

ACADEMIC CV

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STUDIES

Research Master Philosophy, UGent

2021-2022

Cum laude

Thesis: Making sense of sexbots: an inductive thematic analysis on Reddit

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Moraalwetenschappen (Moral Sciences), UGent

2018-2021

Magna cum laude

Thesis: Seksbots: inherent immoreel of bekrachtigend potentieel?

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Lerarenopleiding Nederlands & Zedenleer (Teacher's degree in Dutch and Ethics), HoGent

2015-2018

Cum laude

PHD

2023-....: PhD in Philosophy, Ghent University, promotor: Tom Claes/co-promotor: Lode Lauwaert

Own financial resources

Scope: The focus of my doctoral research contains *post-phenomenology*, *the philosophy of sexuality and its concepts on sexual technology*. My aim is to conceptualize *the phenomenon of sexbots* and its possibility to transform our understanding of sex(uality).

Guiding questions are:

- *How can a co-constituting and relational ontology between sexual subjects and sexual objects (in this case sexbots) be theorized?*
- *Does sexual technology, with sexbots as a possible prime example give rise to disruptions or transformations in the entrenched concepts, practices and perceptions of sex(uality)?*
- *Does the sexual technology of sexbots confront us with technomoral learning and*

technomoral changes?

- Given the co-constitutional relationship between subject and the sexual technology of sexbots, do possible subject and political formations have the potential to transform our current understanding of sexual politics?

PUBLICATIONS

Do chatbots change how we think about sexuality? towards an empirically informed philosophy of sexuality in the age of AI-mediated intimacy <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s00146-026-03132-4> - with Tom Claes & Lode Lauwaert (AI & SOCIETY - 2026)

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, (GUEST) LECTURES & SCIENTIFIC TASKS

- Scientific Committee 2026 for 2nd International Conference on Large-Scale AI Risks (KUL)
- Reviewer December 2025 for Journal of Responsible Technology concerning a special issue about AI, technology of death and dying.
- Guest lecture December 2025 for 'Integratieseminarie moraalwetenschap' (Heidi Mertens) on *the existing philosophical and empirical research on sexbots and its challenges*.
- Guest lecture December 2024 for 'Integratieseminarie moraalwetenschap' (Heidi Mertens) on *the existing philosophical and empirical research on sexbots and its challenges*.
- Speaker at 'Permanente vorming: actuele filosofie' (Ghent University). Theme of year 2023-2024: philosophy and ethics of AI. Title: *"You Sexy Thing!" Ethische en filosofische bedenkingen bij (AI-)SexTech/TechSex – lecture on ethics and philosophy of the phenomena of sexbots (& AI) in Dutch*. Link: <https://www.ugent.be/lw/philosophy/nl/opleidingen/actuelefilosofie2024.htm>
- Speaker at 'Critical Philosophy of Technology' Workshop 2024 (Working Group on Philosophy of Technology). *Seminar on sexbots and post-phenomenology*. Link: <https://hiw.kuleuven.be/nl/nieuws-agenda/agenda/wqpt-workshop-critical-philosophy-of-technology>
- Co-organisier international conference 2024 (KU Leuven Working Group on Philosophy of Technology, in collaboration with the Belgian Royal Military Academy) with keynote speaker Lonneke Peperkamp
→ *Theme: Virtue ethics and technology*
"The conference aims to explore the ethical, philosophical, political and societal challenges raised by the complex interplay between virtue ethics and technology. The second day of the conference will focus particularly on technology in military contexts." Link: <https://hiw.kuleuven.be/wqpt/conference>

- Fellow lecturer 2023-2024 for Research Master in Philosophy course: Philosophy and Ethics of Gender, Sexuality and Diversity (Tom Claes, Gily Coene, Dirk Lafaut). *Course on posthuman sexuality.*
- Co-organiser workshop 2023 (Ghent University) with keynote speaker Lily Frank
 → *Theme: TechSex - exploring the Philosophical and Ethical Implications*
"In this workshop, we want to move beyond this regulatory and evaluative scope and explore the implications of the technologization of sex and sexualization of technology for the philosophy of sexuality and sexual ethics more broadly. We want to explore new ways of philosophically and ethically thinking through the ways these new technologies (might) impact and transform our sexual lives, practices, and subjectivities, and perhaps, human sexuality itself." Link: <https://www.cevi-globalethics.ugent.be/TechSexWorkshop>
- Interview 2023 for art project of Lucas De Man – Stichting Nieuwe Helden: *on relation(ships) with technology, loneliness and love/sex with AI*
[\(https://companynewheroes.com/nl/project/tomorrow-with-lucas-value/\)](https://companynewheroes.com/nl/project/tomorrow-with-lucas-value/)
- Guest lecture May 2021 for 'Seksuele en relatie-ethiek' (Tom Claes) on the *ethics of sexbots*
- Guest lecture October 2021 for 'Integratieseminarie moraalwetenschap' (Heidi Mertens) on *the existing philosophical and empirical research on sexbots and its challenges.*

MEMBERSHIPS

- Affiliated Member (since 2023) of Working Group on Philosophy of Technology (KULeuven):
<https://hiw.kuleuven.be/wgpt/Members>
- Member (since 2023) of Chair Ethics and AI at the Institute of Philosophy at KU Leuven:
<https://www.kuleuven.be/ethics-kuleuven/chair-ai/presentation-of-the-members>

LINKS & REFERENCES

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UGent: <https://research.flw.ugent.be/nl/lauvoet.voet>

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