

# Bouke de Vries (PhD, LLM, MRes, MPhil, MA)

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## Employment

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- 2023-present    **University of Ghent**, Belgium,  
Associate Professor in Philosophy (recipient ERC Starting Grant)
- 2021-2023    **University of Zürich**, Switzerland  
Ambizione Fellow (recipient grant from the Swiss National Science Foundation, app €502,000)
- 2018-2021    **KU Leuven**, Belgium & **Umeå University**, Sweden  
*Postdoctoral Research Fellow* (recipient grant from Swedish Research Council, app. €305,000)
- 2016-2018    **Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity**, Germany  
*Postdoctoral research fellow in Ethics, Law and Politics*

## Education

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- 2023    **Aberystwyth University**, UK  
*LLM in Law*
- 2016    **European University Institute**, Italy  
*PhD in Political Science (Specialization: Political Theory)*  
- Thesis: “A Theory of Liberal Neutrality and Toleration”  
- Supervisors: Rainer Bauböck (EUI) & Alan Patten (Princeton University)  
- Examiners: Richard Bellamy (EUI & University College London), Will Kymlicka (Queen’s University) and Cécile Laborde (University College London)
- Princeton University, US  
*Visiting Student Research Collaborator*, Fall 2015
- 2014    **European University Institute**, Italy  
*MRes in Political Science*
- 2013    **University of St Andrews**, UK  
*MPhil in Philosophy*  
- Thesis: “Liberalism and Internally Illiberal Minority Cultures”  
- Supervisors: Rowan Cruft (Stirling) & Marcia Baron (St Andrews)  
- Examiners: Chandran Kukathas (LSE) and Andrea Baumeister (Stirling)
- 2012    **King’s College London**, UK  
*MA in Philosophy*
- 2011    **Maastricht University**, The Netherlands  
*BA in Arts and Culture*  
- Honours Programme , 2009-2011  
- Semester abroad, San Diego State University, US, 2010

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- De Vries, B. (2021). Black Pete, King Balthasar, and the New Orleans Zulus: Can Black Make-Up Traditions Ever Be Justified? *Journal of Controversial Ideas*, 1(1):8.
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- De Vries, B. (2021). Granny Export? The morality of sending older relatives to care homes abroad. *Journal of Bioethical Inquiry*, 18(3). 445-464. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11673-021-10118-y>

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- De Vries, B. (2020). Is Multiculturalism Discriminatory? *Res Publica*, 26(2), 201–214. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11158-019-09433-4>.
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- De Vries, B. (2018). ‘Are Civic Integration Tests Justifiable? A three-step test’, In Poama, A. & A. Lever, *The Routledge Handbook of Ethics and Public Policy*, Oxford: Routledge, pp.407-421. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781315461731-33>.
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### **Research grants (External Funding)**

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2023	ERC Starting Grant (app. €1,025,000)
2021	Ambizione Grant, Swiss National Research Foundation (app. €480,000)
2018	International Postdoctoral Fellowship, Swedish Research Council (app. €305,000)

2018 Government of Ireland Postdoctoral Fellowship (€91,846; declined)

### **Teaching experience**

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2023 Lecturer in BA Module Filosofie in de Samenleving (Philosophy in Society), Ghent University

2022 Designed and Taught BA seminar on Terrorism and Extremism, University of Zurich

2021 Lecturer in the BA Module ‘Introduction to Political Philosophy (four hours of teaching), KU Leuven

2020 Lecturer in winter school ‘Ethics of Dementia Care’

2020 Lecturer in the MA module ‘Ethical issues in End-of-Life-Care’ (four hours of teaching), KU Leuven

2020 Lecturer in the MA module ‘Foundations in Bioethics’ (four hours of teaching), KU Leuven

2018 Supervision MA dissertation in politics on the ethics of child labour, University of Göttingen

2017 Designed and taught the MA module ‘State neutrality and Multiculturalism’, University of Göttingen.

2016 Teaching course (one-week), EUI, accredited by the London School of Economics

### **Scholarships and Awards**

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2013 Nuffic PhD Scholarship (app. € 68,000)

2012 Prins Bernhard Cultuurfonds Scholarship (€ 10,000)

2012 Dr. Hendrik Muller Vaderlandsch Fonds Scholarship (€ 3,000)

2012 Vreedefonds Grant (€ 6,000)

2011 VSB Scholarship, (€ 7,000)

2010 Huygens Scholarship (€ 8,000)

2008-2011 3x Maastricht University ‘Top 3 Percent Students’ award (app. € 5,000)

