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Inspirational university lecturer with track record in social science and international affairs. Expertise in Arab and Islamic societies and Middle Eastern studies. Open-minded colleague who thrives in dynamic group settings. Skilled in cross-cultural communication, institutional diplomacy, (customised) curriculum development, leading small teams. Fluent in English, Dutch and French; operational in German and Arabic.

I. PERSONALIA

First name: Ward P.
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II. PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

April 2021 – current (Rotterdam, the Netherlands):

Head of Department for Social and Behavioural Sciences (SBS) at Erasmus University College Rotterdam.

Sept. 2019 – April 2021 (Rotterdam, the Netherlands):

Coordinator of the major Political Science and International Relations (POLIR) within EUC.

Oct. 2015 – current (Rotterdam, the Netherlands):

Senior Lecturer in Political Science at Erasmus University College, Rotterdam (EUC).

Oct. 2014 - Dec. 2015 (Den Haag, the Netherlands):

Lecturer at International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), Erasmus University Rotterdam.

Oct. 2010 – Oct. 2014 (Rabat, Morocco):

Assistant Professor of Political Science at the Ecole de Gouvernance et d'Economie de Rabat (EGE), Morocco.

Associate researcher with Centre Jacques Berque (CJB), Rabat.

Deputy Director of the Centre for Research on Africa and the Mediterranean (CERAM), EGE (2011 - 2013).

April 2004 – Sept. 2010 (Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium):

PhD candidate. Research and Teaching Assistant at Unité de Science Politique et Relations Internationales (SPRI),

Département de sciences politiques et sociales (POLS), Université catholique de Louvain (UCL), Belgium.

Oct. 2003 – Jan. 2004 (Beirut, Lebanon):

Internship at the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), Beirut - Lebanon (Office of the Executive Secretary).

III. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

April 2021 – March 2022:

Academic Leadership Training (Ardis coaching)

Nov. 2019:

University Teaching Qualification (Basiskwalificatie Onderwijs, BKO), RISBO.

Sept. 2010:

PhD in Political Science (International Relations) at the Université catholique de Louvain (UCL).
« A Building of Might and Faith: Rafiq al-Hariri and the Muhammad al-Amin Mosque. On the Political Dimensions of Religious Architecture in Contemporary Beirut » Supervisor: Prof. Amine Ait-Chaalal.

Oct. 2002 – Oct. 2004:

Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies en Sciences Politiques (DEA), Université Saint-Joseph, Beirut, Lebanon.
Mémoire (Dir. : J-N Ferrié): « Sociologie d'une communauté scientifique: le cas des démographes libanais »

Sept. 2001 – July 2002:

Postgraduate Degree in Arabic Studies at the Dutch-Flemish Institute in Cairo, Egypt (NVIC).

Oct. 1997 – Sept. 2001:

Master degree in Arabic and Islamic studies at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (magna cum laude)
MA Thesis (in Dutch; dir.: U. Vermeulen): « The UN Conference on Minorities (c.q. the Copts) planned in Cairo in 1994: the Perspective of Ruz el-Yûsuf ».

Sept. 1999 – Feb. 2000:

Recipient of an EU scholarship to study Arabistik at the Justus Liebig Universität Giessen, Hessen (Germany).

IV. PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Vloeberghs, W. (2016). *Architecture, Power and Religion in Lebanon: Rafiq Hariri and the Politics of Sacred Space in Beirut*, Leiden – Boston: Brill. <https://brill.com/view/title/32454>

Vloeberghs, W., J. Nawas & T. de Betue. (2009). *Staat van beleg*, Breda, NL: De Geus. [Translation into Dutch of *Halat Hisar (State of Siege)*, a poem by Mahmoud Darwish].

ARTICLES

Vloeberghs, W. (2022). al-Harīrī, Rafīq. *The Encyclopaedia of Islam. Three*. Vol 2022-4, p. 40-41.

Vloeberghs, W. & S. Bergh (2021). Weapons of discontent? Sketching a research agenda on social accountability in the Arab Middle East and North Africa. *ISS Working Paper Series* N. 671 (March 2021).

Vloeberghs, W., N. Farhat, P. Bourbeau & P. Poirier (2020). [Transforming Unitary States into Federations: Path-Dependent Construction of Political Identities in Belgium and Lebanon](#). *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*, Vol. 50, Issue 4 (Fall 2020), p. 593–619.

Vloeberghs, W. (2016). Dynamiques dynastiques au Liban: transmettre le pouvoir politique en famille, [Critique internationale](#), Vol. 73 (oct.-dec.), p.71-93.

Vloeberghs, W. (2012). The Hariri Political Dynasty after the Arab Spring, [Mediterranean Politics](#), Vol. 17, Nr 2, July 2012, p. 241-248.

Vloeberghs, W. (2011). Quand le royaume rayonne: la géopolitique marocaine au prisme du commerce extérieur, [Confluences Méditerranée](#), Nr. 78 (été 2011), p. 157-170.

