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PERSONAL	Date of birth: 1 August 1986 Languages: Dutch (native), English (proficient), French (fluent), Italian (basic)	Citizenship: Belgian
POSITIONS	Senior Research Fellow (Oct. 2017 – present) Centre for Institutions and Economic Performance (U. of Leuven) Visiting Scholar (Jan. 2018 – June 2018) Southern Africa Labour & Development Research Unit (U. of Cape Town) Consultant (Oct. 2017 – present) C-lever.org Junior Consultant (Dec. 2009 – Sept. 2010) Stoop Consulting bvba Volunteer / Researcher (Aug. 2009 – Nov. 2009) European Committee for Agriculture and Training (CEFA)	
EDUCATION	PhD in economics (U. of Leuven) PhD in development studies (U. of Antwerp) Joint PhD, Oct. 2011 – Sept. 2017; Thesis: ‘Essays in Development Economics: Case Studies from Benin and the DR Congo’; Advisors: M. Verpoorten and J. Swinnen Visiting PhD researcher (May 2017 – August 2017) Southern Africa Labour & Development Research Unit (U. of Cape Town) M. Sc. in Advanced Studies in Economics University of Leuven, Oct. 2010 – Sept. 2011, <i>magna cum laude</i> M.A. in Development Economics and International Cooperation University of Rome, Tor Vergata, Oct. 2008 – Sept. 2009, <i>summa cum laude</i> M.A. of Communication Sciences University of Leuven, Oct. 2007 – Sept. 2008, <i>magna cum laude</i> B.A. of Communication Sciences University of Leuven, Oct. 2004 – Sept. 2007, <i>cum laude</i>	

PUBLICATIONS

Voodoo, vaccines and bed nets. **Economic Development and Cultural Change**, forthcoming. With M. Verpoorten and K. Deconinck

Defusing the social minefield of gold sites in Kamituga, South Kivu. From legal pluralism to the re-making of institutions? **Resources Policy**, 2017, 53, 356-368. With K. Buraye and M. Verpoorten.

To fish or not to fish? Resource degradation and income diversification in Benin. **Environment and Development Economics**, 2016, 21(05), 669-689. With R. Houssa and M., Verpoorten.

Self-reported food insecurity in Africa during the food price crisis. **Food Policy**, 2013, 39, 51-63. With M. Verpoorten, A. Arora, and J. Swinnen.

**WORKING
PAPERS &
POLICY BRIEFS**

Relocation, reorientation, or confrontation? Insights from a representative survey among artisanal miners in Kamituga, South-Kivu. *IOB Working Paper*, 2016, 09. With M. Verpoorten and K. Buraye.

Rélocation, réorientation, ou confrontation? Aperçus à partir d'un sondage représentatif des mineurs artisanaux à Kamituga, Sud-Kivu. *IOB Working Paper*, 2016, 10. With M. Verpoorten and K. Buraye.

The social minefield of gold digging in South-Kivu, DRC : The case of Kamituga. *IOB Policy Brief*, 2015, 10. With K. Buraye and M. Verpoorten.

The social minefield of gold digging in Kamituga, South-Kivu. *Amani Itakuya II essay series*, 2015, essay 14. With M. Verpoorten and K. Buraye.

**SELECTED
WORK IN
PROGRESS**

More legislation, more violence? The impact of Dodd-Frank in the DRC. With M. Verpoorten and P. van der Windt (under review **PLOS One**)

Would you rebel? An inquiry among high-risk youth in eastern DRC. With M. Verpoorten

Artisanal or Industrial conflict minerals? Evidence from eastern DR Congo. With M. Verpoorten and P. van der Windt

Risk, envy and magic in DRC's artisanal mining sector: insights into the 'Modernity of Witchcraft'. With M. Verpoorten

