

# **Curriculum Vitae Torsten Feys**

## **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

### **TEACHING**

Gained experience in developing course content for undergraduate and graduate students, evaluating course performance, choosing appropriate texts and teaching aides at Ghent University.

#### **Master**

2013-15: Research Seminar World History: Globalization, nationalism & Migration (lecturer)  
2011-15: Maritime History (guest lecturer)  
2012-15: Supervision of Master Thesis: 25 students on migration, maritime, transport, tourism, business and global history.

#### **Bachelor**

2011-12, 2014-15: Economic History (co-lecturer 18<sup>th</sup>-21thC)  
2011-14: Bachelor Paper writing seminar: Borders to migration (course coordinator)  
2010-11: Methodology of History: qualitative methods (teaching assistant)

2003-2004: Pedagogic aid for university students with a disability

### **RESEARCH**

#### **2014-2017: FWO Post-doctoral researcher, Ghent University (Bergen University, Norway)**

The privatization of modern border control: transport companies as carriers of and barriers to human mobility across the global frontier 1870-1960.

Research stay at the History Department of Bergen University, Norway (March – August 2015)

#### **2011-2014: FWO Post-doctoral researcher, Ghent University (Pittsburgh University, USA)**

The global rise of modern borders and irregular maritime migration networks (1882-1938): a comparative research project on Atlantic and Pacific migration systems.

Research stay at the World History Center Pittsburgh University, USA (September 2012 –February 2013)

#### **Since 2012: NW Posthumus Research leader Drivers and Carriers of Globalization.**

Together with Erik van der Vleuten (Eindhoven University) and Jutta Bolt (Groningen University) we enhance inter-university research cooperation between historians working on globalization in the Flemish-Dutch research community through conferences, workshops, master classes and publications.

#### **2010-2011: Post-doctoral researcher, Ghent University**

The project '30 years OVAM: a history from below' analyzes the history of waste and soil management in Flanders under the auspices of the OVAM. Elaborated by the Public History Institute, I led the project as the scientific researcher writing a book and provide content for a digital exhibition.

### **SOCIAL VALORIZATION**

**2009-2010: Volunteer member of CC ONG, Sant Sadurní d'Anoia (Spain)**

Elaborating the project ‘Hombori-Gente-Memorias-Historia’ to preserve the cultural and historic patrimony in Hombori (Mali). The oral history project aimed at making an inventory of the local cultural habits and objects. The materials were to be used for a local museum/tourist information center, for educational purposes in local schools and create awareness for the North-South divide. Due to the continuous unstable situation in northern Mali the realization of the project was transferred to the CC ONG.

**2005-2011: Member of the advisory board of the Red Star Line Migration Museum (Belgium).**

Together with scientists, architects, museum and city officials I contributed to the elaboration of the plans defining the content of the museum.

**Since 2013: Member of the Board of Directors of ‘Maritime Patrimony Flanders’****2008-2009: Free-lance researcher for the Red Star Line Migration Museum**

Doing scientific research, gathering individual stories and objects for the permanent collection of the museum. The results were connected to global migration history and used for the elaboration of the content and scenography of the museum.

**EDUCATION****2004-2008: PhD in History at the European University Institute, Florence, Italy.**

Dissertation: “A Business Approach to Transatlantic Migration: The introduction of steam shipping on the North-Atlantic and its impact on the European Exodus 1840-1914.”  
Defended on May 13th 2008. Evaluation and opposition committee: Lewis R. Fischer (Memorial University of Newfoundland) Heinz-Gerhard Haupt (European University Institute) Bartolomé Yun (EUI) and Eric Vanhaute (Ghent University).

**2004-2005:** Master of Research in History, European University Institute, Florence, Italy.

**1998-2003: Mater in History, Ghent University, Belgium.**

Thesis: “The government policy regarding Belgian emigration to the United States through the port of Antwerp 1842-1914.”

