

Curriculum Vitae Baz Lecocq

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Education

2002 Ph.D., Amsterdam School for Social Science Research, Amsterdam University. Thesis title: *'That Desert is Our Country' - Tuareg Rebellions and Competing Nationalisms in Contemporary Mali (1946-1996)*. Primary Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Bonno Thoden van Velzen. Secondary Supervisor: Dr. Robert Ross.

2000 Diplôme approfondi de langue française – DALF. French government language certificate indicating academic proficiency in French.

1995 M.A., African history, Leiden University. Thesis title: *Politieke eenheid en verdeeldheid in de postkoloniale geschiedenis van de Toeareg in Mali (1957-1994)*. First reader: Dr. Robert Ross. Second reader: Prof. Dr. Robert Buijtenhuijs.

1994-1995 Graduate studies, Leiden University. African History, Islamology, Berber Languages, Arabic.

1993-1994 Erasmus exchange student, INALCO Paris. Berber Languages (DEUG & Licence level), Sociology of Religion (DEA level), History of Islam in Africa (Maîtrise level).

1991-1993 Undergraduate studies, Leiden University. Arabic, African History, Islamology.

1991 Propedeuse History, Leiden University.

1990 Propedeuse Sociale Academie, Haagse Hogeschool.

Work Experience

2007- Senior Lecturer (ZAP II) in African History, Department of History, Ghent University.

2003-2007 *Research Fellow at Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin, within the project Translocality in the Sahel and Sahara, funded by Deutsche Forschungs Gemeinschaft (DFG).*

2003 Lecturer (UD) in African History, Department of African Languages and Cultures, Leiden University.

Grants and honours

2011-2012 Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Fellowship for Experienced Researchers. The fellowship provides for a nine month research sabbatical spent at the Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin.

2011 Guest of the Director at the International Research Center "Work and Human Life Cycle in Global History", Humboldt Universität Berlin.

2010 Flemish Research Council (FWO) Short-Stay Travel Grant (Krediet Kort Verblijf Buitenland) to do archive research in Niamey, Niger.

2009 Inter-University Mobility Grant, Ghent University, to promote collaboration between Ghent University and the University of the Western Cape, Capetown South Africa.

2005 Dutch Organization for Scientific Research (NWO) Innovational Research Incentives – Vidi Grant, to fund part of my research into the history of the hajj in West Africa as a guest researcher within the African Studies Centre Research programme 'ICE in Africa: The relation between people and the Internal Combustion Engine in Africa', headed by Dr. Jan-Bart Gewald.

1997-2001 Ph.D. Grant at the Amsterdam School for Social Science Research. The grant provided a monthly stipend, plus research funding for fieldwork in Africa.

2000 Dutch Organization for Scientific Research (NWO) Travel Grant. The grant funded two months of archive research in Paris and Aix-en-Provence archives.

1998 Centre National des Recherches Scientifiques (CNRS) Grant for Visiting Researchers

- in France. The grant funded two months of archive research in Aix-en-Provence.
- 1997 Dutch Organization for Scientific Research (NWO) Travel Grant. The grant provided funding for two months of archive research in Mali.
- 1996 Master Class Fellowship at the School for African, Asian and Amerindian Studies CNWS, Leiden University. The grant provided a stipend and office space for six months to develop my Ph.D. proposal.
- 1995 Visiting Fellow, Centre for Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, Bergen University. The director of the Centre, Dr. Knut Vikør, invited me to join the Centre as Visiting Fellow for a period of two months to develop my Ph.D. proposal.
- 1993-1994 Erasmus Grant for European Academic Integration.

Relevant Websites

Personal professional website Ghent University:

www.ccc.ugent.be/bazlecoq

Research Group website Ghent University:

www.ccc.ugent.be/

Website IGK Re:Work Berlin

<http://www2.hu-berlin.de/arbeit/gast-des-direktors.html>

Websites on research at ZMO Berlin:

www.zmo.de/forschung/projekte_2004_2005/translokalitaet.html

www.zmo.de/forschung/projekte_2006/translokalitaet.html

Website on the ICE in Africa research project at ASC Leiden

www.ascleiden.nl/Research/ConnectionsAndTransformationsSubprogramme2.aspx

My Ph.D. manuscript can be downloaded at

<http://dare.uva.nl/document/65898>

H-West Africa website, of which I am one of the editors

<http://www.h-net.org/~wafrika/>

Academia.edu site

<http://ugent.academia.edu/BazLecocq>

I am on LinkedIN under 'Baz Lecocq'

Publications

Book

- 2010 *Disputed Desert: Decolonisation, Competing Nationalisms and Tuareg Rebellions in Mali*. (Leiden, Brill Academic Publishers, Afrika-Studiecentrum Series).

