

# AMÉLIE GODEFROIDT

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Assistant Professor in Conflict Management

## RESEARCH INTEREST

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I study how political violence and nonviolent contention shape public opinion and political behavior, with downstream effects for policymaking. Using quantitative and mixed-method designs, I examine these dynamics across diverse contexts, including Azerbaijan, Nigeria, the U.S., and various European countries.

## CURRENT POSITIONS

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**IÉSEG School of Management**, France Sept. 2025 – present  
Assistant Professor in Conflict Management  
Department of International Negotiation and Conflict Management

## PAST POSITIONS

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**KU Leuven**, Belgium Oct. 2022 – present  
Postdoctoral Researcher at the Center for Research on Peace and Development

**KU Leuven**, Belgium Sept. 2022 – Sept. 2024  
Lecturer in Political Communication and Media Sociology

**Norwegian University of Science and Technology**, Norway Oct. 2020 – Oct. 2022  
Postdoctoral Researcher at the Department of Sociology and Political Science

**Heidelberg University**, Germany Jan. 2019  
Visiting Researcher at the Institute of Political Science

## EDUCATION

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**KU Leuven**, Faculty of Social Sciences Sept. 2016 – Sept. 2020  
Doctor in the Social Sciences with the dissertation “How the Idea of Terrorism Is Changing Us”

- 2021 Best Dissertation in Political Communication of the International Communication Association (ICA)

**KU Leuven**, Faculty of Sciences 2018 – 2019  
MA in Statistics: Quantitative Analysis in Social Science (*summa cum laude*)

**KU Leuven**, Faculty of Social Sciences 2014 – 2015  
MA in Comparative and International Politics (*summa cum laude*)

**KU Leuven**, Faculty of Social Sciences 2013 – 2014  
MA in Communication Sciences (*summa cum laude*)

**KU Leuven**, Faculty of Social Sciences 2010 – 2013  
BA in Communication Sciences (*magna cum laude*)

**PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

16. Germann, M., **Godefroidt, A.**, & Mendez F. (Accepted). Does Islamist Terrorism Continue to Affect Public Opinion? *European Journal of Political Research*.
15. Szaszi, S., Clelland, H., Kovacs, M., ..., **Godefroidt, A.**, ..., & Nosek B. (Accepted). Investigating the analytical robustness of the social and behavioural sciences. *Nature*.
14. **Godefroidt, A.**, & Muradova, L. (2025). Intergroup Bias and Public Support for Peace Provisions: Insights from Post-War Azerbaijan. *Political Psychology*, 46(2), 255-483. doi: [10.1111/pops.13008](https://doi.org/10.1111/pops.13008)
13. Breznau, N., Rinke, E., Wuttke, A., ... **Godefroidt, A.**, ... (2025). The Reliability of Replications: A Study in Computational Reproductions. *Royal Society Open Science*, 12(3). doi: [10.1098/rsos.241038](https://doi.org/10.1098/rsos.241038)
12. **Godefroidt, A.**, & Dyrstad, K. (2024) Hurting or Healing? How Conflict Exposure and Trauma (Do Not) Shape Support for Truth Commissions. *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, 42(5), 514-535. doi: [10.1177/07388942241285609](https://doi.org/10.1177/07388942241285609)
11. **Godefroidt, A.** (2023). How Terrorism Does (and Does Not) Affect Citizens' Political Attitudes: A Meta-Analysis. *American Journal of Political Science*, 67(1). 22-38. doi: [10.1111/ajps.12692](https://doi.org/10.1111/ajps.12692)
  - Award: 2022 Research Excellence Award of the NTNU Department of Sociology and Political Science
  - Dataset: <https://ameliegodefroidt.shinyapps.io/terrorism-attitudes-metaanalysis/>
  - News coverage: [Science Norway](#) (Norway), [Infolibre](#) (Spain), [Deutsche Welle](#) (Germany)
10. **Godefroidt, A.**, & Langer, A. (2023). What Drives Attitudes towards the Reintegration of Former Fighters? Insights From a Conjoint Experiment in Nigeria. *Journal of Peace Research*, 60(3), 410-427. doi: [10.1177/00223433221087070](https://doi.org/10.1177/00223433221087070)
9. **Godefroidt, A.**, Dyrstad, K. & Bakke, K. (2023). The Past, Brexit, and the Future in Northern Ireland: A Quasi-Natural Experiment. *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*, 33(1), 149-161. doi: [10.1080/17457289.2022.2090951](https://doi.org/10.1080/17457289.2022.2090951)
8. Simmonds, E., ..., **Godefroidt, A.**, ... O'Hara, B. (2022). How Is Model-Related Uncertainty Quantified and Reported in Different Disciplines? *iScience*, 25(12). doi: [10.1016/j.isci.2022.105512](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.isci.2022.105512).
7. Breznau, N., Rinke, E., Wuttke, A., ... **Godefroidt, A.**, ... & Nguyen, H.H.V. (2022). Observing Many Researchers Using the Same Data and Hypothesis Reveals a Hidden Universe of Uncertainty. *PNAS*, 119(44). doi: [e2203150119](https://doi.org/e2203150119)
6. Demarest, L., **Godefroidt, A.**, & Langer, A. (2020). Understanding News Coverage of Religious-based Violence: Empirical and Theoretical Insights from Media Representations of Boko Haram in Nigeria. *Journal of Communication*, 70(4), 548-573. doi: [10.1093/joc/jqaa011](https://doi.org/10.1093/joc/jqaa011)
5. Adam-Troian, J., Bonetto, E., Araujo, M., ... **Godefroidt, A.**, ... & Varet, F. (2020). Positive Associations Between Anomia and Intentions to Engage in Political Violence: Cross-Cultural Evidence From Four Countries. *Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology*, 26(2), 217-223. doi: [10.1037/pac0000385](https://doi.org/10.1037/pac0000385)
4. **Godefroidt A.**, & Langer, A. (2020). How Fear Drives Us Apart: Explaining the Relationship between Terrorism and Social Trust. *Terrorism and Political Violence*, 32(7), 1482-1505. doi: [10.1080/09546553.2018.1482829](https://doi.org/10.1080/09546553.2018.1482829)