Vloeberghs, W., T. Koutroubas (2010) Ex uno plures : de la diversité de la communauté musulmane, *La Revue Générale*, Vol. 146, Nr. 3 (mars 2010), p. 9-18.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Vloeberghs, W. (2021). Is there moderation in ostentation? Architectural sectarianism and Lebanese Islamisms (2008-2018). In: Batuman, B. (Ed.). [Cities and Islamisms: On the Politics and Production of the Built Environment](#). Routledge.

Vloeberghs, W. (2016). Décollage du secteur aérien au Maroc: faits et fantaisies d'une impulsion par le haut. In: B. Dupret, Z. Rhani, A. Boutaleb & JN Ferrié (dirs.), *Le Maroc au présent: d'une époque à l'autre, une société en mutation*, Casablanca & Rabat: Fondation du Roi Abdul Aziz & Centre Jacques Berque, p. 945-956.

Vloeberghs, W. & E. van de Bovenkamp (2016). Sacré Ramadan: centralité d'une expérience religieuse collective. In: Dupret, Rhani, Boutaleb & Ferrié (dirs.), *Le Maroc au présent*, p. 773-781.

Vloeberghs, W. (2013). Worshipping the Martyr President: the *darîh* of Rafiq Hariri in Beirut. In: B. Dupret et al (eds.), *Ethnographies of Islam: Ritual Performances and Everyday Practices*, Edinburgh University Press, p. 80-92.

Vloeberghs, W. (2013). Démographes sans démographie. Construire la sociologie d'une communauté scientifique: le cas des démographes libanais. In : *Recueil des Meilleurs Mémoires de l'Institut d'études politiques*, Vol. 2, Beyrouth : Presses de l'USJ, 2013.

Vloeberghs, W. (2012). The Making of a Martyr: Forging Rafiq Hariri's Symbolic Legacy. In: A. Knudsen & M. Kerr (eds.), *Lebanon after the Cedar Revolution*, London: Hurst, p. 163-183.

Vloeberghs W. (2012). The Politics of Sacred Space in Downtown Beirut (1853-2008). In: M. Ababsa et al (eds.), *Popular Housing and Urban Land Tenure in the Middle East: Case Studies from Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey*, Cairo: American University of Cairo Press, p. 137-168.

Vloeberghs, W., B. Rihoux, T. Koutroubas, Z. Yanasmayan (2011). The Complex Community Mosaic in Belgium. In: M. Emerson (ed.), *Interculturalism. Europe and its Muslims in search of sound societal models*, Brussels: Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), p. 55-76.

Vloeberghs, W. (2010). Le patrimoine urbain : instrument de pacification ou mutation de la violence? In: G. Pellon & M. Liégeois (eds.), *Les organisations régionales européennes et la gestion des conflits. Vers une régionalisation de la sécurité?* Bruxelles: Peter Lang, p. 303-316.

W. Vloeberghs et al (2009). La Ville Négociée. In: P.R. Baduel (ed.), *La ville et l'urbain dans le monde arabe et en Europe. Acteurs, Organisations et Territoires*, Paris: Maisonneuve & Larose – IRMC, p. 199-217.

Vloeberghs, W., T. Koutroubas, Z. Yanasmayan (2009). Political, religious, and ethnic radicalisation among people of Islamic culture in Belgium of the 2000's. In: M. Emerson (ed.), *Ethno-Religious Conflict in Europe. Typologies of Radicalisation in Europe's Muslim Communities*, Brussels: Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), p. 51-80.

REVIEWS, REPORTS, BLOGPOSTS

Vloeberghs, W., S. Bergh, I. Kherigi et al (2022). [Powerful tool or passing trend? Meanings and practices of social accountability in the Arab world, and why they matter](#). *Arab Reform Initiative*, 13 May 2022.

Vloeberghs, W. & J. Dispa (2021). [Institutional silencing: reflections and a call for dialogue](#). *Erasmus Centre for Liberal Arts and Sciences*. 22 June 2021.

Vloeberghs, W. & J. Kloeg (2020). [Career trajectory? The case for a university college academic](#). UCANN, 23 October 2020.

Vloeberghs, W. (2018). [Spatial Politics in Morocco: Neoliberal Urbanism as Authoritarian Power](#). *Jadaliyya*, 11 Dec. 2018 (review article).

Vloeberghs, W. (2013). « R. Leenders, Spoils of Truce. Corruption Politics in Lebanon » in *Revue Française de Science Politique*, Vol. 63, No. 5, October 2013, p. 960-961 (review article).

W. Vloeberghs, « Memorials and Martyrs in Modern Lebanon » in *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* (review article), Vol.40, Nr.3, [Published online: 13 August 2013].