Peer reviewed Articles and Book Sections

- 2014 (forthcoming) 'Distant Shores: a Historiographic View on the Sahel Sahara Divide', *Journal of African History*
- 2014 (Forthcoming) 'About a Cock that Scratched the Sand: Border Disputes and Nationalism in the Late Colonial Sahara', in, Camille Lefebvre and Séverine Awenengo (eds.), *Borders and Independence in Africa*. London: Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2014 (Forthcoming) -, G. Klute, 'Tuareg Separatism in Mali and Niger', in, Wolfgang Zeller and Jordi Thomas (eds.), *Secessionism in Africa*. London: Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2013 'Mali: This is only the Beginning', *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs* summer/fall, 59-69.
- 2013 -, G. Mann, B. Whitehouse, D. Badi, L. Pelckmans, N. Belalimat, B. Hall, W. Lacher, 'One Hippopotamus and Eight Blind Analysts: A Multivocal Analysis of the 2012 Political Crisis in the Divided Republic of Mali', *Review of African Political Economy* 40-137, 343-357.
- 2012 'The Hajj From West Africa From a Global Historical Perspective (19th and 20th Centuries)', *African Diaspora* 5-2, 187-214.
- 2010 'Tuareg City Blues – Cultural Capital in a Global Cosmopole', in, Anja Fischer and Ines Kohl (eds.), *Tuareg Society Within a Globalized World: Saharan Life in Transition*. London: I.B. Tauris Press, 41-58.
- 2007 -, G. Mann, 'Between Empire, *umma*, and Muslim Third World: The French Union and African Pilgrims to Mecca, 1946-1958', *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East* 27-2, 167-183.
- 2007 -, P. Schrijver, 'The War on Terror in a Haze of Dust – Potholes and Pitfalls on the Saharan Front', *Journal of Contemporary African Studies* 25-1, 141-166.
- 2005 'The Bellah Question: Slave Emancipation, Race and Social Categories in Late Twentieth-Century Northern Mali', *Canadian Journal of African Studies* 39-3, 42-67.
- 2004 'Unemployed Intellectuals in the Sahara: The Teshumara Nationalist Movement and the

- Revolutions in Tuareg Society', in Baud, M., R. Rutten (eds.), *Popular Intellectuals and Social Movements: Framing Protest in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. International Review of Social History* 49-supplement 12, 87-109.
- 2003 'From Colonialism to Keita: Comparing Pre- and Post-Independence Regimes (1946-1968)', *Mande Studies* 5, 29-48.
- 2003 'This Country is Your Country: Territory, Borders and Decentralisation in Tuareg Politics', *Itinerario: European Journal of Overseas Histories*, 27-1, 58-78.

