

Curriculum Vitae

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Employment:

Jan. 2019–present

Jr. Professor, Forum Internationale Wissenschaft, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn

Sept. 2016–2018

Belgian American Educational Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Chicago, Department of Sociology and Morris Fishbein Center for the History of Science and Medicine (hosts: Prof. Dr. A. Abbott and Prof. Dr. R. Richards)

Project: “The nation-state in its state-istics. A socio-historical and theoretical analysis of parameters of nation-ness and citizenship in Belgium and the United States of America, ca. 1800-1940”

Febr. 2015–Jan. 2019

University of Ghent Postdoctoral Fellow, Ghent University, Center for Social Theory (Department of Sociology) and Sarton Center for History of Science (Department of Philosophy and Moral Sciences)

Project: “‘Statistique comme pensée gouvernementale’: the Queteletian model revisited”

Sept. 2013–Aug. 2014

Visiting Ph.D. Student, University of Helsinki, Department of Political History (host: Prof. Dr. P. Kettunen)

Project: “Inclusion ideals, exclusion places: social statistics, welfare states and politics of belonging”

Nov. 2010–Jan. 2015

Ph.D. Candidate, Ghent University, Center for Social Theory (Department of Sociology) and University of Antwerp, Department of Sociology (Joint Ph.D.)

Project: “Statistics or state-istics? An anatomy of the *corps social* presented in the Belgian population censuses, 1846–1947”

June 2009–May 2010

Research Fellow, Free University of Brussels, Interface Demography, Department of Sociology

Project: “HISSTAT: Historical Statistics” (an interuniversity network that aims to generate and develop a research

infrastructure of historical statistics in Belgium) (supervised by Prof. Dr. P. Deboosere)

May 2008–May 2009

Research Associate, Province of East Flanders, Ghent, Department of Health and Care

Project: “Mapping social inequality: a bottom-up perspective”

Education:

2010–2015

Ghent University, *Ph.D., Sociology* and University of Antwerp, *Ph.D., Social Sciences* (Joint Ph.D., defended on January 29, 2015)

Ph.D. Dissertation: “Statistics or state-istics? An anatomy of the *corps social* presented in the Belgian population censuses, 1846–1947”

2003–2007

Ghent University, *M.A. in History*

Master’s Thesis: “Maarten della Faille. Een handelaar die edelman werd in dienst van de koning. Een socio-historische analyse van de promotiestrategieën van een internationaal handelaar, 1544/1545–1620”

Transl.: “Maarten della Faille. A merchant who became a nobleman in the service of the king. A socio-historical analysis of the promotional strategies of an international trader, 1544/1545–1620” (Supervisor: Prof. Dr. R. Vermeir)

2001–2003

Ghent University, *B.A. in History*

Fellowships, grants and awards:

2018

Travel grant from the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences, Ghent University

2016–2017

B.A.E.F. Fellowship and grant, awarded by the Belgian American Educational Foundation

2016–2017

University of Ghent Fellowship, awarded by Ghent University

2015–2018

Postdoctoral Fellowship, awarded by Ghent University

2017

Travel grant from the Heidelberg Academy of Sciences and Humanities

2016

Travel grant from the Heidelberg Academy of Sciences and Humanities

2015

Travel grant from the Flanders Research Foundation

2015

Travel grant from the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences, Ghent University

2015

Travel grant from the Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences, University of Potsdam

Maternity leave: January 2021-December 2021

Teaching experience:

2019–present

Prof./lecturer, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, Philosophical Faculty

MA Course “Science and society: recent developments within the sociology of knowledge” (Module: Sociological Theory/ Globalisation and Development/ Special Sociologies)

MA Course “Historical-sociological analyses of science and society” (Module: Sociological Theory)

MA Course “‘Social physics’, the average man and the emergence of modern population statistics” (Module: Sociological Theory)

BA Course “Foucault's writings on Security, Territory, Population” (Base Module Society and Communication (advanced)/ Advanced Module Society and Communication)

