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- University of Leuven, Belgium: Centre for Institutions and Economic Performance
- University of Cape Town, South-Africa: Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit
- University of Bukavu, DR Congo: Expertise Centre on Mining Governance

### 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, *magna cum laude*

**M.A. in Development Economics and International Cooperation**  
University of Rome, Tor Vergata, Oct. 2008 – Sept. 2009, *summa cum laude*

### **M.A. of Communication Sciences**

University of Leuven, Oct. 2007 – Sept. 2008, *magna cum laude*

### **B.A. of Communication Sciences**

University of Leuven, Oct. 2004 – Sept. 2007, *cum laude*

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

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

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

Voodoo, vaccines and bed nets. **Economic Development and Cultural Change**, 2019, 67(3). 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.

#### **UNDER REVIEW**

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

#### **WORKING PAPERS, MEDIA & POLICY BRIEFS**

Artisanal or Industrial Conflict Minerals? *IOB Policy Brief* 39, 2019. With M. Verpoorten and P. van der Windt.

The way that minerals are mined affects conflict in eastern Congo. *The Conversation*, 29/07/2019 With M. Verpoorten and P. van der Windt.

Artisanal or Industrial conflict minerals? Evidence from Eastern Congo. Households in Conflict Network, *HiCN Working Paper* 308, 2019. With M. Verpoorten and P. van der Windt.

"More Legislation, More Violence? The Impact of Dodd-Frank in the Democratic Republic of the Congo" 2019. *Cato Institute - Research Briefs in Economic Policy* 145. With Marijke Verpoorten and Peter van der Windt.

Exploring psychological well-being and poverty dynamics in South-Africa: evidence from NIDS waves 1-5. *NIDS Discussion Paper* 2019/07. With M. Leibbrandt and R. Zizzamia

“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.

#### **WORK IN PROGRESS**

Violent displacement and empathy. The determinants of hosting in Eastern Congo. With P. van der Windt

Jobs and stability in North-Kivu, DRC: evidence from a policy experiment. With M. Verpoorten.

Standards, transparency and accountability in the mining sector: a review of intended and unintended consequences. With M. Verpoorten and P. van der Windt.

Powering development, stabilization and conservation? The impact of electricity roll-out by Virunga Alliance in Eastern Congo. With M. Verpoorten and E. Lunanga.

#### **FELLOWSHIPS**

**Research Foundation Flanders (FWO)**

Three-year post-doctoral fellowship, Oct. 2019

**Research Foundation Flanders (FWO)**

Two-year PhD fellowship, Oct. 2013

Two-year renewal of PhD fellowship, Oct. 2015

**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

#### **GRANTS**

**University Research Fund (BOF)**, as co-promotor  
Grant to fund a four-year PhD track, July 2019

**Philanthropic Fund**, as co-PI

\$ 310,600 grant for an impact evaluation in the DRC, February 2019

**University Research Fund (BOF)**

€ 7,500 grant to conduct fieldwork in the DRC, January 2019

**Global Minds (VLIR-UOS)**

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

**IOB Research Fund**

€ 7,000 grant to conduct fieldwork in the DRC, March 2013

**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**

EUDN PhD workshop (U. of Leuven, 2019) / WGAPE (U. of Cape Town, 2019) / PhD seminar IOB (U. of Antwerp, 2019) / EOS seminar (U. of Antwerp, 2019) / 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**

**DR Congo**, Feb. 2019

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

**DR Congo**, 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 Labor & 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.

**DR Congo**, 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.

**DR Congo, Dec. 2014**

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

**DR Congo, 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 – present).

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**

‘Topics in Development Studies’. Undergrad students, University of Antwerp. Fall 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018 & 2019.

‘Development Economics’. Undergrad students, University of Leuven. Fall 2019.

‘Quantitative Development Evaluation’. Grad students, University of Antwerp. Spring 2020.

<b>REVIEWER</b>	World Development, Resources Policy, International Journal of Conflict Management, BMC International Health and Human Rights, Review of Economics of the Household, Annuaire des grands lacs, Conjoncture de l'Afrique Centrale
<b>SOFTWARE</b>	Microsoft Office, Stata, ArcGIS, QGIS, CAPI (Surveybe, ODK, Kobo)
<b>REFERENCES</b>	<p>Marijke Verpoorten. Associate Professor. Institute of Development Policy, University of Antwerp. <a href="mailto:marijke.verpoorten@uantwerp.be">marijke.verpoorten@uantwerp.be</a></p> <p>Jo Swinnen. Full Professor. Centre for Institutions and Economic Performance, University of Leuven. <a href="mailto:jo.swinnen@kuleuven.be">jo.swinnen@kuleuven.be</a></p> <p>Peter van der Windt. Assistant Professor. Division of Social Science, New York University – AD. <a href="mailto:petervanderwindt@nyu.edu">petervanderwindt@nyu.edu</a></p> <p>Dominic Parker. Associate Professor. Department of Agricultural &amp; Applied Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison. <a href="mailto:dominic.parker@wisc.edu">dominic.parker@wisc.edu</a></p>