Non peer reviewed Articles and Book Sections

- 2013 —, G. Klute, 'Tuareg Separatism in Mali', *International Journal: Canada's Journal of Global Policy Analysis* 68-4, 1-11.
- 2013 Georg Klute, —, 'Separatistische Bestrebungen der Tuareg in Mali', in, Hofbauer, Martin and Philipp Münch (eds.), *Wegweiser zur Geschichte: Mali*. Paderborn: Ferdinand Schöningh, 123-137.
- 2013 'Northern Mali: A long and complicated conflict', *Zf Mitteilungen* 3, 21-26.
- 2011 'Keita, Modibo', in, Akyeampong, E., H. Gates (eds.) *Dictionary of African Biography*, vol. 3, 1st edition (Oxford University Press), 325-27.
- 2009 'Mali,' Sagar, D. (ed.), *Political Parties of the World*, 7th edition (John Harper), 380-82.
- 2009 'Mauritania', Sagar, D. (ed.), *Political Parties of the World*, 7th edition (John Harper), 385-87.
- 2009 'Niger', in, Sagar, D. (ed.), *Political Parties of the World*, 7th edition (John Harper), 434-36.
- 2007 Erik Bähre, —, 'The Drama of Development: The Skirmishes Behind High Modernist Schemes in Africa', *African Studies* 66-1, 1-8.
- 2006 —, P. Schrijver, 'De oorlog tegen terreur', *Zemzem – Tijdschrift over het Midden-Oosten, Noord Afrika, en islam* 2-3, 55-61.
- 2005 'Mali', Szajkowski, B. (ed.), *Political Parties of the World*, 6th edition (John Harper), 402-04. B2
- 2005 'Niger', in, Szajkowski, B. (ed.), *Political Parties of the World*, 6th edition (John Harper), 446-47.
- 2004 'Mali', in, Szajkowski, B. (ed.), *Revolutionary and Dissident Movements of the World*, 6th edition (John Harper), 312-13.
- 2004 'Niger', in, Szajkowski, B. (ed.), *Revolutionary and Dissident Movements of the World* (John Harper), 358-59.
- 2003 —, Gregory Mann, 'Writing histories of an African post-colony, Modibo Keita's Mali, 1960-1968', *Mande Studies* 5, 1-8.
- 2002 'Fieldwork ain't always fun - Public and hidden discourse on fieldwork', *History in Africa - A Journal of Method* 29, 273-282.
- 1999 'Het conflict tussen de Toareg en de staat in Mali', *Midden-Oosten Tijdschrift Soera*, 7-3/4. A3
- 1996 'L'arbre du Tenere', *De Baobab, tijdschrift van Afrika-Stichting De Baobab*, 12-1.
- 1996 'Origins and causes of the conflict between state and Tuareg-society in Mali', *Saharan Studies Association - Newsletter*, 4-2.
- 1996 'Teshumara: waar werkloze jongeren toe in staat zijn', *De Baobab, tijdschrift van Afrika-Stichting De Baobab*, 12-2.

Book Reviews

- 2012 Hall, B., *A History of Race in Muslim West Africa (1600-1960)* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press); in *Islamic Africa* 2012, 3-2.
- 2012 Pelckmans, L. *Travelling hierarchies: Roads in and out of slave status in a Central Malian Fulbe network* (Leiden: African Studies Centre, 2011); in *NVAS Newsletter* 2012, 2.
- 2011 Grémont, Ch. *Les Touaregs Iwellemmedan (1647-1896)* (Karthala, 2010); in *Politique africaine*, 121.
- 2011 Olivier de Sardan, J-P, and M Tidjani Alou (eds.), *Les pouvoirs locaux au Niger. Tome 1: À la veille de la décentralisation* (CODESRIA Karthala 2009); in *Africa* 81-3.
- 2010 Lydon, G. *On Trans-Saharan Trails: Islamic Law, Trade Networks, and Cross-Cultural Exchange in Nineteenth-Century Western Africa* (Cambridge University Press 2009); in *The Journal of African History*, 51-1.
- 2008 Soares, B. (ed.), *Muslim-Christian Encounters in Africa* (Brill 2006); in *The Journal of African History*, 49-2.
- 2003 Hunwick, J., Troutt Pouwels, E., *The African Diaspora in the Mediterranean Lands of Islam* (Princeton 2002); in *Midden-Oosten Tijdschrift Soera*, XI-1.
- 2001 Levtzion, N., J. Pouwels (eds.), *The History of Islam in Africa* (Athens 2001); in *Midden-Oosten Tijdschrift Soera*, IX-2.

2001 Ike Udogu, E. (ed)., *The Issue of Political Ethnicity in Africa* (Ashgate 2001); in *The Global Review of Ethnopolitics* I-1.