BA Course “Foucault’s writings on The Birth of Biopolitics” (Advanced Module Society and Communication)

BA Course “Foucault, ‘governmentality’, and global society” (Base Module General Sociology/ Society and Communication)

2015–2018

Lecturer, Ghent University, Department of Sociology

MA Course “New Developments within Sociological Theory” (Course in the program of Master of Science in Sociology)

Student evaluation: 4.08/5

2015–present

Experience with grading, tutoring and supervising BA and MA papers

Specialized teaching courses:

September–November, 2018

Lecturing skills in English, University of Ghent Language Center

October, 2018

Videotraining, Ghent University

Articles and book chapters:

Forthcoming, 2022

Louckx, K. “Urban populations and urban problems in Quetelet’s population statistics of the mid-nineteenth century”, in Lachmund, J. and De Munck, B. (eds), *The Politics of Urban Knowledge*, Routledge.

2020

Louckx, K. “Adolphe Quetelet”, *Serendipities. Journal for the Sociology and History of the Social Sciences*, 4 (1-2): 64–67.

2020

Louckx, K. “Population, territory, and state-istics: ‘Habitual residence’ in the Belgian Census, 1846–1947”, *Journal of Social History*, 54 (2): 503–525.

2020

Louckx, K. and Vanderstraeten, R. (eds), *Special Issue on Sociology in Belgium*, *The American Sociologist*.

2020

Louckx, K. and Vanderstraeten, R. “Guest editors’ introduction: Sociology in Belgium, national divisions, international ambitions”, *The American Sociologist*, 51 (2): 97–100

2020

Vanderstraeten, R. and Louckx, K. “Sociology in Great Little Belgium”, *The American Sociologist*, 51 (2): 101–123

2019

Louckx, K. “‘Lies, damned lies and state-istics’: Counting ‘real inhabitants’ in the census (Belgium, 1846–1947)”, in Prutsch, M. et al (eds), *Science, Numbers and Politics*, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

2018

Vanderstraeten, R. and Louckx, K. *Sociology in Belgium: A Sociological History*, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

2017

Louckx, K. “The nation-state in its state-istics (Belgium, 1846–1947)”, *Nations and Nationalism*, 23 (3): 505–523.

2017

Louckx, K. “Parameters of nation-ness and citizenship in Belgium (1846–1947)”, in Verschraegen, G. et al. (eds), *Imagined Futures in Science, Technology and Society*, pp. 169–185, London: Routledge.

2015

Louckx, K. and Vanderstraeten, R. “Household and state-istics: Cornerstones of society in population censuses (Belgium, 1846–1947)”, *Social Science History*, 39 (2): 201–215.

2015

Louckx, K. *Statistics or state-istics? An Anatomy of the Corps Social Presented in the Belgian Population Censuses, 1846–1947*, Ghent: Ghent University, Faculty of Political and Social Sciences. PhD Dissertation.

2014

Louckx, K. and Vanderstraeten, R. “State-istics and statistics: Exclusion categories in the population census (Belgium, 1846–1930)”, *The Sociological Review*, 62 (3): 530–546.

2012

Vanderstraeten, R., Louckx, K. and Van der Gucht, F. “Education and geographical differences”, *Belgisch Tijdschrift voor Nieuwste Geschiedenis/ Journal of Belgian History*, 42 (4): 51–73.

- 2011** Willaert, D., Louckx, K. and Sanderson, J.-P. “Technical report: Codebook census 1970”, *Interface Demography*, Working Paper, 2011 (1).

Book in preparation:

The Social Body in State-istics (1846–1947).

Lecture series:

Ecology and the Metamorphosis of Modern Society, Perspektiven der Moderne – Lecture Series at the Forum Internationale Wissenschaft, Wintersemester 2020/21, Bonner Universitätsforum (co-organizer: Dr. Damien Krichewsky)

Interviews:

(2018) “Sociology in België”, Interview of Joshua Eykens with Raf Vanderstraeten en Kaat Louckx, *Sociologie Magazine*, 26 (3): 22–23.