### **Service to the profession**

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2016-present Reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*; *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, *Journal of Ethics*, *Feminist Theory*, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, *Journal of Medical Ethics*, *Bioethics*; *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* (2x), *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Res Publica* (2x), *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal*, *Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy*, *Journal of Controversial Ideas*; *Children and Society*; *Southern Journal of Philosophy*; *New Diversities*; and *Ethiek en Maatschappij*

2018 Organiser of the conference ‘The Ethics of Migration beyond the Immigrant-State Nexus’, Keynotes by Michael Blake, Valeria Ottonelli, David Owen, Ayelet Shachar, and Rainer Bauböck), EUI

2017 Organiser workshop ‘Political theory: aims, scope, methods’, MPI-MMG (with Prof. Peter Niesen)

- 2016 Organiser workshop 'Reflective Equilibrium and its Discontents' with Prof. Robert Heeger (Utrecht University), EUI
- 2015 Organiser of the 'Ethics reading group' (chaired five two-hour sessions in which participants discussed seminal texts in moral philosophy), EUI
- 2014-2016 Convener of the 'Legal and political theory working group' (organised talks by Richard Bellamy, Brian Leiter, Kevin Toh, Will Kymlicka, Ian Carter, David Dyzenhaus, Cécile Laborde, Rainer Bauböck, Matteo Bonnoti, and Emanuela Ceva), EUI

## **Public Engagement and Media Coverage**

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### *Loneliness*

- I have co-authored a report for the UK Houses of Parliament Joint Committee on Human Rights on the effects of lockdowns on our social human rights  
<https://committees.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/9037/pdf/>

### *Aged care*

- I have written a blog contribution about my article on paying people to move to care homes within lower-income countries. <https://blogs.bmj.com/medical-ethics/2021/03/23/paying-people-to-move-to-care-homes-within-lower-income-countries-daft-or-desirable/>
- The article has also been discussed by:
  - The Florida News Times: <https://floridanewstimes.com/rich-countries-advise-paying-older-people-living-in-long-term-care-facilities-in-low-income-countries/187396/>
  - Medical Press: <https://medicalxpress.com/news/2021-03-elderly-homes-income-countries-rich.html>

### *Nudism/naturism*

- Interview with Esquire  
<https://www.esquiremag.com/features/naturism-nudism-naturalism-public-nakedness-free-the-nipple-modesty/>
- Interview with Inside Hook  
<https://www.insidehook.com/article/health-and-fitness/rise-nudism-naturism-post-covid>
- Interview with the Naturisten Federatie Nederland (Dutch Naturist Federation);  
<https://www.natuurlijknfn.nl/onderzoek/>
- Interview with Associazione Naturista Italiana (The Italian Naturist Association);  
<http://www.naturismoanita.it/news-e-eventi/nudo-news/193-italia-naturista-02-2>

### *Multiculturalism*

- Erken Eid al-Fitra als nationale feestdag [make-eid-al-fitra-national-holiday]; Opinion piece on the recognition of minority holidays, published on the website of Metro  
<https://www.metronieuws.nl/lezerscolumn/bouke-de-vries/actueel/2016/12/erken-het-suikerfeest-als-nationale-feestdag>

### *Black make-up traditions*

My work on black make-up traditions has been referenced in e.g.

- De Volkskrant <https://www.volkskrant.nl/mensen/de-invloedrijke-filosoof-peter-singer-begon-een-tijdschrift-voor-omstreden-ideeen-zoals-die-van-hemzelf~b804eb38/?referrer=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2F>
- Süddeutsche Zeitung <https://www.sueddeutsche.de/wissen/wissenschaft-magazin-1.531242>
- Die Zeit [https://www.zeit.de/2021/21/journal-of-controversial-ideas-diskurs-wissenschaft?utm\\_referrer=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2F](https://www.zeit.de/2021/21/journal-of-controversial-ideas-diskurs-wissenschaft?utm_referrer=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2F)

## **Languages**

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Dutch:	Native
English:	Fluent (C2)
German:	Fluent (C1)
Italian	Good (B1)
French:	Basic User (A2)
Frisian:	Passive command