Academic Blogs and op eds

- 2013, June 12 'Hot Spot Mali: Serval in the Sahara'
<http://production.culanth.org/fieldsights/329-serval-in-the-sahara>
- 2013, May 14 'Mali: Which way forward?', African Arguments
<http://africanarguments.org/2013/05/14/mali-which-way-forward-a-chat-with-bruce-hall-baz-lecocq-gregory-mann-and-bruce-whitehouse/>
- 2013, January 26 'De vage grenzen van de oorlog in Mali', *De Standaard*
- 2012, July 11 'Salafisten wilden einde aan vakanties in Timboektoe', *NRC Handelsblad*
- 2012, July 7 'Timboektoe is meer dan verwoest erfgoed', *De Standaard*
- 2012, April 5 'Mali – How bad can it get?', African Arguments
<http://africanarguments.org/2012/04/05/mali-how-bad-can-it-get-a-conversation-with-isaie-dougnon-bruce-hall-baz-lecocq-gregory-mann-and-bruce-whitehouse/>
- 2012, April 5 'Northern Mali – The things we assume', E-International Relations
<http://www.e-ir.info/2012/04/05/northern-mali-the-things-we-assume/>
- 2012, March 30 'Mali – The Hot Season is Coming', African Arguments
<http://africanarguments.org/2012/03/30/mali-the-hot-season-is-coming-by-baz-lecocq/>
- 2012, Feb. 28 'The Tuareg: Between Armed Uprising And Drought', African Arguments
<http://africanarguments.org/2012/02/28/the-tuareg-between-armed-uprising-and-drought-baz-lecocq-and-nadia-belalimat/>
- 2011, October 31 'Global Insider: Tuareg Rebel Groups', World Politics Review
<http://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/trend-lines/10508/global-insider-tuareg-rebel-groups>

Editorial Work

- 2011 Editor H-West Africa (Part of H-Net Humanities and Social Sciences Online)
- 2007 Erik Bähre, —, Guest Editors, *The Drama of African Development: The state, conflict, and modernization in the 20th century*, *African Studies* 66-1.
- 2003 —, Gregory Mann, Guest Editors, *Modibo Keita's Mali: 1960-1968*, *Mande Studies* 5.

Papers and Presentations (* invited speaker)

- 2013 *'Mali and the Sahel'. The Amsterdam Dialogue 2013, Amsterdam 11 October.
- 2013 *'Competing Nationalisms and National Independence in Africa: the Malian Example'. International Workshop The Comparative History of Political Engagement in Western and African Societies, Pretoria 7-8 September.
- 2013 'Competing Nationalisms and National Independence: An Example from the Sahara'. Panel 'African nationalisms as subjects of historical research', 5th European Conference on African Studies, Lisbon, 26-28 June.
- 2013 *'A Rough Guide to Politics in Northern Mali'. Conference Time for a Different Approach to Terror in Africa?, Observatoire de l'Afrique – Institute for European Studies – Egmont Stichting, Brussels 18 June.
- 2013 *'Mali: Origins and development of a conflict with global dimensions'. Öffentlicher Vortrag, Zentrum für interdisziplinäre Forschung, Bielefeld 4 June.
- 2013 *'Mali: an attempt at some sensible comments on whatever the current development is...'. Conference Mali in Transition, SOAS, London 29-30 May.
- 2013 *'The Awad El Djouh Case: Slave Trade, decolonisation, and the dynamics of post-slavery in late colonial Soudan Français'. Institut für Asien- und Afrikawissenschaften, Humboldt Universität, Berlin 29 April.
- 2013 *'Mali. Political Developments in a Former Poster Child Democracy: Abyss or Reconstruction?'. Africa Days of the Centre for Africa Studies, University of West Bohemia, Plzen 10-11 April.
- 2013 *'Mali: Past, Present, Foreseeable Future'. Universität Leipzig Centre for Area Studies, Leipzig 09 April.
- 2013 *'Mali: This is only the Beginning'. Conference The Sahel Crisis: Where do European and African Perspectives meet?, Observatoire de l'Afrique – Institute for European Studies – Egmont Stichting, Brussels 27 February.
- 2013 *'Mali-Azawad: History, Present, Immediate Future'. Cambridge University Centre of African Studies African Studies Seminar, Cambridge 25 February.
- 2012 *'North Mali'. Seminar Sezession und internationale Ordnung, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Wesseling 28-30 September.
- 2012 *'Lines of Conflict in the Sahel zone: origins, interests and impacts'. Conference Developments récents au Sahel: enjeux et défis pour la sécurité régionale et internationale, Institut Royale des Etudes Stratégiques, Rabat 10 September.

