

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

25.11.1980, Belgian, female

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Interests: comparative and transnational European history, war and diaspora, border regions, children, oral history

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

- 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 **Bronislaw Geremek Fellowship**, the College of Europe Natolin Campus, Warsaw
- 14.01.2011-14.06.2011 **Postdoctoral Fellowship**, the German Historical Institute in Warsaw
- 01.10.2009-13.01.2011 **Postdoctoral Fellowship**, Catholic University of Leuven (KU Leuven)
- 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 (part-time)
- 01.10.2007-31.10.2007 **Visiting Scholar**, the Institute for Russian History, Moscow
- 01.01.2005-31.12.2008 **Scientific Co-operator** in History at KU Leuven
- 01.09.2004-31.12.2004 **Internship** at the Gas Centre of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, Geneva

EDUCATION

2005-2008	Doctoral student in History (Defence 19.12.2008 with the thesis: <i>Straddling the Iron Curtain? Migrants' War Memories</i>), KU Leuven No grades are given
2003-2004	Master in European Studies , Center for European Studies, Jagiellonian University (Cracow) Magna cum laude
2002-2003	Master after Master in Policy Economics , KU Leuven Magna cum laude
2001-2002	Master in Slavonic Languages and Cultures , KU Leuven Maxima cum laude
1998-2001	Bachelor in Slavonic Languages and Cultures , KU Leuven Magna cum laude
1992-1998	Grammar School, Old Greek and Latin , Jesuit College Turnhout Cum laude

FUNDING ID

Larger grants

16.04.2014-15.04.2018	Senior Postdoctoral Researcher Grant / the Austrian Wissenschaftsfonds FWF : <u>Nationalising the Young in European Borderlands</u>
16.12.2011-15.04.2014	Senior Postdoctoral Researcher Grant / the Austrian Wissenschaftsfonds FWF : <u>War Memories. Border Regions' Children in Europe (1945-1970)</u>
09.2009-06.2013	Postdoctoral Research Grant from the Polish Ministry of Sciences and Higher Education : <u>An Oral History of Polish Ex-Combatants</u> (original title in Polish) (Warsaw University. I was the Director of an interdisciplinary team consisting of 4 Polish postdoctoral researchers)
10.2009-13.01.2011	Postdoctoral Grant from the Exceptional Research Fund of KU Leuven : <u>Giving meaning to migration. Polish migrants in Belgium and their relatives and friends who stayed in or returned to Poland. 1945-2008.</u>
01.2005-12.2008	PhD Project Grant from the Flemish Fund for Scientific Research : <u>Polish and Ukrainian Migrants in Belgium, (1945-1989). Towards a Transnational Approach?</u> (KU Leuven – supervised by Professor Idesbald Goddeeris)

Smaller grants

01.2009-12.2011	Scholarships from the Flemish Community and the Polish State, Warsaw University and KU Leuven , and the Polish History Museum (Poland)
10.12.2007	Travelling grant from the Russian Academy of Sciences (Russia)
05.2005-02.2007	Travelling grants from Warsaw University and KU Leuven (Poland, 4 months in total)
09.2003-09.2004	Scholarship from the Rotary Service Club and a specialisation scholarship from the Flemish Community (Poland)
15.02-27.02.2004	Scholarship from the Coimbra Group of Universities for its Postgraduate Winter School, 'Negotiating a Common Future for South East Europe: Regional Cooperation and European Integration', University of Split (Croatia)
04.08-25.08.2002	Summer course in Bulgarian language at the Veliko Turnovo University with a scholarship from the Flemish Community (Bulgaria)

- 09.2000-01.2001 **Poland:** Erasmus exchange at the Jagiellonian University, Cracow with a scholarship from the European Union
- 25.07-26.08.2000 **Poland:** Summer course in Polish language at the Warsaw University with a scholarship from the Flemish Community

LANGUAGES

- Excellent knowledge:** Dutch (mother tongue) / English (MA Programme in English, PhD thesis written in English) / Polish (language currently spoken at home)
- Good knowledge:** Russian (major language during MA studies) / French (officially my second language) / German (C 1 level, excellent comprehension skills)
- Basic knowledge:** Bulgarian

ORGANIZED CONFERENCES (selection)

- 10-14.07.2018 **Conference Chair** of the *Second World Conference of the Association for Borderland Studies* (University of Vienna and ELTE Budapest)
- 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)

EDITORSHIPS AND PEER-REVIEW ACTIVITIES

- Since 08.2012 **Editor of the Peter Lang Book Series** *Studies in Contemporary History* (with Dariusz Stola)
- Since 09.2011 **Member of the editorial board** of *Tijd-Schrift* (a Belgian journal popularizing history)

Most important peer reviews: *Low Countries Historical Review* / *Memory Studies* / *Nationalities Papers* / *Tijdschrift voor Genderstudies*

TEACHING (Student evaluations can be downloaded from www.machteldvenken.com)

In Austria

- 09.2016-01.2017 **Tadeusz Mazowiecki Lecture Series: The Visegrad Countries in Historical Perspective:** MA Course: University of Vienna (in cooperation with the Institute of Human Sciences and the Polish Embassy in Vienna), 30 hours (in English and German).
- 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 History 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, 4 hours (in English).
- 09.2009-01.2011 Guest lectures in MA Seminar **Social and political identities in the 19th and 20th Century:** KU Leuven, 4 hours (in Dutch).
- 09.2009-01.2011 **Supervision of 4 MA theses:** KU Leuven, European Studies Programme (in English).
- 2006-2007 Assistance in the **supervision of 2 MA theses:** KU Leuven, Department of History (in Dutch).
- 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).

HOBBIES

- **violin** 10 years of Music Academy (magna cum laude), member of Leuven University Symphonic Orchestra (USO) (1998-2003), the Youth and Music Orchestra Antwerp (1997-2003), the Leuven Alumni Orchestra (2005-2008), Warsaw Music Association (2008-2011). Over the years, I played the first violin part in various orchestral compositions of, among others, Shostakovich, Tchaikovsky, Rimsky-Korsakov, Sibelius and Bruckner.
- **swimming**

CAREER INTERRUPTIONS

- 28.11.2012-28.03.2013 Pregnancy leave (16 weeks in Austrian law)
- 02.04.2010-13.07.2010 Pregnancy leave (14 weeks in Belgian law)