

Curriculum Vitae

Postgraduate of Cultures and Development Studies
Master of Anthropology, Bachelor of Criminology,
Graduate of Social Readaptation Sciences
Analysing, Socially Minded, Enterprising, Internationally Oriented
Experience in Social and Environmental Organizations

Personal data:

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Country : Belgium *Nationality :* Belgian
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Certificates :

High school : Sint-Pieterscollege Leuven, V.S.O., 1987-1993
Mathematics-Sciences

University : K.U.L., 2003-2005, Postgraduate of Cultures and Development Studies (CADES), halftime. (Succeeded *Magna cum laude*)
Thesis: Cultural Social Action: Envisioning a Culturally Engaged Approach to the Design of Action within Social Movements. (80%)

K.U.L., 1998-2001, Master of Anthropology (Succeeded)
Thesis: The Evolution of the Gender/Sex System in Globalizing Thailand: The changing Meaning of *kathoe*y and the Emergence of new Gender/Sex Identities. (A: 70-75%)

V.U.B., 1997-1998, Bachelor of Criminology (Succeeded)

Institute of Social Readaptation Sciences Leuven (Succeeded)
1994-1997, Free time Theory of Adult Education,
Thesis : To be or to e ? : Working with Drug abusers out of the Harm Reduction Vision.

Additional : Belgian Technical Cooperation, July 2002, Introductory course: International Cooperation

Experiences:

- Work:* PhD- related work at the Center Leo Apostel, at the Free University of Brussels, fulltime, since 1 January 2008
- Recruiter of members for the National Flemish North South movement, part-time, from 19-12- 2006 until 30-11-2007.
- In Sri Lanka: Assisting in the establishment of a research centre specialized in neoliberal Globalisation and its impacts on Sri Lanka from 26-05-2006 until 26-10-2006 (It was planned to last longer but had to be stopped due to stricter visa regulations) within the University of Colombo. This happened in cooperation with Practical Action (former ITDG: Intermediate Technology Development Group, founded by Ernest Friedrich Schumacher.)
- Shop-assistant for a clothier from 08-10-2003 until 08-08-2005
- Educational work at Elcker-Ik Turnhout from 01-01-2002 until 15-06-2002: Education of adults about the background of news facts.
- Factory work occasionally
- Ecological farming during the years: 1995, 1996, 2002, 2003 and 2004
- Voluntary:* 2005-2006: 20% voluntary collaborator of the CADES programme, mostly facilitating an institutional cooperation between MONLAR (Movement for National Land and Agricultural Reform) from Sri Lanka and the CADES programme. Occasional anthropological fieldwork in Sri Lanka since 26-05-2006 until 26-10-2006 and subsequent writing of research proposal.
- Support at the campaigning and funding department of Vredeseilanden (a Belgian NGO working on food security) from 18-11-2002 until 08-10-2003 with several breaks: Help with a cultural project and initialisation of the interculturalisation of the campaigning department
- Stages:* Field research for the Cultures and Development Studies in Sri Lanka during three months in 2004 leading to an ethnographic report: The Cultural meaning of Rice: Globalising Influences Affecting the Relation between Rice, as a Life Sustaining Essence, and Social Reproduction, Religious Life and Way of Life of Farmers in Palugaswewa in Sri Lanka. (85%)
- Fieldwork for my Thesis Anthropology in Thailand for two months in 1999
- Street corner work with youth prostitutes in Brussels from 1995 until 1996 and with drug abusers in Mechelen from 1996 until 1997

Publications: The Meaning of Culture-specific Food: Rice and its Webs of Significance in Sri Lanka. In Dynamic foods: The production of Culture through agricultural change. Special issue edited by me for Omertaa. Online Journal for Applied Anthropology
http://omertaa.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=23&Itemid=36 (forthcoming)

Agricultural Webs of Meanings and Practices: An Exploration into the Symbolisation and Metaphorisation of Rice in Sri Lanka. Paris: Les Indes Savantes (forthcoming)

Abroad: Folk High school Norway, Brandbu: 1993
High school Norway, Trondheim: autumn 1991

Languages:

Dutch: Native language
Norwegian: Good-Very good
English: Fluent
French: Good
Spanish: Moderate
Sinhalese: Basic
Others: Notions of German, Japanese and Thai

Free time:

Organizations: 10 years of living experience in communities
Organizing member of a socio-ecological community during the period 1993-1995
Organizing member of Natur og Ungdom (Norway) from 1991-1996
Member of J.N.M. (youth and nature) during the years 1990-1995

Travel: Europe: Mostly Norway (have lived there, altogether 1 year), France and Spain (2 times a year, recently less)
Africa: Zimbabwe, Senegal, Mauritania and Benin
Asia: Thailand (twice), Laos and Sri Lanka (twice, altogether 8 months)