3. Langer, A., **Godefroidt, A.**, & Meuleman, B. (2017). Killing People, Dividing a Nation? Analyzing Student Perceptions of the Boko Haram Crisis in Nigeria. *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*, 40(5), 419-438. doi: [10.1080/1057610X.2016.1214434](https://doi.org/10.1080/1057610X.2016.1214434)
2. **Godefroidt, A.**, Langer, A., & Meuleman, B. (2017). Developing Political Trust in a Developing Country: The Impact of Institutional and Cultural Factors on Political Trust in Ghana. *Democratization*, 24(6), 906-928. doi: [10.1080/13510347](https://doi.org/10.1080/13510347)
1. **Godefroidt, A.**, Berbers, A., & d'Haenens, L. (2016). What's in a Frame? A Comparative Content Analysis of American, British, French, and Russian News Articles. *International Communication Gazette*, 78(8), 777-801. doi: [10.1177/1748048516640482](https://doi.org/10.1177/1748048516640482)

## BOOK CHAPTERS

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2. **Godefroidt, A.** (2025), Terrorism. In Nai, A., Grömping, M., & Wirz, D. (Eds). Elgar Encyclopedia of Political Communication. Edward Elgar Publishing. Accepted version.
1. **Godefroidt, A.** (2022). 22 maart 2016. In S. Eggermont & P. Vermeersch (Eds.) [Een alledaags wonder: 50 verhalen over verbinding en betrokkenheid](#) (pp. 78-80). Uitgeverij Lannoo.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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6. Daniels, L. A.\*, & **Godefroidt, A.\*** "Granting Political Rights to Collaborators: Citizen Perceptions in Ukraine." *Revise & Resubmit* in the *American Journal of Political Science*.
5. Bove, V., Giani, M., **Godefroidt, A.**, & Sansone, D. "'It Could Have Been Me': Homeland Terrorism, Counterfactual Thinking, and Political Trust among Immigrants in Europe." *Under Review*.
4. **Godefroidt, A.** "Repatriating ISIS-Affiliates and Their Children: Evidence from Harmonized Experiments across Western Europe."
3. **Godefroidt, A.** "Beyond Bombs: European Public Opinion on the Rise of Drone and Cyber Terrorism."
2. **Godefroidt, A.**, & Geisler, A. "Female Visibility and Gender Backlash at the 2025 Women's Euros."
1. Sundröm, K., Yehle, L., & **Godefroidt, A.** "Effects of Natural Disasters on Trust: A Meta-Analysis."