- 2012 *'The Slave trade to Mecca in the 20th Century'. Workshop Slavery and Freedom in Africa and Beyond: Sources, Silences and Methodology, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, Berlin 28-29 June.
- 2012 'The Awad El Djouh Case: Slave Trade, decolonisation, and the dynamics of post-slavery in late colonial Soudan Français'. Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin 28 June.
- 2012 'African History and Global History'. Round Table African and Global History, 1st CRG Biannual Africa History Conference, Paris 15 June.
- 2012 'The Awad El Djouh Case: Slave Trade, decolonisation, and the dynamics of post-slavery in late colonial Soudan Français'. Conference CAS@50: Cutting Edges and Retrospectives, Edinburgh Centre for African Studies, Edinburgh, 5-8 June.
- 2012 *'The Tuareg: between armed uprising and drought'. Conference Rebels, Terrorists and Refugees: Focus on the current crisis in the Sahel, Roskilde University, Roskilde, 21-22 May.
- 2011 *'The Awad El Djouh Affair: Slave Trade, Media and Decolonisation in the Mid Twentieth Century'. Leipzig University Centre for Area Studies, Leipzig, 7 December.
- 2011 'Competing Nationalisms and National Independence in Africa: Who Felt Independent and Who Did Not?'. Panel '(II-2) Re-examining the Liberation Struggle Through Gender and Identity Politics', ASA, 54th Annual Meeting, Washington DC, 17 November.
- 2011 *'Disputed Desert: Race and Decolonization in the Sahara'. Columbia University Seminar on Contemporary Africa, Columbia University, New York, 15 November.
- 2011 *'The Awad El Djouh Affair: Slave Trade, Media and Decolonisation in the Mid Twentieth Century'. Cambridge University Center of African Studies African Studies Seminar, Cambridge, 7 November.
- 2011 *'Keynote: The Sahara Today'. Workshop The Sahara Today, University of Capetown, Capetown, 8-9 September.
- 2011 'Historical Fieldwork on War in Tuareg Society'. Panel 'Anthropologists and War in the Field: A Problematic Undertaking', 4th European Conference on African Studies, Uppsala, 15-18 June.
- 2011 'Cultural Capital in a Global Cosmopole'. Panel ' Liberating Africa from the Globalization Ghetto: Cultural Politics', 4th European Conference on African Studies, Uppsala, 15-18 June.
- 2010 *'Belonging is out of place: The trade in West Africa and the abolition of slavery in Saudi Arabia: 1940-1962', Workshop 'Out of place' or 'Belonging'? Exile, Hijra and Community, ZMO, Berlin, 1-2 July.
- 2010 *'About a cock that scratched the sand and drew its marks: Saharan borders around independence'. Conference Frontières et Indépendance en Afrique, CEMAF, Paris, 21-22 May.
- 2010 *'Le Voyage à la Mecque à Partir du Niger'. Université Populaire de Niamey/Université Abdou Moumouni, Niamey, 16 March.
- 2010 *'The Hajj: Changes in the Pilgrimage from West Africa in the 19th and 20th Centuries'. The Abassi Program in Islamic Studies' and The Center for African Studies' Africa Table Lecture Series, Stanford University, Palo Alto, 20 January.
- 2009 'The hajj from West Africa in the 20th century'. Belgian Association for African studies, Tervuren, 12 December.
- 2009 *'Doing research among the Tuareg in Northern Mali'. University of Cape Town, History Department, Cape Town, 23 September.
- 2009 *'About a cock that scratched the sand and drew its marks: Saharan borders in the late 1950s'. University of Western Cape, Centre for Humanities Research' Tuesday Seminar, Cape Town, 22 September.
- 2009 'About a cock that scratched the sand and drew its marks: Saharan borders in the late 1950s'. 3rd ABORNE conference, Johannesburg, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, 10-12 September.
- 2009 'The slave trade to Mecca from West Africa in the mid 20th century'. Panel 'The transformation of power relations in the social, religious and economic recompositions of North- and West-African societies', 3rd European Conference on African Studies, Leipzig, 4-7 June.
- 2009 ' The slave trade to Saudi Arabia in the 20th century: facts and fictions'. Conference Tales of Slaves: Narratives of Slavery, the Slave Trade and Enslavement Conference, Toronto University, 20-23 May.
- 2008 'The impact of motorised transport on the Hajj from West Africa'. 2nd GAP Symposium, Ghent, 16 December.
- 2008 'The Hajj from West Africa in the 19th and 20th centuries'. 2nd ABORNE conference,

