

Curriculum Vitae

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Machteld VENKEN

MA in Slavonic Languages and Cultures
Master after Master in Policy Economics
MA in European Studies
PhD in History
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Interests: comparative and transnational modern and contemporary European history, war and its aftermath, migration, border regions, children, gender, citizen science

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

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| 01.08.2018-31.05.2019 | Long-Term Visiting Fellow , Imre Kertesz Kolleg / Institute for Advanced Studies, Friedrich Schiller University, Jena (Germany) |
| 15.04.2018-15.12.2018 | Top Citizen Science Grant Project Leader , the Institute for East-European History, University of Vienna (Austria) |
| 1.10.2017-30.06.2018 | External Lecturer , Faculty of Education, University of Vienna (Austria) |
| 16.04.2014-15.04.2018 | Elise Richter Fellowship , the Institute for East-European History, University of Vienna |
| 16.12.2011-15.04.2014 | Lise Meitner Fellowship , the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for European History and Public Spheres, Vienna (until 31.05.2013) and the Institute for East-European History, University of Vienna (from 01.06.2013) |
| 15.06.2011-15.12.2011 | Bronisław Geremek Fellowship , the College of Europe Natolin Campus, Warsaw (Poland) |
| 14.01.2011-14.06.2011 | Postdoctoral Researcher , the German Historical Institute in Warsaw |
| 01.10.2009-13.01.2011 | Postdoctoral Researcher , Catholic University of Leuven (Belgium) |
| 01.01.2009-30.09.2009 | Visiting Scholar , Warsaw University |
| 01.01.2009-30.09.2009 | Attaché for Social Affairs , Second Secretary to the Ambassador, Embassy of the Netherlands in Warsaw (66 percent part-time position) |
| 01.01.2005-31.12.2008 | Scientific Co-operator in History at KU Leuven |
| 01.09 – 31.12.2004 | Internship at the Gas Centre of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, Geneva (Switzerland) |

EDUCATION

- 2018 **Habilitation (Defence 02.05.2018** with the thesis: *Borderland Children in Europe (1871-1940)*, University of Vienna – no grades are given
- 2005-2008 **Doctoral student in History (Defence 19.12.2008** with the thesis: *Straddling the Iron Curtain? Migrants' War Memories*), KU Leuven – no grades are given
- 2003-2004 **Master in European Studies**, Centre for European Studies, Jagiellonian University (Cracow) in cooperation with Chicago University
Magna cum laude
- 2002-2003 **Master after Master in Policy Economics**, KU Leuven
Magna cum laude
- 2000-2002 **Master in Slavonic Languages and Cultures**, KU Leuven
Maxima cum laude
- 1998-2000 **Candidate in Slavonic Languages and Cultures**, KU Leuven
Magna cum laude
- 1992-1998 **Grammar School, Old Greek and Latin**, Jesuit College Turnhout
Cum laude

LANGUAGES

Dutch: native language
 English: fluent
 Polish: fluent
 German: C1/2 level (Certificate of the University of Vienna)
 Russian: major language during MA studies
 French: B2/2 level
 Bulgarian: basic knowledge

PERSONAL FUNDING ID (1,000,000 EUR in total)

Larger grants

- 01.08.2018-31.05.2019 Imre Kertesz Kolleg Long Term Visiting Scholarship (**Friedrich Schiller University, Jena**): Borders in Europe and Beyond (50,000 EUR)
- 16.04.2018-31.07.2018 Top Citizen Science Leader / the **Austrian Science Fund**: Talking Borders. From Local Expertise to Global Exchange
- 16.04.2014-15.04.2018 Senior Postdoctoral Researcher Grant / the **Austrian Science Fund**: Nationalising the Young in European Borderlands
- 16.12.2011-15.04.2014 Senior Postdoctoral Researcher Grant / the **Austrian Science Fund**: War Memories. Border Regions' Children in Europe (1945-1970)
- 09.2009-06.2013 Postdoctoral Research Grant from the **Polish Ministry of Sciences and Higher Education**: An Oral History of Polish Ex-Combatants (Warsaw University. I was the Project Manager of an interdisciplinary team consisting of four Polish postdoctoral researchers)
- 10.2009-13.01.2011 Postdoctoral Grant from the **Exceptional Research Fund of KU Leuven**: Giving meaning to migration. Polish migrants in Belgium and their relatives and friends who stayed in or returned to Poland. 1945–2008

01.2005-12.2008 PhD Project Grant from the **Flemish Fund for Scientific Research: Polish and Ukrainian Migrants in Belgium, (1945-1989)**. KU Leuven – supervised by Professor Idesbald Goddeeris)

ORGANIZED CONFERENCES (selection)

05-07.06.2019 **Co-organizer** of the conference *Beyond 1989. Childhood and Youth in Times of Political Transformation in the 20th Century* (Technical University Dresden, Central European University and Friedrich Schiller University of Jena)

10-15.07.2018 **Conference Chair** of the *Association for Borderland Studies World Conference* (University of Vienna, Central European University Budapest), 560 submissions (www.abs2018world.com)

15-16.01.2015 **Organizer** of the conference *Growing Up in European Borderlands* (University of Vienna)

13.-15.12.2012 **Co-organizer** of the conference *War Children in the Post-war: A West-East perspective on child policies, child experiences and war childhood remembrance cultures in Europe since 1945* (University of Vienna)

15-16.05.2008 **Co-organizer** of the conference *Families, Foreignness, Migration in 20th Century Western Europe* (KU Leuven)

ESTEEM FACTORS

Editorial Activities and Expertise:

Since 2019 Board Member of the international peer-reviewed journal *Borders In Globalization Review*

