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PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

March 2021–...

Post-doctoral researcher • Department of Political Science, University of Antwerp

January 2016–February 2021

PhD candidate • Department of Political Science, University of Antwerp

July 2014–December 2015

Research assistant • Department of Political Science, University of Antwerp

EDUCATION

University of Antwerp

- 2013-2014: Master in Political Science, distinction
- 2010-2013: Bachelor of Science in Political Science, distinction

KEY PUBLICATIONS

- Heylen, F., Willems, E., & Beyers, J. (2020). Do Professionals Take Over? Professionalisation and Membership Influence in Civil Society Organisations. *VOLUNTAS: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations*.
- Willems, E. (2020). Politicized policy access: The effect of politicization on interest group access to advisory councils. *Public Administration*.
- Willems, E., & De Bruycker, I. (2019). Balancing constituency and congruence: How constituency involvement affects positional congruence between organized interests and the general public. *Governance*.

TEACHING & THESES SUPERVISION

I regularly teach guest lectures in the bachelor and master programs of the Department of Political Science at the University of Antwerp. Courses in which I teach guest lectures include the Seminar on Lobbying & Interest Group Politics and Political Actors & Behavior. In addition, I supervise the close-reading sessions Issues of International Relations and have moderated student debates in the course European Integration.

I co-supervise a small number of master theses (individual) and bachelor theses (group work) with Prof. dr. Jan Beyers in the Political Science programs of my department.

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BIO

After working as a research assistant at the Political Science department of the University of Antwerp for one and a half year, I started my own PhD in 2016. My research focuses on the interplay between interest group politics, public opinion and public policy. I am proficient in news and legislative content analyses and survey research for statistical analysis purposes. On the 25th of February 2021, I will publicly defend my dissertation.

SKILLS

- Languages: Dutch (native), English (proficient), French (good)
- Quantitative data collection methods
- Data management: SQL
- Statistical analysis: R, STATA
- MS Office