- Bayreuth, Dept. of Anthropology Bayreuth University, 26-27 July.
- 2008 'Menager la chevre et le chou – Desert Agriculture and the Postcolonial Mission Civilisatrice in Mali's Grand Nord'. Panel 'Local Histories of Independence in Mali', 7th International Conference on Mande Studies, Lisbon, 23-27 June.
- 2007 *'Tuareg City Blues – Cultural Capital in a Global Cosmopole'. Conference Tuareg Moving Global, Vienna, Austrian Academy of Sciences, 31 Mai- 2 June.
- 2005 'The Influences of Motorized Transport on the Hajj from West Africa in the 20th century'. 1st European Conference of African Studies, London, 29 June – 03 July.
- 2005 *'Grievance over greed-models: The applicability of an economic model on rebellions and civil war'. The 2005 Gwendolyn M. Carter Conference 'States of Violence' – The conduct of war in Africa, University of Florida, Gainesville, 17-19 March.
- 2004 'The Drama of development in Northern Mali - civilising the Tuareg', Panel Comparing the state in Africa: the drama of modern development at the 3rd International Conference "Hierarchy And Power in the History Of Civilizations", Moscow, Russia, 18-21 June 2004, and Ethnologisches Kolloquium, Fachbereich Ethnologie, Bayreuth University, 29 June.
- 2004 *'Modern Tuareg Migrations', The Sahara: Past, Present & Future, Saharatec Conference, University of East Anglia, 22-24 June.
- 2002 *'"This country is your country" - Territorial boundaries and decentralisation in Tuareg Politics'. Freie Universität Berlin Institut für Ethnologie Lecture Series 'Informalität als Thema der Anthropologie und Politologie II', Berlin, 27 November.
- 2002 *'La deuxième partition de l'Afrique (1956-1960): Essais de retracement des frontières sahariennes, et revendications territoriaux. Quelques questions sur les possibilités et impossibilités de recherche future'. Conférence Relations transsahariennes aux 20^{ième} et 21^{ième} siècles - Réorganisations et revitalisations d'un espace transrégional, Humboldt Universität Berlin, Zentrum Moderner Orient, 10-12 October.
- 2001 *'Grievance over greed-models: The applicability of an economic model on rebellions and civil war'. Seminar Revolt and Resistance in African History - Reinterpreting their Significance in Africa's Past and Present, Africa-Studies Centre, Leiden 12 October.
- 2000 'Fieldwork - Fun or F..? Public and hidden discourses on fieldwork'. Seminar Fieldwork ain't always fun, Amsterdam University, 16 December.
- 2000 '"Nos petits nomades"- the Tuareg and the Keita regime, Mali 1960-1968'. Panel Modibo Keita's Mali 1960-1968-2000, ASA 43rd annual meeting, Nashville Tennessee, 18 November.
- 2000 *'A wildlife reserve for anthropologists" - The influence of stereotypes on Nation Building projects in Northern Mali (1960 - 1968). PAS bag lunch seminars, Northwestern University, 15 November.
- 2000 *'A wildlife reserve for anthropologists" - The influence of stereotypes on Nation Building projects in Northern Mali (1960 - 1968). Department of African Studies lecture series, Columbia University, 21 November.
- 2000 "This country is your country" - Territory, boundaries and decentralisation in Kel Tamasheq politics, the case of the Tamesna'. ASSR Staff Seminar Lectures Series, Amsterdam University, 9 May.
- 2000 'Local concepts of history - their influence on research, analysis and presentation'. Dutch Asia Work in Progress lecture series, Amsterdam University, 18 January.
- 1998 'A counter elite, the example of Alla ag Albachir and his band'. Table-ronde Savoirs et pouvoirs au Sahara. Formations et transformations des élites du monde nomade. L'exemple touareg, IREMAM, Aix-en-Provence, 18-19 September.
- 1996 'Tuareg ethno-nationalism - combining differing theoretical approaches'. Erasmus International Graduate Students Intensive Course 'Ethnicity in Africa', Université de Louvain-la-Neuve, 11-15 March.
- 1995 *'An overview of Tuareg dissidence in Mali and Niger - constructing unity and faction making within the Mouvement pour la Liberation de l'Azawad'. Guest Lecture, Centre for Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, Bergen, Norway 16 December.

