

## 1. Personal Information

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## 2. Education

**Dr. sc.med.** **Institute for Biomedical Ethics, University of Basel, Switzerland (CH)**  
Date of defense 'Challenges of translational research in cutting edge medical technology: A case of first-in-human (FIH) trials of medical applications of nanotechnology'  
9th Feb 2016  
summa cum laude PhD advisors: Prof. Bernice Elger, Dr. David Shaw, Prof. Stuart Blume

**EMMB** **Erasmus Mundus Master of Bioethics, Universiteit Leuven (BE), Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen (NL) and Università Degli Studi di Padova (IT)**  
29th June 2011  
summa cum laude 'I want to be my own author: Debate on 'completed life' and right to euthanasia in the Netherlands', Thesis advisor: Prof. Norbert Steinkamp

**MSc.** **Amsterdam Master's in Medical Anthropology, University of Amsterdam (NL)**  
17th Aug 2010  
cum laude 'What has love got to do with marriage? Life stories of elderly women in Mumbai, India'  
Thesis advisor: Prof. Sjaak van der Geest

**MPH** **Master of Public Health, James P Grant School of Public Health, Bangladesh (BD)**  
8th Feb 2007  
magna cum laude 'What women want? Women's journey of pregnancy & childbirth in a municipal hospital in Mumbai', Thesis advisors: Dr. Sabina F. Rashid, Dr. Amar Jesani, Neha Madhiwala

**MBBS** **Medical graduate degree, University of Mumbai, India (IN)**  
19th Dec 2003  
Medical License no: 20003062352, Maharashtra Medical Council, India

## 3. Employment history

### 3.1 Academic employment

Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Jan 2022 – Oct 2024  
100% employment **Bioethics Institute, Ghent, Ghent University, BE** funded by the **FWO Senior Postdoctoral Fellowship**, Elective egg freezing in India: An ethnographic study of female reproductive choice, male perspectives and the disruption of socio-cultural norms, Advisor: Prof. Veerle Provoost & Prof. Charlotte Kroløkke

Jan 2020 – Dec 2021  
100% employment **Bioethics Institute, Ghent, Ghent University, BE** funded by the **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship**, Family Making in India through Adoption or Reproductive Technology (FaMInART): An interdisciplinary investigation of preference of Indian couples experiencing infertility regarding means of family formation, Advisor: Prof. Veerle Provoost

July 2019 on **Institute for Biomedical Ethics, University of Basel CH**, Affiliated Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Jan 2018 – Jun 2019  
85% employment **Department of Global Health and Social Medicine, King's College London UK** funded by the **Early Postdoc. Mobility Fellowship** of the **Swiss National Science Foundation** 'Social Translation and Adaptation of Reproductive Technology (START): An interdisciplinary socio-ethical investigation of social egg freezing in urban India' Advisor: Prof. Bronwyn Parry

Jan 2018 – Dec 2018  
15% employment **Institute for Biomedical Ethics, University of Basel CH** Research project funded by **Käthe Zingg Schwichtenberg Fonds** of the **Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences**, 'Medical tourism in Switzerland: Interdisciplinary exploratory research on ethical, legal and economic issues', Advisor: Prof. Bernice Elger

Mar 2016 – Dec 2017  
80% employment **Institute for Biomedical Ethics, University of Basel CH** Research projects funded by **Käthe Zingg Schwichtenberg Fonds** of **Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences**, 'Medical tourism in Switzerland: Interdisciplinary exploratory research on ethical, legal and economic issues', Advisor: Prof. Bernice Elger and 'Perspectives on Research Integrity in Science and Medicine – PRISM', Advisor: Dr. David Shaw

