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Born in Bruges (Belgium) on December 27, 1984

Educational and professional background

Sept 2015 – present	Visiting researcher , with a full scholarship of the Japanese Ministry of Education (<i>Monbukagakushō</i>) Graduate school of Economics, Keio University, Tokyo, Japan
2015	11 th EAJS PhD Workshop, University of Edinburgh, UK, June 11-14
2014	Japanese Language Teaching Workshop Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan (funded by Hokkaido University)
2013	Visiting researcher , three months Faculty of Humanities, Kyushu University, Fukuoka, Japan
2012	Euro-Asia Summer School East Asia and the EU in Global Governance. Comparative Perspectives Leuven University, Belgium; Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo; Seoul National University, Seoul
2012-present	Academic Assistant Department Languages and Cultures, Ghent University, Ghent, Belgium Doctoral Course at the Doctoral School for Arts and Humanities, Ghent University, Belgium
2011-2012	Stagiaire European Commission, DG Trade, Unit B2/C1 Trade Relations with the Far East, Brussels, Belgium
2011	Research intern Policy Analysis and Recommendations EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation, Tokyo, Japan
2010-2011	Japanese studies, Political and Social Sciences, with a full scholarship of the Japanese Ministry of Education (<i>Monbukagakushō</i>) Faculty of Education, Nagasaki University, Nagasaki, Japan
2010	European Integration Summer School, 30 ECTS, Jean Monnet Program, European Commission, two months

	University of Agder, Kristiansand, Norway
2009-2010	Intern Event organizer – Research assistant Benelux Chamber of Commerce, Beijing, China
2008-2009	Self-employed translator/interpreter Chinese-English-Japanese
2007-2010	Bachelor Oriental Languages and Cultures, Japanese Studies Ghent University, Belgium Intensive Japanese Language Course, four months
2007-2009	Lecturer Modern Chinese CVO Roeselare (Centre for Adult Education), Roeselare, Belgium
2007-2008	Teaching Assistant , Classical Chinese, six months Department Oriental Languages and Cultures, Sinology, Ghent University, Belgium
2008	Saitama Japanese Language School, Omiya, Saitama, Japan
2006-2007	Chinese Language and Culture Course, with a full scholarship of the Chinese and Flemish Government Xiamen University, Xiamen, China
2005	Summer School Chinese Studies, organized and funded by European Association for Chinese Studies (EACS) Universidade do Minho, Braga, Portugal
2004	Intensive Course Chinese Language, one month Beijing Language and Culture University, Beijing, China
2002-2006	University graduation MA, Great Distinction Oriental Languages and Cultures, Chinese Studies Ghent University, Ghent, Belgium Master's Thesis: <i>China and Japan: Confrontation in Nanjing, 1937. History of the Sino-Japanese Relations: Trauma or political tool?</i>

Current Research Focus

- “Institutionalizing (dis)trust. Opening the black box of food safety in Japan.” (Working title)
- Japanese food policy and regulatory reform regarding food safety
- Japanese agrifood trade and import procedures
- The rise of China and its implications for Japanese national identity formation
- EU-Asia relations, EU-Japan security relations, Northeast Asian regional security, Sino-Japanese relations, Japan-South Korea relations, Japanese diaspora

Publications

- 2015 Niehaus, A., Walravens, T., 'Japanese nationals in Belgium and the 3/11 triple disaster', in Tagsold, Christian; Niehaus Andreas (ed.): *Transnational Responses to Catastrophe: Japanese Diaspora and the March 2011 Triple Disaster*. Düsseldorf: DUP 2015. (Kultur- und Sozialwissenschaftliche Japanforschung?, Vol. 1). (accepted for publication)
- 2015 'Polluting bilateral relations. Food terrorism in Japan and recalibrating risk in media.', *Appetite*, in preparation.
- 2015 Jentzsch, H., Walravens T., 'Consuming the nation. Converging interests for the local and the national behind the *chisan chisho* campaign", in preparation
- 2015 O'Shea, P., Walravens, T., 'The rise of the Chinese 'food threat': An alternative account', in preparation
- 2015 Niehaus, A., Walravens T., 'Homework. Post-Fukushima Constructions of Furusato: the Case of Japanese Nationals Living in Belgium', in Klaus Stierstorfer, Florian Kläger (eds), *Diasporic Constructions of Home and Belonging*, Berlin, Boston: De Gruyter.
- 2014 'Diversifying narratives: Perceptions of a weak Japan facing a rising China', in Dessein, B., Ed., *"Interpreting China as a Regional and Global Power: Nationalism and Historical Consciousness in World Politics"*, London: Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2013 'Japan Facing a Rising China: Implications on the Dynamics of Identity Formation. Food safety as a framework.', *Acta Asiatica Varsoviensia*, No. 26, Warsaw: Askon Publishers.

