PhD activities committee Leiden Law School	2023–2025
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

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)

LANGUAGES

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

REFERENCES

Available upon request.