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS	<p>Global Minds program (VLIR-UOS) Grant for a visiting research stay at SALDRU, U. of Cape Town, Dec. 2017</p> <p>Research Foundation Flanders (FWO) Two-year renewal of PhD fellowship, Oct. 2015 Two-year PhD fellowship, Oct. 2013</p> <p>IOB Research Fund Grant to conduct fieldwork in the DRC – € 7,000, March 2013</p> <p>University Research Fund (BOF) One-year PhD fellowship, U. of Antwerp, Oct. 2012</p> <p>U. of Leuven Four-year PhD fellowship (taken up for one year), Oct. 2011</p>
SELECTED PRESENTATIONS	<p>SALDRU seminar (U. of Cape Town, 2018) / International Mining Conference (U. of Ghent, 2017) / UNU-WIDER Development Conference (Helsinki, 2016) / Conference on Mining, conflict and post-conflict reconstruction in Eastern DRC (U. of Antwerp, 2015) / Workshop on natural resource management (U. of Abomey-Calavi Benin, 2015) / IOB research day (U. of Antwerp: 2015 & 2013) / Round table on Extractive Industries, CSR and Development (U. of Antwerp, 2015) / ASREC conference on the Economics of Religion (Chapman U. California, 2014) / LICOS seminar (U. of Leuven: 2014 & 2013) / CSAE Conference on Economic Development in Africa (Oxford U., 2013) / European Association of Agricultural Economists (U. of Leuven, 2013).</p>
FIELDWORK	<p>Benin, Dec. 2015 Presentation at interdisciplinary workshop on natural resource management of Benin's southern lakes. Visit to fishing communities in preparation for the upscaling of a behavioral field experiment.</p> <p>DRC, March – May 2015 Using tablets and CAPI-software, I organized a representative structured survey among 470 miners in an artisanal gold mining site in South-Kivu.</p> <p>DRC, Dec. 2014 Semi-structured interviews and survey pilot in two artisanal gold mining sites in South-Kivu.</p> <p>DRC, May – June 2014 Semi-structured interviews and focus group discussions in Bukavu and an artisanal gold mining site in South Kivu.</p> <p>Benin, March – Apr. 2013 Surveys and pilot of a behavioral field experiment in the framework of a study on natural resource management, social preferences and religion among fishing communities.</p> <p>Tanzania, Aug. – Nov. 2009 As a Volunteer / Researcher with CEFA, I conducted household surveys in the Southern highlands of Tanzania to assess factors hindering the development of rural income generating activities.</p>

PROJECTS	<p>As a Consultant with C-lever.org, I contributed to the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Analysis of the organization and management of the department that makes verbatim reports and transcripts of the proceedings in the Flemish parliament. <p>As a Junior Consultant with Stoop Consulting, I contributed to the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – IFC (<i>International Finance Corporation</i>) - GCGF (<i>Global Corporate Governance Forum</i>) assignment in support of the Malawi Country Action Plan on Corporate Governance. – BTC (<i>Belgian Technical Cooperation</i>) reformulation of the Junior Program for the Belgian Development Cooperation. – FICA (<i>Flemish International Cooperation Agency</i>) Evaluation of the project ‘Go North’, a project of Unizo International aimed at capacity enhancement of SME’s in Southern Africa and at promoting export from South Africa, Mozambique and Malawi. – VLABEST (<i>Flemish Advisory Council on Public Administration</i>) facilitation of the ‘Working Group on External Audit of Local and Provincial Governments in the Flanders’. – VVOB (<i>Development Cooperation in the education sector</i>) evaluation of the VVOB education programs in nine partner countries.
TEACHING	<p>Lecture on Common Pool Resources, the tragedy of the commons and collective action. Course: Topics in Development Studies, U. of Antwerp. Dec. 2013, Oct. 2014, Nov. 2015, Oct. 2016</p>
REVIEWER	<p>Annuaire des grands lacs, International Journal of Conflict Management, Resources Policy</p>
SOFTWARE	<p>Microsoft Office, Stata, ArcGIS, QGIS, CSPro, Surveybe, CAPI-software</p>
REFERENCES	<p>Marijke Verpoorten. Associate Professor. Institute of Development Policy, University of Antwerp. marijke.verpoorten@uantwerp.be</p> <p>Jo Swinnen. Full Professor. Centre for Institutions and Economic Performance, University of Leuven. jo.swinnen@kuleuven.be</p> <p>Peter van der Windt. Assistant Professor. Division of Social Science, New York University – AD. petervanderwindt@nyu.edu</p> <p>Dominic Parker. Assistant Professor. Department of Agricultural & Applied Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison. dominic.parker@wisc.edu</p>