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I am an Associate Professor at the Department of Urbanism at the Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment at the TU Delft. As an urban planner, architect, and political scientist, I am deeply engaged with the social and political dimensions of design. My research navigates the realms of post-colonial architecture and planning, advocating for a nuanced understanding of intersectionality within design and planning processes. I am committed to participatory planning and championing designerly approaches to knowledge production, recognising the transformative potential of such methodologies in shaping inclusive urban futures. My work underscores the imperative of advocacy within planning and spatial practices. **Strategic planning is not a technical exercise but a potent act of resistance. It is through these deliberate acts of planning that we can envisage and enable alternative spatial futures, challenging existing paradigms and fostering spaces of empowerment and equity.** This perspective is foundational to my approach, aiming to not only critique the present state of urban environments but also to actively contribute to the creation of just, equitable, and vibrant urban futures.

From 2019 through the conclusion of 2024, I held the position of Van Eesteren Fellow at the Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment's Department of Urbanism at TU Delft.

Professional Experience

- 2019 – [Associate Professor/Chair of Spatial Planning and Strategy](#), Department of [Urbanism](#), Faculty of [Architecture and the Built Environment](#), TU Delft, The Netherlands (Since November 2021: section leader of Spatial Planning and Strategy)
- 2014 – 2022 [Visiting Professor Critical Urban Theory and Urban Design](#)/Faculty of [Architecture](#), KU Leuven, Belgium
- 2015 – 2018 [Project coordinator and team leader](#)/OVAM, Belgium
- 2014 – 2014 [co-director MSc Building and Urban Design in Development](#)/Development Planning Unit, The Bartlett, UCL, London, UK
- 2012 – 2014 [Lecturer MSc Building and Urban Design in Development](#)/[Development Planning Unit](#), The Bartlett, UCL, London, UK
- 2012 – 2012 [Affiliated Researcher](#)/Department of Architecture, Urbanism and Planning, KU Leuven, Belgium
- 2008 – 2012 [Assistant Professor](#)/Sint Lucas school of Architecture, partner in the KU Leuven Association, Belgium

- 2008 – 2010 **Lecturer**/Research Group Urban Planning, Faculty of Applied Engineering Sciences, University College Ghent, Belgium
- 2008 – 2009 **Lecturer**/STER* (Urban Planning research unit), Department of Industrial Sciences and Technology, Erasmus University College Brussels, Belgium
- 2004 – 2008 **PhD researcher and Teaching Assistant**/Research Group Urban Planning, Faculty of Applied Engineering Sciences, University College Ghent, Belgium
- 1999 – 2004 **Project Architect**/Projectbureau Signa, Brussels, Belgium

Education

- 2004 – 2008 **PhD in Science (Geography)**/Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, Faculty of Science, KU Leuven, Belgium. Title: Social Housing, Urban Policy and Social Capital: Spatial Interrelations in Cape Town. (no grades at PhD level at KU Leuven).
- 2012 – 2014 **Professional Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher and Professional Education**/Institute of Education, London, UK
- 2002 – 2004 **Master (*licentiaat*) in Political Science (Cum Laude)**/Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium
- 2001 – 2002 **Bachelor (*kandidaat*) in Political and Social Science**/Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium
- 1999 – 2004 **Master in Urban Design and Spatial Planning (Magna Cum Laude)**/CVO hogere leergangen Sint-Lukas: Stedenbouw (besluit Vlaamse Regering 12.09.2004), Brussels, Belgium
- 1996 – 1999 **Master (*licentiaat*) in Architecture**/Hogeschool voor Wetenschappen en Kunst, departement Architectuur Sint-Lucas Brussel, Belgium
- 1994 – 1996 **Bachelor (*kandidaat*) in Architecture**/Hogeschool voor Wetenschappen en Kunst, departement Architectuur Sint-Lucas Brussel, Belgium

Grants and Research Projects

(€ 8M in total of which €1.2M for TUD, exclusive of the EFL fellowship: €216K)