W. Vloeberghs & Y. Benkirane, « Morocco Policy Brief » in *Arab Citizenship Review*, No. 2, August 2013.

W. Vloeberghs, « Le Maroc face aux compagnies aériennes », Editorial, www.cjb.ma

Vloeberghs, W. (2012). « Crise syrienne: Quelles répercussions sur le Liban? », Institut Français des Relations Internationales (Actuelles de l'IFRI), 16 oct. 2012.

Vloeberghs, W. & N. Farhat, « Liban – Belgique : concours de circonstances électorales » in *L'Orient Le Jour*, 12 June 2009.

V. TEACHING EXPERIENCE

• Courses taught as Senior Lecturer at Erasmus University College Rotterdam, since 2015

Understanding Politics; Middle East Politics; Islam: a Political History; Political Institutions and Public Governance, International Relations Theory, Qualitative Research; Middle East Study Exchange (Iran)

• Courses co-taught as Assistant Lecturer at ISS (Den Haag), 2014 - 2015

State, Societies and the Politics of Development; Governance, Policy and Political Economy; Research Paper Preparation

• Courses taught as Assistant Professor at EGE, since October 2010

State, Power and Society in the Arab World; Arab and Islamic Dynasties : Old and New; Expressions of Power in the Middle East; Fondements de la politique étrangère des Etats-Unis ; Intégration européenne à l'aune des relations internationales depuis 1945 ; Méthodologie de recherche en sciences sociales ; Initiation à la recherche

- **Courses taught as Teaching Assistant at UCL, 2008-2009**

Politique étrangère et action humanitaire ; Questions diplomatiques : action internationale des grandes puissances ; Questions politiques contemporaines ; Séminaire pratique de recherche en science politique.

VI. SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

6 April 2022: Organizer of a mini-symposium and [iftar event](#) at EUC, collaboration with Islamic University of Applied Sciences Rotterdam, Gultepe Mosque and other local stakeholders.

Nov. & May 2019: Appearance in [Studio Erasmus](#). Interviewed by Geert Maarse on geopolitics in Middle East.

Since March 2016 - current, Invited lecturer at European Inter-University Centre (EIUC) for Human Rights and Democratization, Venice, Italy. Later transferred to Beirut (USJ).

18-20 November 2017, Presenter in panel on Social Accountability in MENA at Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.

19-24 July 2014, Panel convenor “Political Dynasties: Patterns and Practices”, 23rd World Congress of Political Science (IPSA), Montréal, Canada.

14 June 2012, Convenor of an international research seminar « Property and Law in Lebanon : Empirical Explorations », Institut français du Proche-Orient (IFPO), Beirut. (with S. Ghamroun)

20 July 2010, Panel organizer at World Congress of Middle Eastern Studies (WOCMES) 2010, Barcelona, « The Hariri Political Dynasty and the Sunni Scene in Lebanon: Practices of Transition ».

26-27 Feb. 2010, Convenor of an International Workshop on “European Peace Building” in the framework of a European Union Asia Link Project, Brussels, Fondation Universitaire.

July 2009 and June - July 2006, Accompanying Scholar for the Network on Humanitarian Action (NOHA) to Beirut in order to assist students from various European universities in setting up research projects in Lebanon by connecting them with civil society and grassroots organizations.

Reviewing. I have reviewed for: *Middle East Law and Governance; Religion, State & Society; Jadaliyya*; Institut de recherche sur le Maghreb contemporain (IRMC, Tunis).

Media. My work has been covered by the following media outlets: *Le Figaro, NRC, Vers l'avenir, Erasmus Magazine, Studio Erasmus*.

VII. LANGUAGE SKILLS

	Understand	Speak	Read	Write
DUTCH	Native	Native	Native	Native
FRENCH	Fluent	Fluent	Fluent	Fluent
ENGLISH	Fluent	Fluent	Fluent	Fluent
GERMAN	Excellent	Proficient	Proficient	Proficient
ARABIC (<i>Levantine</i>)	Proficient	Good	Proficient	Good

VIII. GRANT APPLICATIONS

2022-2023

Towards a Critical Citizenship Skills Toolbox (CRIST): stocktaking, operationalising, disseminating conceptual and practical competencies <https://www.eur.nl/en/cli-fellow-ward-vloeberghs>

2019-2020

Pilot Course on Critical World Citizenship: Exchange with Iran

<https://www.eur.nl/en/about-eur/vision/community-learning-and-innovation/innovation-projects/critical-world-citizenship>

2013-2015

CERAM Team Coordinator, EUSPRING Project, Democracy and Citizenship in North Africa after the Arab Awakenings: challenges for EU and US foreign policy, 500k EUR.

2011-2015

Lebanon Team Coordinator for Andromaque/Prometee Project (Research Programme on law and property in societies with Muslim background); 500k EUR).

2007-2011

Belgium Team Member for Microcon Project (micro level analysis of violent conflict), Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), Brussels; <http://www.microconflict.eu/>.

IX. ACADEMIC REFERENCES

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Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), France.

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