\* Denotes equal authorship

## AWARDS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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### AWARDS

<b>KU Leuven</b>	2023
Laureate of the 2023 Research Council Award (25,000 EUR)	
<b>NTNU Department of Sociology and Political Science</b>	2022
Research Excellence Award	
<b>ICA Political Communication Division (500 USD)</b>	2021
Best Dissertation Award	
<b>First Prize in the MZES-GESIS Pre-Registration Challenge (2,000 EUR)</b>	2019
Awarded for the project "Towards a Greater Understanding of the Dynamic Link between Threat and Political Attitudes."	
<b>First Prize in the P2P Facebook Global Digital Challenge (10,000 USD)</b>	2018
Awarded for the educational game " <a href="#">Bonding Beyond Borders</a> ."	
<b>Daniël Heinsius Master Thesis Prize (1,000 EUR)</b>	2016
Awarded for MA thesis entitled "An Empirical Analysis of Citizenship and Political Trust in Ghana"	
<b>KU Leuven Faculty of Social Science Master Thesis Prize (500 EUR)</b>	2015
Awarded for MA thesis entitled "Framing of the Syrian War: A Comparative Analysis of European, American and Russian Newspapers"	

### GRANTS

<b>Economic and Social Research Council (1,000,000 GBP)</b>	Draft
Research grant application with Vincenzo Bove, Georgios Efthyvoulou, and Harry Pickard	
<b>American Political Science Association (400 USD)</b>	2022
Travel grant to attend the 2022 APSA conference	
<b>NTNU Department of Sociology and Political Science (210,000 NOK)</b>	2021
Small research grant for the project "Emphasizing Safety and Remorse Reduces Resistance to the Repatriation of ISIS Collaborators and Children", with Prof. Karin Dyrstad.	
<b>KU Leuven Faculty of Social Science (ca. 2,000 EUR)</b>	2017 – 2019
Grant to organize the bottom-up initiative <a href="#">#MethLab</a> , with dr. Lala Muradova.	
<b>American Political Science Association (800 USD)</b>	2019
Travel grant to attend the 2019 APSA conference	
<b>APSA Conflict Processes Section (133 USD)</b>	2019
Registration and 2019-2020 membership waiver	
<b>Research Foundation Flanders—FWO (1,400 EUR)</b>	2018
Grant for participation in a conference abroad	

## FELLOWSHIPS

<b>Research Foundation Flanders—FWO</b> (ca. 300,000 EUR) Postdoctoral fellowship	2022 – 2025
<b>Research Foundation Flanders—FWO</b> (ca. 150,000 EUR) Ph.D. fellowship	2016 – 2020

## TEACHING

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### Instructor

2025: Culture and Negotiation Strategies (MA), IESEG	
2025: Statistics for Business (MA), IESEG	
2025: Summer School on Open Science, Ghent University	<a href="#">Syllabus</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Covered by the Center for Open Science: <a href="http://www.cos.io/blog">www.cos.io/blog</a></li> </ul>	
2022 – 2023: <a href="#">S0B05B</a> Sociology of Media and ICT (BA), KU Leuven	<a href="#">Syllabus</a>
2022 – 2024: <a href="#">S0D26B</a> Political Communication (MA), KU Leuven	<a href="#">Syllabus</a>
2016 – 2019: <a href="#">S0A59B</a> International Relations Seminar (BA), KU Leuven	<a href="#">Syllabus</a>

### Guest lecturer

2021 & 2022: <a href="#">POL3502</a> Causes of War (MA), NTNU, Class on terrorism	<a href="#">Slides</a>
2017: <a href="#">S0C15B</a> Peace Research and Conflict Management (MA), KUL, Class on peacebuilding	<a href="#">Slides</a>
2016 & 2017: <a href="#">S0H43A</a> Research Methods (MA), KUL, Qualitative labs and grading	<a href="#">Slides</a>

### Workshop leader\*

2019 & 2022: “Pre-Registration, Pre-Analysis, Pre-What?!” , KUL & NTNU	<a href="#">Slides</a>
2022: “Social Media and Online Presence” , NTNU	<a href="#">Slides</a>
2022: “Research Ethics in an International Context” , NTNU	<a href="#">Slides</a>
2021: “Help! What to do after the Ph.D.?” , NTNU	<a href="#">Slides</a>
2018: “Introduction into Meta-Analysis” , KUL	<a href="#">Slides</a>
2017: “Proposal Writing” , KUL	<a href="#">Slides</a>

\* All workshops were at a Ph.D.-level and were occasionally also attended by MA-students or faculty

