

Curriculum Vitae

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Machteld VENKEN

Full Professor in Contemporary Transnational 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

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

2024-2027	Member of the Board of the LivArch Project „Living & Realtime Archives“, Herder Institute, Marburg
2024-2027	Member of the International Committee of the Organisation of American Historians
2023	Member of the Scientific Committee of the Association for Borderlands Studies Third World Conference, Eilat, Israel
2022	Head of the Luxembourg History Axis at C2DH
2022-2023	Evaluator, H2020 Project ‘Interconnecting Histories and Archives for Migrant Agency’
Since 2020	Member of the Evaluation Jury, MA in European History, University of Luxembourg
2020-2022	Panel Member of the History Panel evaluating applications for the Academy of Finland
2019	Panel Member of the Evaluation Commission of the Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, Prague, Czech Republic

DOCTORAL SUPERVISION

2025-2029	Christelle Timis: ‘The Art of Letter Writing in Luxembourg from the 1800s to 1950’ (FNR AFR funding)
2024-2028	Alex Relicovschi: ‘A Long-Term History of Registering the Population of Dudelange in Luxembourg’
2024-2028	Ira Yeroshko: ‘Ukrainian Testimonies of the Russian Invasion. Visualisation Criticism of Artistic and Digital Storytelling’ (FNR/NCN funding)
2024-2028	Joanna Urbanek: ‘KZ Syndrome. Traumatic Experience of Auschwitz in Medical Records, Psychological Discourse and its Cultural Representation (1945-1992)’ (co-supervision with Prof. Valérie Rosoux)
2022-2026	Nicolas Arendt: ‘The Transformation of ARBED 1973-2001. A Trans-European Business and Labour History’ (FNR AFR funding)
2022-2026	Véronique Faber: ‘A Transregional History of the Luxembourg City Funfair’ (Popkult60 Research project funded by DFG /FNR)
2020-2024	Johanna Jaschik: ‘Digitally Reconstructing the Mental maps of Ukrainian Students During the Transformation (1989-1995)’

EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

Since 2020	Co-editor of the De Gruyter Book Series Migrations in History
Since 2019	Member of the editorial board of the international peer-reviewed journal Eurasia Border Review
Since 2020	Member of the editorial board of the international peer-reviewed journal Borders in Globalization Review

Since 2012 Initiator and co-editor of the Peter Lang Book Series: Studies in Contemporary History
2011-2024 Co-founder and member of the editorial board of Tijd-Schrift (a Belgian scientific journal)

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

07.2024 **Visiting Professor**, University of Victoria, Canada
05-06.2022 **Visiting Professor**, University of Lorraine, France
Since 01.11.2019 **Full Professor** in Contemporary Transnational History, 100 %, permanent position, University of Luxembourg
09.2020-08.2025 **Research Associate**, 20 %, European University Institute, Florence
06.2019-11.2019 **Innoviris Project Leader**, Vrije Universiteit Brussels (Belgium)
08.2018-05.2019 **Long-Term Visiting Fellow**, Imre Kertesz Kolleg / Institute for Advanced Studies, Friedrich Schiller University, Jena (Germany)
04.2018-12.2018 **Top Citizen Science Grant Project Leader**, the Institute for East-European History, University of Vienna (Austria)
10.2017-06.2018 **Lecturer**, Faculty of Education, University of Vienna (Austria)
04.2014-04.2018 **Elise Richter Fellowship**, the Institute for East-European History, University of Vienna
12.2011-04.2014 **Lise Meitner Fellowship**, the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for European History and Public Spheres, Vienna (until 05.2013) and the Institute for East-European History, University of Vienna (from 06.2013)
06.2011-12.2011 **Bronislaw Geremek Fellowship**, the College of Europe Natolin Campus, Warsaw (Poland)
01.2011-06.2011 **Postdoctoral Researcher**, the German Historical Institute in Warsaw
10.2009-01.2011 **Postdoctoral Researcher**, Catholic University of Leuven (Belgium)
01.2009-09.2009 **Visiting Scholar**, Warsaw University
01.2009-09.2009 **Attaché for Social Affairs**, Second Secretary to the Ambassador, Embassy of the Netherlands in Warsaw (66 percent part-time position)
01.2005-12.2008 **Scientific Collaborator** in History at KU Leuven
09-12.2004 **Internship** at the Gas Centre of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, Geneva (Switzerland)