- Mar 2016 – **Basel Institute for Clinical Epidemiology & Biostatistics, University Hospital Basel,**  
 Nov 2017 Research project funded by **Käthe Zingg Schwichtenberg Fond** of the **Swiss Academy of  
 20% employment Medical Sciences**, ‘Learning from failure: Ethical & practical aspects of trial  
 discontinuation in Switzerland’, Advisor: Dr. Matthias Briel
- Sep 2012 – **Institute for Biomedical Ethics, University of Basel CH**  
 Feb 2016 Within SNSF funded research project ‘Ethical issues of cutting edge biotechnology:  
 100% employment Embedded interdisciplinary risk benefit evaluation of first-in-human trials in synthetic  
 biology and nanomedicine’, Supervisors: Dr. David Shaw & Prof. Bernice Elger
- Sep 2011– Lecturer in Public Health (80% of full time equivalent)  
 Aug 2012 **Windesheim Honours College, Zwolle, the Netherlands, NL.** Supervisor: Ans Netjes

### 3.2 Non-academic professional/public health employment

- Mar 2007– Senior Technical Officer (full time employment)  
 Aug 2009 **Family Health International (FHI 360) India County Office, New Delhi, IN**  
 STI-HIV Training And Capacity Building Team, Supervisor: Dr. Teodora Wi
- Mar 2003 – Surveillance Medical Officer (full time employment)  
 Dec 2005 **National Polio Surveillance Project**, World Health Organization & Government of India  
 collaboration, Supervisor: Dr. Prakash Singh

## **4. Institutional responsibilities**

- Nov 2016 – Elected representative of doctoral and postdoctoral researchers on ‘Forschungskommission’ of  
 Dec 2017 University of Basel

## **5. Approved research projects as Principal Investigator**

- Jan 2022 – **FWO Senior Postdoctoral Fellowship, FWO Belgium**  
 Oct 2024 Elective egg freezing in India: An ethnographic study of female reproductive choice, male  
 perspectives and the disruption of socio-cultural norms
- Jan 2020 – **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship, ERC (Euro 172,800)**  
 Dec 2021 ‘Family Making in India through Adoption or Reproductive Technology: An interdisciplinary  
 investigation of preference of infertile Indian couples regarding means of family formation’
- Feb 2019 **A month of residential fellowship at the Brocher Foundation, Geneva**, ‘Analysis of  
 regulations and guidelines on social egg freezing in the US, Europe and India’
- Jan 2018 – **Early Postdoc. Mobility Fellowship from the Swiss National Science Foundation (CHF**  
 Jun 2019 **86,371)** ‘Social Translation and Adaptation of Reproductive Technology (START): An  
 interdisciplinary socio-ethical investigation of social egg freezing in urban India’
- Oct 2016 – **Käthe Zingg Schwichtenberg Fonds, Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences (CHF 58,784)**  
 Dec 2018 ‘Medical tourism in Switzerland: Interdisciplinary exploratory research on ethical, legal and  
 economic issues’
- Sep 2015 – **Niklaus und Bertha Burckhardt-Bürgin-Stiftung Career grant (CHF 28,523)**, ‘Ethical  
 Feb 2016 challenges of translational research in Nanomedicine with focus on first-in-human (FIH)  
 clinical trials: An exploratory qualitative research within Switzerland and globally’

## **6. Co-supervision of junior researchers at graduate and postgraduate level**

- Ghent University**
- Oct 2020 on Day to day supervision of doctoral candidates Lara Jacxsens, Kato Verghote and Steven Piek  
 Mar to Dec Day to day supervision of Sigrid Wallaert and Roxan Degeyter during the course on empirical  
 2020 ethics which required publishing a paper reporting their empirical ethics research
- University of Basel**
- Jan 2018 on Day to day supervision of Dr. Med candidate Joao Couceiro  
 Mar 2016 – Supervision and support to Belinda Niederhäusern, a doctoral candidate at Department of  
 Nov 2017 Clinical Research, University Hospital Basel, CH

## **7. Teaching activities**

- Ghent University**
- Spring 2020 Teaching assistant to Prof. Veerle Provoost for an intensive course on Empirical Ethics within  
 - 2022 the Interuniversity Research Master in Philosophy