**2001-2002:** Erasmus exchange student at the Universidad de Cantabria, Santander, Spain.

**1999-2000:** World Tour (Australia, New-Zealand, Fiji-Islands, USA, Canada, Peru).

**1996-1997:** Rotary exchange student Pagosa Springs High school, Colorado, USA.

**LANGUAGES**

- Dutch and French: native language
- English and Spanish: fluent (speak, read and write)
- Italian and German: fluent (speak and read)
- Catalan: intermediate (speak and read)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Articles in international scientific journals with peer review:

- ‘Between the public and the State: The Shipping Lobby’s strategies against US immigration restrictions 1882-1917,’ *International Migration Review*, 50:1 (2016) 1-31.
- ‘Bounding mass migration across the Atlantic: European shipping companies between U.S. border building and evasion 1860s-1920s,’ *Journal of European Modern History*, 14:1 (2016) 78-100.
- Erik Van der Vleuten and Torsten Feys ‘Borders and Frontiers in Global and Transnational History: Introduction to the special issue,’ *Journal of European Modern History*, 14:1 (2016) 29-34.
- ‘Shipping Companies as Carriers and Barriers to Human Mobility: The Atlantic and Pacific Border Regimes of the United States,’ *World History Connected*, 11:3 (2014) 34 pars.
- Frank Caestecker and Torsten Feys, ‘East European Jewish Migrants and Settlers in Belgium, 1880-1914: A Transatlantic Perspective,’ *East European Jewish Affairs*, 40:3 (2010) 261-284.
- ‘The visible hand of shipping interests in American immigration laws,’ *Tijdschrift voor Sociale en Economische Geschiedenis*, 7:1 (2010) 38-62.
- ‘Prepaid tickets to ride to the New World: The New York Continental Conference and transatlantic steerage fares 1885-1895,’ *Revista de Historia Económica*, 26:2 (2008) 173-204.
- ‘Where all passenger liners meet: The port of New York as a nodal point for the transatlantic migrant trade 1885-1895,’ *The International Journal of Maritime History*, 19:2 (2007) 245-272.
- ‘Radeloosheid in crisistijd: pogingen van de Belgische autoriteiten om een deel van de arme bevolking naar de Verenigde Staten te sturen 1847-1856,’ *Belgisch Tijdschrift voor Nieuwste Geschiedenis*, 34:2 (2004) 195-230.

Forthcoming:

- ‘Steamshipping companies and transmigration patterns: the use of European cities as hubs during the era of mass migration to the United States,’ under review *Journal of Migration History*.
- Markian Prokopovych and Torsten Feys, ‘Transience, Overseas Migration and the Modern European City,’ editorial introduction of special issue *Cities and Overseas Migration in the Long Nineteenth Century* under review *Journal of Migration History*.

### Articles in Books, Apps & Encyclopedia Entries:

- ‘Transoceanic shipping, mass migration and the rise of modern day international border controls: a historiographical appraisal,’ in: Christiane Katz, et al. (eds.) *Mobility in history: Yearbook of the Transnational Association for the History of Transport, Traffic and Mobility*, vol. 7, (New York: Berghahn Books 2016).
- ‘The Smuggling of Contraband Chinese and other ‘Chinese’ from Europe: Comparing Transpacific with Transatlantic Illegal Migration to the US 1875–1917,’ in: Angela. Schottenhammer (ed.) *Tribute, Trade and Smuggling East Asian Maritime History* vol. 12 (Wiesbaden: Otto Harrassowitz Verlag 2014).
- ‘De grote oversteek tussen Twee Werelden: van het Meetjesland tot het Beloofde Land.’ in: Andreas Stijnen (ed.) *Boer vindt Land: Vlaamse migranten en Noord Amerika* (Leuven: ADVN and Davidsfonds 2014).
- Frank Caestecker and Torsten Feys, ‘Bleef de Belg in de schaduw van zijn kerkturen? De Belgen en de Europese massamigratie van de 19de eeuw,’ in: Elke Borghs, et al. (eds.) *Verapaz - de eerste Belgische Kolonie* Inter-View vzw for sale in de App Store en op Google Play (2014).

