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PERSONAL	Date of birth: 1 August 1986	Citizenship: Belgian Languages: Dutch (native), English (proficient), French (fluent), Italian (basic)
POSITIONS	Post-doctoral researcher (Oct. 2018 – present) Institute of Development Policy (U. of Antwerp) Senior Research Fellow (Oct. 2017 – present) Centre for Institutions and Economic Performance (U. of Leuven) Consultant (Oct. 2017 – Sept. 2018) C-lever.org Visiting Researcher (Jan. 2018 – June 2018) Southern Africa Labour & Development Research Unit (U. of Cape Town) 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
- More legislation, more violence? The impact of Dodd-Frank in the DRC. **PLoS ONE**, 2018, 13(8): e0201783. With M. Verpoorten and P. van der Windt.
- 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, MEDIA & POLICY BRIEFS** “Trump threatened to suspend the ‘conflict minerals’ provision of Dodd-Frank. That might actually be good for Congo” 2018. *Washington Post – The Monkey Cage* (with Marijke Verpoorten and Peter van der Windt)
- Voodoo, vaccines and bed nets. Magico-religious beliefs affect health behavior in Benin. *IOB Policy Brief*, 2018, 29. With M. Verpoorten.
- 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** Would you fight? 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
- Exploring psychological well-being and poverty dynamics in South-Africa: evidence from NIDS waves 1-5. With M. Leibbrandt and R. Zizzamia

**FELLOWSHIPS
& GRANTS**

Global Minds (VLIR-UOS)

Grant for a visiting research stay at SALDRU, U. of Cape Town, Dec. 2017

Research Foundation Flanders (FWO)

Two-year PhD fellowship, Oct. 2013

Two-year renewal of PhD fellowship, Oct. 2015

IOB Research Fund

Grant to conduct fieldwork in the DRC, March 2013

University Research Fund (BOF)

One-year PhD fellowship, U. of Antwerp, Oct. 2012

University of Leuven

Four-year PhD fellowship (taken up for one year), Oct. 2011

AWARDS

Scientific Prize McKinsey & Company, Nov. 2018

Award of €5,000 in recognition of original PhD research with socio-economic relevance. Awarded through Research Foundation Flanders (FWO).

**SELECTED
PRESENTATIONS**

Fruit for thought seminar IOB (U. of Antwerp, 2018) / 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 & 2012) / CSAE Conference on Economic Development in Africa (Oxford U., 2013) / European Association of Agricultural Economists (U. of Leuven, 2013).

**FIELDWORK &
VISITING
RESEARCH STAYS**

DRC, Upcoming fieldwork: Feb. 2019

Baseline survey for the impact evaluation of an electrification project in North-Kivu.

DRC, Nov. 2018

Defining sampling strategy and survey pilot for the impact evaluation of an electrification project in North-Kivu.

South-Africa, May – August 2017 & Jan. – June 2018

Visiting research stays at the Southern Africa Labour & Development Research Unit of the University of Cape Town.

Benin, Dec. 2015

Presentation at a workshop on natural resource management. Visit to fishing communities in preparation for the upscaling of a behavioral field experiment.

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.

DRC, Dec. 2014

Semi-structured interviews and survey pilot in two artisanal gold mining sites in South-Kivu.

DRC, May – June 2014

Semi-structured interviews and focus group discussions in Bukavu and an artisanal gold mining site in South Kivu.

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.

Tanzania, Aug. – Nov. 2009

Household surveys in the Southern highlands of Tanzania to assess factors hindering the development of rural income generating activities.

CONSULTANCY

As an academic:

- Member of the selection jury for the Director Sectoral and Thematic Expertise of Enabel, the Belgian Development Agency (Nov. 2018).
- Member of the OECD Advisory Group tasked with validating the OECD Minerals Guidance Monitoring and Evaluation Framework (Nov. 2018 – March 2019).

As a consultant with C-lever.org and Stoop Consulting:

- Management analysis of the department that makes verbatim reports of the proceedings in the Flemish parliament (2017-2018).
- IFC (*International Finance Corporation*) - GCGF (*Global Corporate Governance Forum*) assignment in support of the Malawi Country Action Plan on Corporate Governance (2010).
- BTC (*Belgian Technical Cooperation*) reformulation of the Junior Program for the Belgian Development Cooperation (2010).
- FICA (*Flemish International Cooperation Agency*) Evaluation of ‘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 (2010).
- VLABEST (*Flemish Advisory Council on Public Administration*) facilitation of the ‘Working Group on External Audit of Local and Provincial Governments in the Flanders’ (2010).
- VVOB (*Development Cooperation in the education sector*) evaluation of the VVOB education programs in nine partner countries (2009-2010).

TEACHING

Lectures in the course ‘Topics in Development Studies’ for undergrad students in economics at the University of Antwerp: Fall 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 & 2018

REVIEWER

Annuaire des grands lacs, International Journal of Conflict Management, Resources Policy

SOFTWARE

Microsoft Office, Stata, ArcGIS, QGIS, CSPro, Surveybe, CAPI-software

REFERENCES

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