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Working languages

English (Fluent), French (fluent), Dutch (native), Spanish (good notions)

Current position/function

Professor of Fundamental Rights at the University of Antwerp; Attorney at Law

* Professor of Fundamental Rights, University of Antwerp (Belgium)
* Professor supl. Law of criminal procedure and juvenile law, University of Antwerp (Belgium, 2019 – 2020)
* Attorney at Law, Partner at Artes Law Firm, Antwerp bar (Belgium)
* Member of the Legal Expert Advisory Panel of the NGO Fair Trials
* Member of the editorial board of the journal in criminal law (T.Strafr.) and the editorial board of the journal of human rights (TvM)

Main professional activities

* Acting as University Professor, Expert and Lawyer.
* Professor Fundamental Rights University of Antwerp (Belgium – 2018–in progress), Professor supl. Law of criminal procedure and juvenile law (Belgium – 2019 – in progress)
* Member of the research group Law & Government, University of Antwerp (2007 – in progress)
* Professor of Fundamental rights law (law of defense), Brussels University VUB (Belgium – 2016– 2018), Associate professor in criminal law UCLL (Belgium, 2014 – 2016), Associate professor fundamental rights Leiden University (Netherlands 2011 – 2012) Researcher University of Antwerp (2017 – 2011)

Educational background

* Doctorate in human rights, University of Antwerp, Belgium, 2011;
* LL.M in human rights, University College of London, United Kingdom, 2007;
* M.A. & B.A. in law (focus international public law and human rights law), University of Antwerp at the Faculty of Law, Belgium (Erasmus Paris V study, France 2005 – 2006), 2006

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Practical and professional training:

* Certificate on criminal procedure before the court of cassation, 2016
* Certificate in law on the International Criminal Court NUY Galway, Ireland, 2010
* International Human Rights Certificate, OSCE / George Washington University, United Kingdom, 2005
* International Women’s Leadership Program, 2018

Legal advice and expertise:

* Advisory group of academic experts on EU encryption (DG Justice – early 2018)
* Member of the Task Force on the digital survey (CEPS – early 2019)
* Legal coordinator of the research “Presumption of innocence: procedural rights in criminal proceedings” for Belgium (European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights2020)
* Legal coordinator of the research “Impact on fundamental rights of the European directive on terrorism” (European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, 2020)

List of most recent publications

* C. Van de Heyning, Data Retention in Belgium in K. Bartuzi (ed.), European Constitutional Courts Towards Data Retention Law (Springer forthcoming 2019)
* C. Van de Heyning, High standards of protection: data protection versus privacy in A. Pahladsingh et R. Grimbergen (eds) The Charter and the Court of Justice of the European Union: Notable Cases from 2016–2018 (Wolf Legal Publishers, 2019)
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