- Torsten Feys and Frank Caestecker ‘Een kortstondige Belgische emigratiepolitiek naar overzeese gebieden (1830-1850)’ in: Elke Borghs, et al. (eds), *Verapaz - de eerste Belgische Kolonie* Interview vzw for sale in de App Store en op Google Play (2014).
- ‘Trans-Atlantic Migration at Full Steam Ahead: a flourishing and well-oiled multinational enterprise,’ in: Bram Beelart (ed.) *Red Star Line Antwerp 1873-1934* (Leuven: Davidsfonds 2013).
- ‘The Norwegian American Line: A small part of a bigger puzzle,’ in: Per Kristian Sebak and Lilli Ingvaldsen *En Reise Mellom to Verdener* (Bergen: Bergens Sjøfartsmuseum 2013).
- ‘Maritime Migration’ in: *The Encyclopedia of Global Human Migration* Dirk Hoerder, Immanuel Ness and Sari Safitri (eds.) (New York: Wiley Publishers 2012).
- ‘Immigrant Banking and the sale of shipping tickets at the turn of the Twentieth Century,’ in: Dimitrios Konstadakopoulos (ed.) *100 years in America* (Bristol: University of West England Press 2010).
- ‘Making money off migration: Red Star Line and its floating bridges to the New World,’ in: *One Foot in America* (Antwerp: BAI 2009).
- ‘Red Star Line as transport Company,’ in: Mandy Nauwelaerts (ed.): *Red Star Line People on the move* (Antwerp: BAI 2008).
- ‘The battle for the migrants: The evolution from port to company competition 1840-1914,’ in: Torsten Feys, Lewis Fischer, Stephane Hoste and Stephan Vanfraechem (eds.) *Maritime Transport and Migration: The connections between maritime and migration networks* Research in Maritime History vol. 33 (St John’s: International Maritime Economic History Association 2007).
- ‘De Poorten naar de Nieuwe Wereld: de hevige concurrentiestrijd voor de migratie handel,’ in: *Antwerp=America, Red Star Line Een Nieuwe Toekomst Tegemoet* (Antwerpen: Pandora 2005).

Forthcoming:

- Torsten Feys and Eric Vanhaute, ‘Globalisering en ongelijkheid: migratiegeschiedenis en superdiversiteit als barometer?’ in: Julie Carlier, Christopher Parker and Eric Vanhaute, *De globalisering voorbij? Kritische perspectieven op mondiale processen* (Gent: Academia Press 2016).
- ‘The impact of the foreland on the transatlantic migrant trade: the port of New York as ‘the’ nodal point between foreland and hinterland,’ in: Robert Lee (ed.) *Port-Cities and their Hinterlands: Migration, trade and cultural exchange from early seventeenth century to 1939* (Oxford, Routledge).
- ‘Shipping companies’ agency in transoceanic migrations to the United States: Comparing the Atlantic with the Pacific,’ in: Gérard Le Bouedec et Christophe Cérino (eds.) *La Recherche en Histoire Maritime: Enjeux Objects et Methodes* (Paris: Presses Universitaires de Paris Sorbonne).

Authored Books

- *30 jaar OVAM de openbare Vlaamse afvalstoffenmaatschappij in historisch perspectief* (Gent: Academia Press 2011).
- *The battle for the Migrants: The Introduction of Steamships on the North-Atlantic and its Impact on the European Exodus* Research in Maritime History vol. 50 (St. John’s: International Maritime Economic History Association 2013).

Forthcoming:

- Per Kristian Sebak and Torsten Feys *Travelling in Perilous Water: Transatlantic passenger traffic under the neutral flag during World War I.*

### **Book as scientific editor**

- Torsten Feys, Lewis Fischer, Stephane Hoste and Stephan Vanfraechem (eds.) *Maritime Transport and Migration: The connections between maritime and migration networks* Research in Maritime History vol.33 (St. John's: International Maritime Economic History Association 2007).

### **Book Reviews**

- Drew Keeling, *The business of Transatlantic Migration between Europe and the United States* (Zurich: Chronos 2012) in: *Tijdschrift voor Sociale en Economische Geschiedenis*, 11:2 (2014) 192-194.
- Ton de Graaf, *Voor Handel en Maatschappij: Geschiedenis van de Nederlandse Handelsmaatschappij 1824-1964* (Amsterdam: Boom 2012) in: *Tijdschrift voor Sociale en Economische Geschiedenis*, 10:1 (2013) 125-127.
- Kevin Brown, *Passage to the New World: The emigrant experience 1807-1940* (Barnsley: Seaforth Publishing 2013) in: *Journal of International Maritime History*, 26:2 (2014) 384-86.
- Herman Obdeijn and Marlou Schrover, *Komen en gaan. Immigratie en emigratie in Nederland vanaf 1550* (Amsterdam: Bert Bakker 2008) in: *Tijdschrift voor Sociale en Economische Geschiedenis*, 8:4 (2011) 141-142.

*Forthcoming:*

- Jan Lucassen and Leo Lucassen, *Globalising Migration History: The Eurasian Experience (16th-21st Centuries)* (Leiden: Brill 2014) in: *Tijdschrift voor Sociale en Economische Geschiedenis*, (2016).