Invited lectures and papers presented at scholarly conferences:

- 2010** “A Historical-Critical Approach on Defining Social Inequality.” Workshop “Les Métamorphoses de l’Egalité. Genre et Sociologie en France et en Allemagne (1890–1933)”, organized by CNAM/LISE, CNRS/MODYS, and University of Potsdam, Paris, November 25–26.
- 2011a** “A Historical-Epistemological Analysis of The Construction of ‘Residual Categories’.” Workshop “Making up People: Classification Patterns, Gendered Categorization, and Inclusion in a Historical-Sociological Frame”, University of Potsdam, February 24–26.
- 2011b** “Exclusion and Inclusion in the Belgian (Queteletian) Population Censuses, 1846–1930.” Presented at the conference “Shifting Modes of Inclusion and Belonging”, University of Potsdam, October 27–29.
- 2012a** “Discourse as the Surface Manifestation of Power-Knowledge: Social Exclusion in the Belgian Population Censuses, 1846–1930.” Presented at the “40th World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology”, Delhi, February 16–19.
- 2012b** “The Classification of the Poor in Great Britain and Belgium at the End of the 19th Century. A Socio-Historical Approach of Changing Classification Patterns.” Presented at the “European Social Science History Conference 2012” (organized by the International Institute of Social History), Glasgow University, April 11–14.
- 2012c** “The Discourse in the Belgian Population Censuses in Relation to Foucault’s Concept of Power-Knowledge.” Presentation at the seminar “Foucault at the Collège de France–New Perspectives of Historical Research”, GEMS/Doctoral School of Arts, Humanities and Law, Ghent University, June 7–8.
- 2012d** “The Construction of the Governable Person. Social Exclusion in the Belgian Population Censuses from 1846–1930.” Presented at the conference “Changing Universities, Changing Sociology” (organized by the Research Committee History of Sociology of the International Sociological Association), University College Dublin, June 27–30.

- 2012e** “On Scientific Management or How a Population Became Managed by Science.” Presented at the “U4 SONaR Workshop Social Sciences”, Ghent University and University of Groningen, August 26–28.
- 2012f** “How should we do the History of Social Statistics?” Presented at the workshop “Methods in History of Science”, Department of Sociology and Department of Philosophy and Moral Sciences, Ghent University, September 17–19.
- 2013a** “Household and State-istics: The Household in the Belgian Population Censuses, 1846–1930.” Presented at NordWel/EINO Seminar “Nordic Centre of Excellence: The Nordic Welfare State - Historical Foundations and Future Challenges”, University of Helsinki, October 14.
- 2013b** “Household and State-istics: Cornerstones of Society in Population Censuses, Belgium, 1846–1930.” Presented at the “2013 History of Science Society Annual Meeting”, Boston (MA), November 21–24.
- 2014a** “State-istics and Statistics. Concepts and Classifications in the Population Census, Belgium, 1846–1930.” Invited speaker, conference “The History of Categorizations and Classifications”, University of Helsinki, February 11.
- 2014b** “Territory and Population: ‘Habitual Residence’ in Population State-istics, Belgium, 1846–1947.” Presented at NordWel/EINO Seminar “Nordic Centre of Excellence: The Nordic Welfare State - Historical Foundations and Future Challenges”, University of Helsinki, March 10.
- 2014c** “Foucault’s Idea of ‘Raison d’État’.” Invited speaker, workshop on “Foucault's Security, Territory, Population - Lectures at the Collège de France, 1977–78”, Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies, March 28.
- 2014d** “Hacking’s Idea of ‘Indeterminacy in the Past’.” Invited speaker, workshop on “Hacking's Rewriting the Soul: Multiple Personality and the Sciences of Memory”, Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies, June 4.
- 2015a** “The Imagined Community in Administrative Statistics, Belgium, 1846–1947.” Presented at the conference “Science Shaping the World of Tomorrow”, University Centre Saint-Ignatius Antwerp, University of Antwerp, March 18–20.
- 2015b** “Methods in the History of the Social Sciences.” Invited speaker, workshop “Wicked Problems – Contested Public Administrations – Knowledge, Coordination, Strategy”, University of Potsdam, August 26.
- 2015c** “Statistics or State-istics? A History of Scientific Representations of the Nation-State, Belgium, 1846–1947.” Presented at the “2015 History of Science Society Annual Meeting”, San Francisco (CA), November 19–22.
- 2016a** “The Construction of Residential Units and Residential Commitments in Population Statistics, Belgium, 1846–1947.” Presented at the conference “Science, Numbers and Politics I”, the Heidelberg Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Heidelberg, April 28–30.
- 2016b** “Population, Territory, and State-istics: ‘Habitual Residence’ in the Census, Belgium, 1846–1947.” Presented at the “41st Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association”, Chicago (IL), November 17–20.
- 2017a** “The Idea of Territoriality in State-istics.” Presented at the Conference “Science, Numbers and Politics II”, the Heidelberg Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Heidelberg, June 8–10.