## SUPERVISION

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<b>Master students</b>	KU Leuven
2022 – 2024: Nina Soudan, Maïca Munoz Cuevas, Niels Van den Eynde, Arzu Gulbakan	
2018 – 2019: Lisa van Eyken, Ninotsjka Callens, Sofie Dumortier (co-supervised with Arnim Langer)	
2017 – 2018: Eva Mertens (co-supervised with Arnim Langer)	

## PRESENTATIONS

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<b>Invited</b>	2024: Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB)*
	2024: 30th International Conference of Europeanists* ( <i>invited panellist</i> )
	2023: University of Gothenburg, paper presented at the <i>Politics of Revenge, Reconciliation, and Transitional Justice in Post-Conflict Settings</i> conference

2023: WZB Berlin, *War and Peace in Azerbadijan*  
 2022: University of Warwick, paper presented at the workshop on *Terrorism, Public Attitudes & Individual Well-Being*  
 2022: University of York, *Who Pays for Peace*  
 2022: University of Oslo, *Who Pays for Peace*  
 2022: Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), *ISIS Repatriation*  
 2022: Center for Research on Extremism (UiO), *How Terrorism is Changing Us*  
 2022: Culture, Society, and Behavior Lab (UiO), *How Terrorism is Changing Us*  
 2022: Hot Politics Lab (UvA), *How Terrorism is Changing Us*  
 2021: University of Bath, *How Terrorism Continues to Affect Public Opinion*  
 2021: DVPW Convention (*invited panellist*)  
 2021: University of Montreal, roundtable on *Transparency, Pre-registrations, & Replications*

**Conferences** APSA Annual Meeting (2019, 2021\*, 2022, 2023); Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference (2025, 2022, 2021); Norwegian Political Science Association (2022); ISA Annual Convention (2022); ECPR General Conference (2017, 2021); MPSA Annual Meeting (2021); ISPP Annual Meeting (2018, 2019, 2020); STR International Conference (2019); Open Social Science Conference (2019); EPSA Annual Meeting (2016)

**Workshops** Experimental Research in Post-Conflict Settings (2023); Annual Political Science Workshops of the Low Countries (2018, 2020, 2023); Households in Conflict Network workshop (2022)

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## SERVICE

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**Departmental**

- Representative of the temporary staff at KU Leuven's Faculty of Social Sciences Faculty Council (2019 – 2020; 2022 – 2023);
- Representative of the temporary staff at KU Leuven's Faculty of Social Sciences Faculty Board (2019 – 2020);
- Representative for the temporary researchers at KU Leuven's Faculty of Social Sciences Doctoral Committee (2016 – 2019)

**Discipline**

- Board member of the [Belgian-Flemish Political Science Association](#).
- Co-organizer of the [2023 Annual Political Science Workshops of the Low Countries](#)
- Co-founder and -organizer of the (i) [Violence, Instability, and Peace \(VIP\)](#) virtual workshop series (2022 – 2024), (ii) [ReproducibiliTea Leuven](#) (2020; 2022 – 2023), and (iii) [#MethLab](#) (2017 – 2020)

**Societal**

- Co-founder of the award-winning card game [Bonding Beyond Borders](#)
- Expert on issues related to terrorism, political violence, and war for news media in e.g., Belgium (e.g., Radio 1), Germany (e.g., [DW](#)), Norway (e.g., [Forskning](#)), Spain (e.g., [Infolibre](#)), and worldwide (BBC World Service radio)

- Reviewer**
- American Journal of Political Science; British Journal of Political Science; Democratization; European Journal of Political Research; European Journal on Criminal Policy and Research; International Review of Administrative Sciences; Journal of Asian and African Studies; Journal of Conflict Resolution; Journal of Experimental Political Science; Journal of Peace Research; Journal of Politics; Media, War and Conflict; Political Behavior; Political Psychology; Politics and Religion; Politische Vierteljahresschrift (for the GLES Open Science Challenge 2021); Security Journal; Terrorism and Political Violence.
  - I have also reviewed for the Luxembourg National Research Fund (FNR), and I am a member of the European Science Foundation (ESF) College of Expert Reviewers and an assessor for the diplomatic exam organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Belgium.

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## OTHER

- Languages** English (fluent), Dutch (native), French (advanced), Norwegian (basic)
- Software**
- Programming: R, basics of Python
  - Markup: L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Markdown, and basics of HTML
  - Version control: Git
  - Website generation: Squarespace, Hugo (Markdown)
- Fieldwork** Nigeria (January 2015), Kenya (May 2015), Nigeria (January 2016), Belgium (Oct. – Dec. 2018)
- Leave** December 18, 2023 – April 1, 2025 (parental leave extended due to complications)