Conferences

Organization of international conferences

- 2015 Workshop: Emotionalizing the nation: Conflicting narratives in Japanese food identities. (Ghent University, in cooperation with Hokkaido University), July 1-3
- 2013 Workshop: China's Rise: Geopolitical Developments and Their Consequences for Global Stability (Ghent University), March 28-29
- 2012 Conference: Transnational Responses to Catastrophe: Japanese Diaspora Communities and the March 2011 Triple Disaster. (Ghent University, in cooperation with Düsseldorf and Kobe University), June 23-24

Organization of international student seminars

- 2015 European Spring Academy, Ghent University (in cooperation with Kyushu University), March 2-5
- 2014 European Spring Academy, Ghent University (in cooperation with Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto, Cife, Centre International de Formation Européenne), February 21-25
- 2013 Residential Summer Course on European Studies, European Institute in Japan, Kyushu University, in Aso, Kumamoto, Japan, August 30 – September 3
- 2013 European Spring Academy, Ghent University (in cooperation with Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto, Cife, Centre International de Formation Européenne), February 23

- 2012 European Spring Academy, Ghent University (in cooperation with Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto, Cife, Centre International de Formation Européenne), February 17

Scientific presentations

- 2015 International Conference of Asia-Pacific Studies, National Sun Yat-Sen University, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, November 12-14
 'Chinese food at the Japanese table. Identity conflicts in regional food networks.'
- 2015 Meeting of the German-Japanese Society for Social Sciences, DIJ Tokyo, Japan, October 8-10
 'Self-responsibility and the individualization of food safety risk in Japanese society.'
- 2015 International workshop: 'Trusting the hand that feeds you', FOST Food Studies Network, Free University Brussels, Belgium, September 5-6
 'Appetite for the domestic. Food terrorism in Japan and recalibrating risk in media.'
- 2015 Japan Anthropology Workshop, JAWS, Bosphorus University, Istanbul, September 1-4
 'Consuming the nation. Converging interests for the local and the national behind the chisan chishô campaign' (with Hanno Jentsch, University of Duisburg-Essen)
- 2015 "Food, Feeding and Eating In and Out of Asia", Copenhagen University, Denmark, June 24-26
 'The rise of the Chinese 'food threat': An alternative account' (with Paul O'Shea, Aarhus University)
- 2015 International workshop: 'Consumer Advocacy and Food Safety in Asia', Freie Universität Berlin, Germany, May 18-19 (on invitation)
 'Hungry for ... *the Chinese food threat*? Changing Perceptions of imported Chinese food in Japan.'
- 2015 Guest-lecture for the course Modern Global History, City University of New York, USA, March 30
 'Consuming the nation. Japanese culinary nationalism and 'the Chinese food threat'.'
- 2015 AAS Conference, Chicago, USA, March 26-29 (Association of Asian Studies)
 'Polluting bilateral relations: the impact of China-related food incidents on Japanese risk perception.'
- 2015 NAJS Annual Conference, Lund University, Sweden, March 5-6 (Nordic Association of Japanese Studies)
 'The rise of the Chinese 'food threat': An alternative account' (with Paul O'Shea, Aarhus University)
- 2014 European Fall Academy, Europäische Akademie Otzenhausen (in cooperation with Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo), Germany, September 19
 Opening lecture: 'Getting integrated- (how) can Japan and China learn from the EU?'
- 2014 EAJS Conference, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia, Aug 26 - 30
 European Association for Japanese Studies
 'Of Poison and Pesticides. Behind the negative image of imported Chinese foods in Japan'