Since 08.2012 Initiator and editor of the Peter Lang Book Series (together with Dariusz Stola): *Studies in Contemporary History*. (six books published, two accepted)

Since 09.2011 Co-founder and member of the editorial board of *Tijd-Schrift* (a Belgian scientific journal)

2009 Author of an expertise paper about Women and Children during World War II (written on the request of the *Museum of the Second World War*, Gdańsk)

Most important peer reviews:

Journals and Book Publishers: *Low Countries Historical Review* / *Memory Studies* / *Nationalities Papers* / *Tijdschrift voor Genderstudies* / *Laboratorium. Russian Review of Social Research* / *Routledge*

Science bodies: Polish National Science Center / Netherlands E-Science Center

Outreach:

Op-ed pieces: *De Wereld Morgen* (2017) / *De Standaard* (2010)
Interviews: *Der Standard* (2014) / *De Gazet van Zurenborg* (2009) / *Radio Klara* (2005)

Membership:

- the Association for Borderlands Studies
- the Association for Slavic, Eastern European and Eurasian Studies
- the Polish Studies Association
- Belgische Vereniging voor Nieuwste Geschiedenis – l'Association belge d'Histoire contemporaine
- Heemkunde Vlaanderen
- Österreichische Zentrum für Citizen Science

TEACHING

In Austria

- 03.2018-07.2018 **Introduction to Scientific Methods. Talking Borders. From Local Expertise to Global Exchange.** BA Course: University of Vienna, Department of Education. 30 hours (in German): www.univie.ac.at/talkingborders.
- 10.2017-02.2018 **Russian Historiography.** BA Course: University of Vienna, Department of History. 30 hours (in German).
- 10.2017-02.2018 **Education – Otherness – Culture. An Oral History of Female Scientists.** MA Course: University of Vienna, Department of Education. 30 hours (in German): <https://phaidra.univie.ac.at/view/o:868598>
- 03.2017 – 06.2017 **In Front Of, Above and Beyond the Cold War Division Fence.** BA Guided Reading: University of Vienna, Department of History. 30 hours.
- 09.2016-01.2017 Tadeusz Mazowiecki Lecture Series: **The Visegrad Countries in Historical Perspective:** MA Course: University of Vienna, 30 hours (in English and German) – co-teaching with Christoph Augustynowicz, in cooperation with the Polish Embassy, The Institute of Human Sciences and the University of Vienna.
- 03.2016- 06.2016 **Nationalism and Language** in the Long 19th Century: BA Guided Reading: University of Vienna, 30 hours (in English).
- 09.2015 **Russian Historiography:** BA Course: University of Vienna, 30 hours (in German).
- 03.2015- 06.2015 **Global History of Borderlands:** BA *Proseminar*: University of Vienna, 30 hours (in German).
- 10.2014- 02.2015 **History of Families and Children** in 19th and 20th Century Europe: BA Guided Reading: University of Vienna, 30 hours (in German).
- 03.2014- 07.2014 **History of Central and Eastern Europe** (20th Century): BA Guided Reading: University of Vienna, 30 hours (in German).

In Poland

- 02.2009- 06.2009 **Migration in 20th Century Europe:** MA course: Warsaw University, 30 hours (in English).
- 03.2009 **Liberalism and European Identities:** BA course: Jagiellonian University, 16 hours (in English).

In Belgium

- 10.2012 Guest lectures in MA Seminar History of **Central and Eastern Europe:** KU Leuven, four hours (in English).
- 09.2009- 01.2011 Guest lectures in MA Seminar **Social and political identities** in the 19th and 20th Century: KU Leuven, four hours (in Dutch).
- 09.2009- 01.2011 **Supervision of four MA theses:** KU Leuven, European Studies Programme (in English).

- *Imagined Communities': Rusyns, Ukrainians and the Categorization of National Belonging in Yugoslav Censuses*
- *Nationalism and Language Policy: Case Studies on Belgium and Latvia*
- *Cultural Perceptions of Health and Illness among Polish Doctors in the UK – an Underestimated Impact?*
- *Discourse Analysis of the Image of the European Union in Polish Press in Two Selected Time Periods*

- 2006- 2007 Assistance in the **supervision of two MA theses**: KU Leuven, Department of History (in Dutch).
- *Uniti per costruire un mondo migliore. Sociaal-politieke actie van een migrantenorganisatie ACLI-Limburg (1946-1996)* (Department of History, 2006)
 - *Op de schoot bij een grote broer: contacten tussen de KPB en de PZPR tijdens de Koude Oorlog* (Department of Slavic Studies, 2007)
- 02.2007- 06.2007 **Migration and Oral History**: BA Seminar: KU Leuven, 30 hours (in Dutch).
- 11.2006- 12.2006 **ERMIONE, a digital learning platform**: BA interactive workshop: KU Leuven, 12 hours (in Dutch, Polish and Russian).
- 08.2005- 09.2005 **Ombudswoman** of the Third Exam Session: KU Leuven (in Dutch).

TRAININGS

- 18.06 and 25.06.2018 Freudvoll Führen mit praxiserprobten Coachingtools
- 19.12.2017 Prezi: Making Conference Presentations
- 03.2015-06.2016 Mentoring Program for Female Postdoctoral Researchers (Participant)
- 01.2016 Training: Q-Flow: Administering the Finances of Your Research Project
- 10.2015 Moodle: The Digital Learning Platform of the University of Vienna

CARING RESPONSIBILITIES

- 28.11.2012-28.03.2013 Pregnancy leave, premature baby (16 weeks - Austrian law)
- 02.04.2010-13.07.2010 Pregnancy leave (14 weeks - Belgian law)

HOBBIES

- **violin**
- **swimming**