

## SHORT CV ERIC VANHAUTE

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Eric Vanhaute (° 1959) is Professor Economic History and World History at the History Department, Ghent University, co-chair of the research group ECC – Economies-Comparisons-Connections at Ghent University, and steering member of the Ghent Center for Global Studies. He is member of the FWO-Expert Panel History and Archeology, member of the board of the International Research Community CORN: Comparative Rural History, member of the Steering Committee of the European Network for Universal and Global History (ENIUGH), and co-organizer of the 25<sup>th</sup> World History Association in Ghent 2016.

Since 2014 Eric Vanhaute is elected member of the Academia Europaea. He has been Visiting Research Fellow at the Fernand Braudel Center Binghamton University, Utrecht University and Humboldt University (Re:Work), Fellow-in-Residence at the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences and at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard University, and Visiting Professor at the University of California at Berkeley, The Institute of Economic and Social History at The University of Vienna and The Institute for Social Economy and Culture at Peking University. His previous works include books and articles on agrarian and rural history, the history of labor markets and social inequality, and global history (such as *World History. An Introduction*, Routledge, 2013, and *Peasants in World History*, Routledge, forthcoming). Eric Vanhaute has supervised fifteen doctoral researchers and is currently promoter of fourteen PhD projects. He coordinates the long standing collaborative research projects 'HISSTAT. Development of a central database of local and regional historical statistics of the 19th and 20th centuries' and 'Peasantries in world history. A comparative and global analysis'. He is co-director of the interdisciplinary research project (GOA - Concerted Research Action Ghent University) 'Economic growth and inequality. Explaining divergent regional growth paths in pre-industrial Europe (Late Middle Ages-19th century)' (2015-2019), and he is co-organizer (with Ulbe Bosma IISH and Sven Beckert Harvard) of the Commodity Frontier Initiative, an international, interdisciplinary and intersectoral network of researchers on the comparative and global history of commodity frontiers, sustainability and inequality.

## 1. Education and professional experience

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### *Professional experience*

2010-present	Full Professor	History Department, Ghent University
1999-2010	Associate Professor	Department of Modern History, Ghent University
1996-1999	Senior Research Leader	FWO Dept. of Modern History, Ghent University
	Guest Lecturer	Dept. of Modern History, Ghent University
1994-1996	Postdoctoral Research	Department of Modern History, Ghent University
1992-1993	Scientific Collaborator	Department of Modern History, Ghent University
1992	Scientific Collaborator	Flemish Interuniversity Council, Brussels
1991-1992	Scientific Collaborator	Depart. of Modern History, Ghent University
1989-1991	PhD Researcher	Depart. of Modern History, Ghent University
1985	Scientific Researcher	Research Group 'Political Economy and Labour', Leuven

### *Academic education*

PhD in History, Ghent University (1989)

Title: The dynamics and demise of the rural income and subsistence system. The Antwerp Campine between 1750 and 1910

Master in History, Ghent University (1982)

## 2. Research experience

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### *Research projects directed*