- 2014 Sino-Japanese Relations Research Network Conference, University of Leeds, Leeds, UK, July 8-9
Sino-Japanese Relations Research Network
- ‘A Sweet and Sour Aftertaste. Social and Political Dynamics in the Perception of Chinese Food in Japan.’
- 2014 Scientific Training Ghent University, Ghent, Belgium, February 25
- ‘Korean-Japanese relations: Conflict, controversy and cooperation’
- 2014 PhD Winter School, ‘Place based approaches in regional development’, Social Sciences Unit of the Institute for Agriculture and Fisheries Research (ILVO), Gent, Belgium, Feb 10-14
- ‘Local and national identity in governmental and non-governmental campaigns within the ‘local production and local consumption’ (*Chisan chishô*) framework in Japan’
- 2013 International Conference ITN CoHaB: Diasporic Constructions of Home and Belonging, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster, Germany, September 22-25
- ‘Post-Fukushima constructions of *furusato*: the case of Japanese nationals living in Belgium’
- 2013 European Fall Academy, Europäische Akademie Otzenhausen (in cooperation with Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo), September 21
- ‘Food safety challenges for Japan’
- 2013 International conference: Researching Japan in Social Sciences and Humanities, Polish Academy of Sciences, University of Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński in Warsaw, Warsaw University & Kozminski University, Warszawa, Poland, April 24-25
- ‘Japan Facing a Rising China: Implications on the Dynamics of Identity Formation. Food safety as a framework.’
- 2013 International workshop: China's Rise: Geopolitical Developments and Their Consequences for Global Stability, Ghent University, March 28
- ‘The rise of China and implications for Japanese national identity formation’
- 2013 European Spring Academy, Ghent University (in cooperation with Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto and Cife, Centre International de Formation Européenne), February 23
- ‘The EU’s Future in Asia: Challenges and Opportunities’
- 2012 European Fall Academy, Europäische Akademie Otzenhausen (in cooperation with Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo), Germany, September 21
- ‘Japan and China in the East Asian Region: Conflict, Competition or Cooperation?’
- 2012 European Spring Academy, Ghent University (in cooperation with Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto and Cife, Centre International de Formation Européenne), February 17
- ‘EU-Japan Security Relations: A matter of paper diplomacy or future potential?’

Scholarships and external funding

- 2014 PhD Winter School, 'Place based approaches in regional development', Social Sciences Unit of the Institute for Agriculture and Fisheries Research (ILVO), Gent, Belgium
- 2013 Funding by the Commission Scientific Research from Ghent University for a research stay at Kyushu University, Fukuoka, Japan
- 2013 EAJS Doctoral Workshop, Frankfurt University, funded by the European Association for Japanese Studies, March 7-9, selected for participation
- 2010 Scholarship by the Japanese Ministry of Education (*Monbukagakusho*) to study one year at Nagasaki University, Japan
- 2010 Summer School European Integration, Universitetet i Agder, Kristiansand, Norway, funded by the Jean Monnet Program, European Commission
- 2006 Scholarship by the Chinese Scholarship Council and the Flemish Government to study one year at Xiamen University, China
- 2005 Summer School Chinese Studies, Universidade do Minho, Braga, Portugal, funded by the European Association for Chinese Studies

Administrative responsibilities

Main administrative responsibilities at Ghent University

- General administrative tasks
- Assistance on bilateral agreements with partner universities in Japan (main responsible for Nagasaki University and Kyushu University)
- Organization of the European Spring Academy in Ghent, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015
- Organization of Japanese students visit (Kyushu University European Union Institute Japan, 2013, 2014; Ritsumeikan University, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015)
- Organization of and assistance on study tours to Japan study trip Ghent University in 2009, 2012, 2014
- Student counseling
- Information services regarding curricula in the Faculty of Philosophy and Arts on the occasion of the annual Study Information Days (SID-in's)
- Co-examiner for language courses
- Advising and grading Master dissertations and student papers

Public services

- Assistance on art project photography by Titus Simoens in China (Chinese translation), 2013
- Introductory presentation of *gagaku* orchestra *Kitanodai* concert, September 2011
- Interviews for newspapers and radio (e.g. Knack, De Standaard, De Morgen, Radio 2, etc.) on Japan, Sino-Japanese relations, the Triple Disaster of March 11, 2011, Japan-South Korea relations ...
- Translations for VRT (Belgian National Television – Flanders) (e.g. Café Corsari interview ballerina Aki Saito, Reizen Waes,...)

Teaching experience

1. Ghent University, 2011-2014

Courses during the summer term 2015

- Modern Japanese II
- Modern Japanese IV
- Modern Japanese VI

- Modern Japanese Society
- EU-East Asia Relations (Faculty of Political and Social Science)

Courses during the winter term 2014

- Modern Japanese I
- Modern Japanese III

Courses during the summer term 2014

- Modern Japanese II
- Modern Japanese IV
- Modern Japanese VI
- (in preparation: EU-East Asia Relations at the Faculty of Political and Social Science)

Courses during the winter term 2013

- Modern Japanese I
- Modern Japanese III

Courses during the summer term 2013

- Modern Japanese II
- Modern Japanese VI
- Modern Japanese Society

Courses during the winter term 2012

- Modern Japanese I
- Modern Japanese V

Courses during the summer term 2011

- Modern Japanese II
- Modern Japanese IV

2. *Ghent University, 2007-2008 (interim position)*

- Classical Chinese I
- Classical Chinese II

3. *CVO Roeselare, 2007-2009*

- Modern Chinese I
- Modern Chinese III