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Postdoctoral Researcher at KU Leuven, Belgium

RESEARCH INTEREST

I study public opinion formation during and after interstate wars, civil conflicts, and terrorist attacks. I primarily use quantitative methods to study these issues in different countries around the world, including Azerbaijan, Belgium, Nigeria, Northern Ireland, and the United States.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

KU Leuven, Belgium Febr. 2023 – Sept. 2023
Lecturer (15%)

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

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

Heidelberg University, Germany Jan. 2019
Junior Visiting Researcher, Institute of Political Science

EDUCATION

KU Leuven, Faculty of Social Sciences Sept. 2016 – Sept. 2020
Doctor in the Social Sciences

- Title: “How the Idea of Terrorism Is Changing Us”
- Award: 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*)
Exchange semester at The Washington Center, DC (USA)

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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)
10. 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).
 9. 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/10.1073/pnas.2203150119)
 8. **Godefroidt, A.**, & Langer, A. (2022). What Drives Attitudes Towards the Reintegration of Former Fighters? Insights from a Conjoint Experiment in Nigeria. *Journal of Peace Research*. doi: [10.1177/00223433221087070](https://doi.org/10.1177/00223433221087070)
 7. **Godefroidt, A.**, Dyrstad, K. & Bakke, K. (2022). The Past, Brexit, and the Future in Northern Ireland: A Quasi-Natural Experiment. *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*. doi: [10.1080/17457289.2022.2090951](https://doi.org/10.1080/17457289.2022.2090951)
 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., Baidada, O., Celebi, E., Dono Martin, M., Eadeh, F., **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

3. **Godefroidt, A.**, & Milosevic, A. Terrorism. In Bietti L. & Pogačar, M. (Eds.) *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Memory Studies*. *Forthcoming in 2025*

2. **Godefroidt, A.** Terrorism. In A. Nai (Ed.) Encyclopedia of Political Communication. Edward Elgar Publishing. *Forthcoming in 2024*
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

7. **Godefroidt, A.**, & Dyrstad, K. "Emphasizing Safety and Remorse Reduces Resistance to the Repatriation of Islamic State Collaborators and Their Children." *Under Review*.
6. **Godefroidt, A.**, & Dyrstad, K. "Hurting or Healing? How Conflict Exposure and PTSD (Do Not) Shape Support for Truth Commissions." *Under Review*.
5. Breznau, N., Rinke, E., Wuttke, A., ... **Godefroidt, A.**, ... "How Many Replicators Does It Take to Achieve Reliability? Investigating Researcher Variability in a Crowdsourced Replication." *Revise & Resubmit, Sociological Methods and Research*.
4. **Godefroidt, A.**, & Muradova, L. "Intergroup Bias and Public Support for Peace Provisions: Insights from Post-War Azerbaijan." .
3. Germann, M., **Godefroidt, A.**, & Mendez F. "Does Islamist Terrorism Continue to Affect Public Opinion?" .
2. Eadeh, F. R.,* **Godefroidt, A.***, & Adam-Troian, J. "Towards a Greater Understanding of the Dynamic Link between Threat and Political Attitudes."
1. **Godefroidt, A.** "Political Violence, Ideology, and Political Preferences: Comparative Experimental Insights."

* Denotes equal authorship

AWARDS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

AWARDS

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| KU Leuven | 2023 |
| Laureate of the 2023 Research Council Award (25,000 EUR) | |
| NTNU Department of Sociology and Political Science | 2022 |
| Research Excellence Award | |
| ICA Political Communication Division (500 USD) | 2021 |
| Best Dissertation Award | |
| First Prize in the MZES-GESIS Pre-Registration Challenge (2,000 EUR) | 2019 |
| Awarded for the project "Towards a Greater Understanding of the Dynamic Link between Threat and Political Attitudes." | |
| First Prize in the P2P Facebook Global Digital Challenge (10,000 USD) | 2018 |
| Awarded for the educational game " Bonding Beyond Borders ." | |

Daniël Heinsius Master Thesis Prize (1,000 EUR) 2016
Awarded for MA thesis entitled “An Empirical Analysis of Citizenship and Political Trust in Ghana”

KU Leuven Faculty of Social Science Master Thesis Prize (500 EUR) 2015
Awarded for MA thesis entitled “Framing of the Syrian War: A Comparative Analysis of European, American and Russian Newspapers”

GRANTS

American Political Science Association (400 USD) 2022
Travel grant to attend the 2022 APSA conference

NTNU Department of Sociology and Political Science (210,000 NOK) 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.