- 2017b** “Early Transnational Networks, the Rise of Statistical Thinking and the Construction and Diffusion of Indicators and Classifications of the ‘Social Body’ (ca. 1850–1914).” Project presented at the Forum Internationale Wissenschaft, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, November 24.
- 2018a** “Counting Resident Populations in the Census (1846–1947): The Politics of Membership and Belonging in State-istics.” Presented at the Morris Fishbein Center for the History of Science and Medicine, University of Chicago, February 16.
- 2018b** “Early Transnational Networks, the ‘Rise of Statistical Thinking’, and the Construction and Diffusion of Social Indicators.” Presented at the “History of Sociology Session: History of Empirical Methods in Sociology” of the XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology, Toronto, July 15–21.
- 2018c** “Statistics and Urban Problems: Practices of Urban Governance in the Congrès International de Statistique (1853–1876).” Presented at the international workshop “Politics of Urban Knowledge: Towards an Epistemic History of the City I”, Antwerp, City Campus UA, December 14–15.
- 2019a** “Population, Territory, and State-istics: ‘Habitual Residence’ in the Belgian Census, 1846-1947.” Presented at the FIW Colloquium, FIW, Bonn, October 29.
- 2019b** “State-istics and the Nation-State.” Presented at the seminar “Die Welt vermessen/ Dynamiken und Erfahrungen der Globalisierung”, Berlin, Zentrum Marc Bloch, November 28.
- 2020a** “Urban Populations and Urban Problems in Quetelet’s Population Statistics of the Mid-Nineteenth Century.” Presented at the international conference “Politics of Urban Knowledge: Towards an Epistemic History of the City II”, Antwerp, City Campus UA, March 5–6.
- 2020b** “From Climatic Paradigm to Socio-Ecological Metamorphosis?” Presented, together with Dr. Damien Krichewsky, at the FIW Perspektiven der Moderne – Lecture Series “Ecology and the Metamorphosis of Modern Society”, Bonner Universitätsforum, scheduled for the Wintersemester 2020/21. Link to the recording of the lecture: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2oy_Po722fs

Professional Affiliations:

The Committee on the Conceptual and Historical Studies of Science, University of Chicago, <https://chss.uchicago.edu/>

The Morris Fishbein Center for the History of Science and Medicine, University of Chicago, [Morris Fishbein Center for the History of Science and Medicine | Committee on Conceptual and Historical Studies of Science | The University of Chicago \(uchicago.edu\)](https://www.uchicago.edu/morris-fishbein-center-for-the-history-of-science-and-medicine/committee-on-conceptual-and-historical-studies-of-science/)

Sarton Center for History of Science, Ghent University, <https://www.sarton.ugent.be/>

Social Science History Association, <https://ssha.org/>

International Sociological Association, <https://www.isa-sociology.org/en>

Editorships:

Member of the editorial board of *The American Sociologist*

Co-editor of the *Special Issue on Sociology in Belgium*, *The American Sociologist* (2020, cf. supra).