- 2015 – 2019 GOA - Concerted Research Action Ghent University: Project “Economic growth and inequality. Explaining divergent regional growth paths in pre-industrial Europe (Late Middle Ages-19th century)”, supervisors Erik Thoen, Eric Vanhaute, Koen Schoors
- 2011 – 2017 POPKADD: Development of a Digital Land Register for Mid-nineteenth Century Belgium. Hercules-Project. (Project Leader; collaborators: S. Vrielinck, T. Wiedemann)
- 2012 – 2016 Changing grounds. ‘Free’ and ‘unfree’ coffee-growing labour in the Kivu region, Belgian Congo and Ruanda-Urundi, 1920-1960. Special Research Fund Ghent University. (Promotor; collaborator: S. Van Melkebeke)
- 2011 – 2015 The Development of the Fiscal Administration as a Manifestation of State Capacity and Infrastructural Power, Southern Netherlands and Belgium (1795-1852). Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO) (Promotor; co-promotor: S. Van de Perre; collaborator: P. De Reu)
- 2010 – 2014 National and Regional Tensions in Belgian Economic Politics after WW II (1950-1980). An Integrated analysis of Economic Thought, Institutions, Organizations and Policy. Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO). (Promotor; co-promotor: D. Luyten; collaborator: O. Ongena)
- 2009 – 2013 The End of Peasant Societies in a Historical and Comparative Perspective. A Comparative Research Project into the Changing Peasant Societies in Europe, Asia and Latin America. Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO). (Promotor; collaborators: H. Cottyn, Y. Wang)
- 2009 – 2013 HISSTAT-LOKSTAT. Creation and Development of a Central Database for Statistics of the 19th and 20th Century on a Local Level (Municipal and supra-communal Units). Hercules-Project (Ghent University / VUB / UCL / State Archives) (Promotor; co-promotors I. Devos, P. De Boosere; collaborators: S. Vrielinck; T. Wiedemann)
- 2010 – 2012 55 Years Economic Counsel of East Flanders (EROV) – 55 Years Socio-Economic History of East Flanders. EROV. (Promotor; co-promotor: D. Luyten; collaborator: O. Ongena)
- 2008 – 2012 Polarizations and upward Trends in the World-System (1500-2000). Trends of Polarisation and the End of Peasantries. International Social Science Council, UNESCO / Gulbankian Commission. (Co-promotor, promotor: I. Wallerstein)
- 2011 Creation of a Timeline ‘Global Migration History’. Project Museum RSL-POM, Antwerp. (Project leader with F. Caestecker, T. Feys; collaborator: C. Van den Abeele)
- 2008 – 2011 “Immobile Information” grouped. An Investigation into two Centuries of Functional and Territorial Reforms and the Implications for Archive Building in the Exterior Services of Heritage Documentation. DWTC / State Archives – Ghent. (Co-promotor; promotor: Ch. Van Coppenolle; collaborator: P. De Reu)
- 2007 – 2010 Business Archives in East Flanders. DWTC / State Archives – Ghent (Co-promotor; promotor: Ch. Van Coppenolle; collaborators: J. Derwael, S. De Haeck)
- 2006 – 2009 The History of the Socio-Economic Counsel in Flanders (in general) and of the Social-Economic Board of Flanders (SERV) (in particular). SERV. (Co-promotor; promotor: D. Luyten; collaborator: O. Ongena.)
- 2005 – 2008 The Battle for the Immigrant. The Competition amongst the West-European Emigration Harbors in the 19th Century. Special Research Fund Ghent University (BOF). (Promotor; collaborator: S. Hoste).
- 2004 – 2007 Business Archives in West Flanders. DWTC / State Archives – Bruges. (Co-

2002 – 2007	promotor; promotor: M. Nuyttens; collaborators: J. Derwael, S. Haeck) Pollution in Flemish Cities in the 19th and Early 20th Century. A Source Critical Study. Special Research Fund Ghent University (BOF). (Co-promotor; promotor: E. Thoen; collaborator: L. Vannieuwenhuysse)
2003 – 2006	Pollution in West Flanders. A Heuristic Investigation. Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO) / Wildiers Fund / Province of West Flanders (Co-promotor; promotor: E. Thoen, J. Vannieuwenhuysse; collaborator: J. Mestdagh)
2001 – 2005	The Industrial History of the East Flanders Province 1750-1950. Province of East Flanders. (Promotor; collaborator: F. De Cocker)
2004	Prospect Investigation into Municipal Statistics in Belgium, 19th and 20th Century. DWTC / Science Policy Program (Promotor; collaborator: N. Bracke)
2001 – 2003	To a Historical Geographic Information System (GIS) for the Belgian and European Structure. The Extension of a Gent based Project in a European collaboration context. Special Research Fund Ghent University (BOF) (Promotor; collaborator: T. Wiedemann)
2000 – 2003	Flanders in Governmental Statistics. Opening and Valorization of the People Countings of Flemish Municipalities, executed and preserved by The Directorate General Statistics and Economic Information. Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO) / Wildiers Fund. (Promotor and spokesperson; collaborators: N. Bracke, M. Preneel, J. Buntinx)
1999 – 2002	Power and Rural Development. The Role of Governments and Rulers in the Economic and Ecological Transformation of the Flemish Countryside (Late Middle Ages – End of 19th Century). Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO). (Co-promotor; promotor: E. Thoen; collaborator: T. Demoor)
1997 – 2001	Strategic Shifts of the Harbor of Antwerp in the 20th Century. Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO) / Port of Antwerp. (Co-promotor; promotor: S. Vanfraechem)
1998 – 2000	Sources for the Industrial History of the East Flanders Province. Province of East Flanders. (Promotor; collaborator: N. Bracke)
1991 – 1997	Quantitative Database of Belgian Municipalities. Special Research Fund Ghent University (BOF) (Director and co-promotor; collaborator: S. Vrielinck).