### **Museum Review**

- ‘The Migrant Experience: Red Star Line Museum,’ in: *Transfers*, 4:2 (2014) 147-149.

### **Websites & Digital exhibitions**

- With Institute for Public History, Gent University and AMSAB ([www.30jaarovam.be](http://www.30jaarovam.be)).

### **TV Documentaries**

- Scientific advisor: *'Publiek Geheim': de meerpalen van de Red Star Line in Antwerpen* Sven Speybrouck (VRT-CANVAS) aired April 2010.
- Scientific advisor: *Red Star Line: Tri-episode documentary series* Daniel Cattier and Fabio Wuytack Off World in coproduction with VRT-Canvas, Eklektik Production and RTBF, aired October 2013.

## **CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION & PARTICIPATION**

### **Member of the organizing committee**

- Organizer/secretary of XXV Annual World History Association Conference (Ghent, 2016)
- Organizer/secretary of VI IMEHA International Congress of Maritime History (Ghent 2012)
- Organizer for Globalization Research Group Sessions at Posthumus Annual Conferences (Amsterdam 2012, Eindhoven 2013, Leeuwarden 2014, Brussels 2015)

- Organizer/secretary of International Conference: The impact of Maritime and Migration networks on transatlantic labor migration 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> century (Florence, 2005)
- Organizer of NW Posthumus and CCC workshop Borders and frontiers in transnational and global history (Ghent, 2013)
- Organizer with Sylvie Aprile (Université Lille 3) of the workshop Premiere Guerre Mondiale et Migrations (Lille, 2016)
- Co-organizer of Globalization Research Group Sessions during the Posthumus Annual Conferences (Amsterdam 2012, Eindhoven 2013, Leeuwarden 2014, Brussels 2015)

### **Presentations with paper**

- American History Association (Atlanta 2016)
- T2M - International Association for the History of Transport, Traffic and Mobility (Caserta 2015)
- XXIV Annual World History Conference (Savannah 2015)
- Trafficking, Smuggling and Illicit Migration in Historical Perspective (Birkbeck London 2015)
- Networks and Communication in East Asia and Beyond in the 19th and Early 20th Centuries (Royal Holloway College London 2015)
- Public History and the Media (Florence 2015)
- XXXIX Annual meeting of Social Science History Association (Toronto 2014)
- La gobernanza de los puertos atlánticos ss. XIV-XXI (Lisbon 2014)
- XII Urban History Conference (Lisbon 2014)
- XXIII Annual World History Conference (San Jose 2014)
- X European Social Science History Conference (Vienna 2014)
- World History Association Symposium: Port cities in World History (Barcelona 2014)
- Annual Business History Conference (Frankfurt 2014)
- XXXVIII Annual meeting of Social Science History Association (Chicago 2013)
- T2M - International Association for the History of Transport, Traffic and Mobility (Kouvola 2013)
- NW Posthumus and CCC workshop Borders and frontiers in transnational and global history (Ghent 2013)
- II Congres GIS Histoire Maritime (Nantes 2013)
- Sea Stories Maritime Landscapes, Cultures and Histories (Sydney 2013)
- XXXVII Annual meeting of Social Science History Association (Vancouver 2012)
- VI IMEHA International Congress of Maritime History (Ghent 2012)
- International conference: Tribute, trade and Smuggling (Ghent 2011)
- XXI International Congress of Historical Science (Amsterdam 2010)
- European Connections and Interactions in China, ca. 1880-1920, Bergen (Bergen 2009)
- 100 Years in America: Historical determinants and images of the identity and cultures of diasporas from Southeastern Europe (Brookline, Massachusetts 2008)
- XX Annual Meeting of the Association of European Migration Institutions (Genoa 2008)
- Annual Meeting of the Economic History Society (Nottingham 2008)
- V Congress of the International Maritime Economic History Association (London 2008)
- IX Congress of the Spanish Association of Economic History (Murcia 2008)
- Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (Copenhagen 2007)
- International Conference of the Transatlantic Studies Association (Cork 2007)
- XXXII Annual meeting of Social Science History Association (Chicago 2007)
- International Conference: Port cities and their hinterlands (Liverpool 2007)
- XIV International Economic History Congress (Helsinki 2006)
- LII International Congress of the Americanists, (Seville 2006)
- International Conference: The impact of Maritime and Migration networks on transatlantic

labor migration 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> century (Florence 2005)