KU Leuven Faculty of Social Science (ca. 2,000 EUR) 2017 – 2019
Grant to organize the bottom-up initiative [#MethLab](#), with dr. Lala Muradova.

American Political Science Association (800 USD) 2019
Travel grant to attend the 2019 APSA conference

APSA Conflict Processes Section (133 USD) 2019
Registration and 2019-2020 membership waiver

Research Foundation Flanders—FWO (1,400 EUR) 2018
Grant for participation in a conference abroad

FELLOWSHIPS

Research Foundation Flanders—FWO (ca. 300,000 EUR) 2022 – 2025
Postdoctoral fellowship

Research Foundation Flanders—FWO (ca. 150,000 EUR) 2016 – 2020
Ph.D. fellowship

Flemish Government & Fulbright (10,000 USD) 2012
Scholarship to study and work in Washington DC, US

TEACHING

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| Instructor | KU Leuven |
| 2022 – 2023: S0B05B Sociology of Media and ICT (BA) | Syllabus |
| 2022 – 2023: S0D26B Political Communication (MA) | Syllabus |
| 2016 – 2019: S0A59B International Relations Seminar (BA) | Syllabus |

Guest lecturer

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| 2021 & 2022: POL3502 Causes of War (MA), NTNU, Class on terrorism | Slides |
| 2017: S0C15B Peace Research and Conflict Management (MA), KUL, Class on peace | Slides |
| 2016 & 2017: S0H43A Research Methods (MA), KUL, Qualitative labs and grading | Slides |

Workshop leader*

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

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

SUPERVISION**Master students**

KU Leuven

2022 – 2023: 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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| Invited | <p>2023: Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB)+ 2023: Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung (WZB), <i>War and Peace in Azerbadijan</i> 2022: University of Warwick, workshop on <i>Terrorism, Public Attitudes & Individual Well-Being</i> 2022: University of York, <i>Who Pays for Peace</i> 2022: University of Oslo, <i>Who Pays for Peace</i> 2022: Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), <i>Repatriation of ISIS Collaborators and Children</i> 2022: Center for Research on Extremism (UiO), <i>How Terrorism is Changing Us</i> 2022: Culture, Society, and Behavior Lab (UiO), <i>How Terrorism is Changing Us</i> 2022: Hot Politics Lab (UvA), <i>How Terrorism is Changing Us</i> 2021: University of Bath, <i>How Terrorism Continues to Affect Public Opinion</i> 2021: University of Montreal, roundtable on <i>Transparency, Pre-registrations, & Replications</i></p> |
| Conferences | <p>APSA Annual Meeting (2019, 2021*, 2022); Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference (2022, 2021); Norwegian Political Science Association (2022); ISA Annual Convention (2022); ECPR General Conference (2017, 2021); MPSA Annual Meeting (2021); ISPP Annual Meeting (2018 – 2020); STR International Conference (2019); Open Social Science Conference (2019); EPSA Annual Meeting (2016)</p> |
| Workshops | <p>Annual Political Science Workshops of the Low Countries (2018, 2020, 2023); Households in Conflict Network workshop (2022)</p> |

* canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic, + upcoming

SERVICE

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| Departmental | Representative of the temp. staff at KU Leuven's Faculty of Social Sciences Faculty Council (2019 – 2020; 2022 – present); Representative of the temp. staff at KU Leuven's Faculty of Social Sciences Faculty Board (2019 – 2020); Representative for the temp. researchers at KU Leuven's Faculty of Social Sciences Doctoral Committee (2016 – 2019) |
| Discipline | Co-organizer of the 2023 Annual Political Science Workshops of the Low Countries ; Co-founder and -organizer of the Violence, Instability, and Peace (VIP) workshops (2022 – present), ReproducibiliTea Leuven (2020; 2022 – present), #MethLab (2017 – 2020) |
| Societal | Co-founder of Bonding Beyond Borders ; Expert on terrorism and related issues for news media in Belgium (e.g., Radio 1), Norway (e.g., Forskning), Spain (e.g., Infolibre). |
| Reviewer | American Journal of Political Science; British Journal of Political Science; Democratization; 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. |
| Reviewer (cont.) | 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. |

OTHER

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| Languages | English (fluent), Dutch (native), French (advanced), Norwegian (basic) |
| Software | <u>Programming</u> : R, basics of Python <u>Markup</u> : \LaTeX , Markdown, and basics of HTML <u>Version control</u> : Git <u>Website generation</u> : Squarespace, Hugo (Markdown) |
| Fieldwork | Nigeria (January 2015), Kenya (May 2015), Nigeria (January 2016), Belgium (Oct. – Dec. 2018) |