### 3. Professional services

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#### *Memberships*

##### *Research networks*

2015-	Co-Director Commodity Frontier Initiative
2014-	Elected Member of the Academia Europaea, The Academy of Europe
2012-	Member Steering Committee Ghent Center for Global Studies, Ghent University
2007-	Member Steering Committee European Network for Universal and Global History (ENIUGH)
2001-	Member Scientific Committee for Social and Economic History, Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium for Science and the Arts
1995-	Member Board Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO), Research Group Comparative Rural History of the North Sea Area (CORN)
1995-2016	Member Board and Executive Committee Dutch-Flemish Research School N.W. Posthumus Institute
1994-2002	Treasurer Belgian Association for Socio-Economic History
1995-2001	Steering committee member (1995-1996), secretary (1997-1999), chairman (1999-2001) Inter-university Flemish Research School for Economic and Social History

1994-2005	Committee member Flemish Association for Business History
1993-2008	Committee member, co-ordinator Research Group World-Systems Analysis, Ghent University
1990-1999	Committee member Belgian Center for Rural History
1990-1995	Secretary and editorial secretary Belgian Association for Modern History
1989-1997	Manager Database 'Quantitative Database of Belgian Municipalities' (19th and 20th Century), Department of Modern History, Ghent University
1982-1985	Scientific collaborator Research Group POLEKAR (Politics, Economics, Labour)
1982-1984	Scientific collaborator Class on Developing Countries, Antwerp University, Antwerp

### *Journals and book series*

2009-	Member steering committee <i>Journal for Global History and Comparative Society Research</i> (Leipzig University Press)
2002-	Co-editor Series ' <i>Economic History and Ecology</i> ', Academia Press, Ghent
1999-	Member general editorial board Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO), <i>CORN Publication Series</i> ; Member core editorial board CORN III, A History of Rural Society in North-West Europe, 500-2000 (4 Volumes, published 2010)
1994-	Member editorial board <i>Rural History. Economy. Society. Culture</i> (Cambridge University Press)
2005-2010	Member editorial board <i>Journal for Economic and Social History</i>
1999-2009	Member editorial board <i>Journal of Belgian History</i>
1990-1998	Committee member Project 'How does One write the History of One's Municipality?', Center for History, Ghent University
1989-1999	Collaborator 'Bibliography of Belgian History', <i>Belgian Journal for Philology and History</i> (11 issues)

### **Organization international seminars and conferences**

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Between 1994 and 2016 Eric Vanhaute organized 36 international workshops and conferences, including the 2016 Conference World History Association, four international workshops in the Commodity Frontier Initiative 2014-2017 (Amsterdam, Harvard, London, Dubai), the 2015 conference 'Social struggles for land in Latin America. A historical, comparative and global analysis', Lima, and the 2012 International Maritime History Conference (IMEHA) Conference in Ghent.

### **PhD Supervision**

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As director: S. Van Melkebeke (2017), S. Ronsse (2015), R. Declercq (2015), Martin Ottovay Jorgensen (2015), H. Cottyn (2014), Y. Xiao (2013), W. Ronsijn (2011), P. Vervust (2010), C. De Volder (2005), N. Bracke (2004), S. Vanfraechem (2002), F. De Cocker (ongoing), S. Hoste (ongoing), J.-F. Abbeloos (ongoing), H. Van Royen (ongoing), W. 't Hooft (ongoing), Y. Wang (ongoing), O. Ongena (ongoing), M. Al Akach (ongoing), P. De Reu (ongoing), T. Van Damme (ongoing).

As co-director: J. Schneider (2013), Ch. Matthys (2012), L. Vannieuwenhuysse (2008), Th. Lambrecht (2007), M. De Moor (2003), R. Verbuyst (ongoing).

As member of the doctoral guidance committee (Ghent University): A. Adriaenssens, L. Jacobs, B. De Roo, E. Depauw, B. Verbruggen.