FUNDING ID

01.01.2024-31.12.2028 PI within the trilateral Ukrainian-Polish-Luxembourgian research project: Researching the Collecting, Preserving, Analysing and Disclosing of Ukrainian Testimonies of the War (U-CORE)
01.10.2021-30.09.2025 PI within a bilateral German-Luxembourgish DFG-FNR Research Group: Transnational popular culture in Europe in the long 1960s (Popkult60)
01.09.2020-31.08.2025 Work Package Leader in the European Research Council Advanced Grant SOCIOBORD (PI: Laura Lee Downs): Social Welfare in European Borderlands (1870-2000)
01.06.2019-31.05.2022 Attract Brains for Brussels Grant / Innoviris. Brussels: Bordering Brussels. A Citizen Science Project in the Humanities
01.08.2018-31.05.2019 Imre Kertesz Kolleg Long Term Visiting Scholarship (Friedrich Schiller University, Jena): Borders in Europe and Beyond
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, Project Manager of an interdisciplinary team consisting of four 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 Doctoral Researcher Grant from the Flemish Fund for Scientific Research: Polish and Ukrainian Migrants in Belgium (1945-1989). KU Leuven – supervised by Professor Idesbald Goddeeris

EDUCATION

- 2018 **Habilitation in Modern and Contemporary History** (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

PEER REVIEW

Journals: Contemporary European History / Memory Studies / Nationalities Papers / Frontiers in Human Dynamics / Laboratorium. Russian Review of Social Research / Low Countries Historical Review / Tijdschrift voor Genderstudies / DH Benelux Journal

Books: De Gruyter / Routledge / Palgrave

Science bodies: European Research Council / Polish National Science Center / Netherlands E-Science Center / The Academy of Finland

OUTREACH

Youtube videos:

- ON AIR - Border Temporalities (2024)
- Prof. Machteld Venken explains why she became a mentor - University of Luxembourg (2023)
- Machteld Venken: Childhood in Times of Political Transformation in the 20th Century (2021)
- ABS World 2018 - Keynote Machteld Venken: 'What is a Borderland Child?' (2018)

Open Educational Resources:

- Contacts, Connections and Convergences in (Post-) Cold War Europe (youtube videos) (2022)
- Border Studies. A Global Overview (youtube videos, financed by the Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung) (2018)

Blogs on personal website: www.machteldvenken.com

Op-ed pieces: De Wereld Morgen (2017) / De Standaard (2010)

Interviews: Der Standard (2014) / De Gazet van Zurenborg (2009) / Radio Klara (2005)

Archivisation of newly created oral history sources in:

the Oral-History-Archiv of the University of Graz

Phaidra (University of Vienna)

the Center for Historical Research and Documentation on War and Contemporary Society (BE)

the Royal Archives in Eupen (Belgium)

the History Meeting House (Poland)

MEMBERSHIP

- the Organisation of American Historians
- the Border Studies Center (University of Gdańsk)
- 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

TRAININGS

- 2024 Preventing Workplace Harassment
- 2023 Leadership training for incoming managers
- 2022 GDPR training for staff members
- 2022 The Vistorian: Interactive Visual Network Exploration
- 2021 VIRT2EU Research Integrity
- 2021 PM2 Project Management Fundamentals
- 2021 Stress and Wellbeing
- 2020 Zotero
- 2019 Nodegoat
- 2018 Freudvoll Führen mit praxiserprobten Coachingtools
- 2017 Prezi: Making Conference Presentations
- 2016 Mentoring Program for Female Postdoctoral Researchers (Participant)
- 2016 Training: Q-Flow: Administering the Finances of Your Research Project
- 2015 Moodle: The Digital Learning Platform of the University of Vienna

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

Luxembourgish: basic knowledge

TEACHING

Since 2020 University of Luxembourg
2012-2018 University of Vienna
2009 University of Warsaw and Jagiellonian University in Cracow
2006-2011 Catholic University of Leuven (KU Leuven)

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

- viola da gamba
- swimming