### **University of Bern**

- May 2021 Lecturer on Research integrity in the course Basics of Ethics in Health Sciences Research  
Nov 2019 Invited co-facilitator for a day long symposium on 'Ethics in Public Health' offered by the Graduate School for Health Sciences of University of Bern

### **University of Basel**

- Mar 2020 Lectures on 'applying for Marie Curie Individual Fellowship in a course 'Grant writing' and on 'Ethics of human germline genome editing' in the course 'contemporary debates'  
May 2019 Lectures on grounded theory methodology and challenges of conducting fieldwork within the  
May 2018 course 'Research methods in Bioethics' for Masters and Doctoral students  
May 2018 Seminar with 2nd (bachelor) and 5th year (Master) medical students on 'Lebenszyklen' with  
May 2017 discussion of case studies  
Spring 2018 Three lectures in a course on 'Good Scientific Practice' for Master's students of Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute  
Mar 2018 Day long 'Research integrity training for Doctoral students' at Biozentrum  
Oct & Mar 2017 Day long 'Research integrity training for Doctoral students and Post-Doctoral scholars' at Biozentrum  
Dec 2017 Körper, Subjekt, Umwelt (KSU) Seminar with the medical students. Topic: Warum bringen sie die Kinder in Entwicklungsländern oft (zu) spät ins Spital?  
Fall 2013 Organized and coordinated a course Contemporary Debates on "ethical issues of cutting edge biotechnology" for Masters and Doctoral students

## **8. Membership in panels, boards and individual scientific reviewing activities**

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- July 2019 to Mar 2020 Member of four panels (July, Oct and Dec 2019 and in Mar 2020) appointed to conduct ethics checks of a total of 35 projects funded by the European Commission  
July 2018 Ethics reviewer for the H2020-FETOPEN-2018-2 call for proposals  
Jan 2017 on Member of editorial board of Indian Journal of Medical Ethics  
Mar 2013 on Peer reviewer for the Indian Journal of Medical Ethics, Science and Engineering Ethics, the American Journal of Bioethics, Journal of Empirical Research in Human Research Ethics, Nanoethics, Bioethics, Accountability in Research: Policy and Quality Assurance, Journal of Bioethical Enquiry, Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy

## **9. Active membership in scientific societies, fellowships in renowned academies**

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- Sep 2017 on Member of European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE)

## **10. Organization of conferences**

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- Aug 2015 27th International Conference of European Society of Philosophy of Medicine and Healthcare in Basel, Switzerland  
Jun 2005 Student organizer for 1<sup>st</sup> National Bioethics Conference of India in Mumbai, India

## **11. Prizes, awards, fellowships**

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- May 2021 FWO Senior Postdoctoral Fellowship, FWO Belgium  
Nov 2020 Fellow of the one year structured mentorship program at Ghent University  
Nov 2018 Gender Equality Grant as part of SNF Early Postdoc Mobility Fellowship (CHF 1,000)  
Sep 2018 'Best dissertation award', Medical Faculty of University of Basel (Cash prize of CHF 1,000)  
Jan 2018 Marie Skłodowska Curie Individual Fellowship, European Research Council (Euro 172,800)  
Nov 2017 Early Postdoc. Mobility Fellowship from Swiss National Science Foundation (CHF 85,371) including supplementary grant towards matriculation fees at King's College London  
Feb 2017 Fellow of antelope Professorship career program of University of Basel  
Jul 2016 Käthe Zingg Schwichtenberg Fonds, Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences (CHF 58,784)  
Apr 2015 Career grant from Niklaus und Bertha Burckhardt-Bürigin-Stiftung (CHF 28,523)  
Jan 2014 Fellow of antelope @ University career program for doctoral scholars of University of Basel  
2012-2017 Travel grants from the Reisefond of University of Basel for conference participation  
Jan 2003 Two gold medals in Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Mumbai, India  
1997-2001 Sir Ratan Tata Scholarship for medical education in Mumbai, India

## 12. Career breaks

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None

## 13. Language skills

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English	Native speaker proficiency in oral and written communication
German	B2 certificate obtained in Sept 2019
Marathi	Mother tongue