Research Experience

- 2010 Archive research in Niamey on the pilgrimage to Mecca from *Afrique Occidentale française* and the post-colonial republic of Niger.
- 2009 Archive research in the Archives Diplomatiques de France, Nantes, on pilgrimage to Mecca from *Afrique Occidentale française*, the creation of the OCSR, and the slave trade from Africa to the Middle East in the 20th century.
- 2004-2005 Fieldwork and archive research, Mali and Niger. Participant observation research among various households in larger urban centres in Mali and Niger (Agadez,

- Bamako and Niamey) to record recent changes in marriages strategies, consumption patterns and attitudes towards (manual) labour among urban-based Tuareg. Archive research in Niamey and Bamako focussed especially on migrations of Tuareg populations to the Middle East and the history of the hajj from *l'Afrique Occidentale française*.
- 1998-1999 Fieldwork and archive research, Mali. Three months in Bamako and eight months in Northern Mali, notably the region Kidal and Gao, to gather data on the Tuareg rebellions of the 1960s and 1990s. This research included archive research in local and national archives; the collection of poetry, 'pop songs' and other forms of oral literature; interviews with historical actors and local historians; and participant observation.
- 1998 Archive research, France, Archives Nationales – Section Outre-Mer in Aix-en-Provence to collect data on the process of decolonisation in *Afrique Occidentale française*.
- 1997 Fieldwork and archive research, Mali, Archives Nationales du Mali, Bamako, to study the colonial administration of northern Mali, the decolonisation process in Mali and the accessible collection on the early post-colonial period, notably newspapers. Interviews with historical actors, notably Tuareg political leaders and former members of the first post colonial US-RDA government.
- 1996 Fieldwork, Mali. Short fieldwork in northern Mali to make contacts and to study the possibility of research on the Tuareg rebellions. As the second rebellion had just formally ended that year, research possibilities were restricted.
- 1994 Fieldwork and archive research, Paris France. Research for my MA thesis on the Tuareg rebellion in Mali among the Tuareg community in France and in the archives of the *Service Historique de l'Armée de Terre*.

Conference Organisation

- 2013 Panel "African nationalisms as subjects of historical research". Co-organized with Prof. Dr. Miles Larmer, University of Sheffield, at the 5th European Conference on African Studies, Lisbon, 26-28 June.
- 2012 Round Table "African and Global History". Co-organized with Prof. Dr. Andreas Eckert, Humboldt University Berlin, at the 1st Biannual CRG African History Conference, Centre d'études des mondes africains, Paris, 15 June.
- 2012 Conference 1st Biannual CRG African History Conference. Co-organized with Dr. Camille Lefebvre, CEMAf Paris, and Prof. Dr. Odile Goerg, SEDET Paris, at the Centre d'études des mondes africains, Paris, 15-16 June.
- 2012 Panel "African Post Slavery Societies: Practice, Discourse and Memory from the 19th to 21st century". Co-organized with Prof. Dr. Eric Hahonou, Roskilde University at the CAS@50 conference, Edinburgh Center for African Studies, Edinburgh, 7 June.
- 2011 Workshop "The Sahara Today". Co-organized with Prof. Dr. Shamil Jeppie, University of Capetown, at the Centre for Humanities in Africa at University of Capetown, Capetown, 8 and 9 September.
- 2008 Conference GAPsym II, Gents Africa Platform Annual Symposium, held at the Koninklijke Akademie voor Taal en Letterkunde, Gent, 16 December.
- 2005 Conference "Entre ville et désert - Mobilité, activités et urbanité dans l'espace Sahara-Sahel". Co-organized with Drs. Elisabeth Boesen and Laurence Marfaing held at the Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin, 8 and 10 December.
- 2003 Panel "Comparing the State in Africa: The Drama of Modern Development". Co-organized with Dr. Erik Bähre, Leiden University at the Third International Conference on 'Hierarchy and Power in the History of Civilisations' organized by the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, June 3.
- 2004 Panel "Modibo Keita's Mali". Co-organized with Prof. Dr. Gregory Mann, Columbia University, at the 5th International Conference on Mande Studies, Leiden, June 12.
- 2000 Panel "Modibo Keita's Mali". Co-organized with Prof. Dr. Gregory Mann, Columbia University, at the 43rd ASA Conference, Nashville, November 17.
- 2000 Panel "Fieldwork ain't always fun: method, professional and personal implications of fieldwork in dangerous and violent environments". Co-organized with Drs. Erik Bähre and Anouk de Koning at the Amsterdam School for Social Science Research, Amsterdam, December.

Courses developed and taught

- 'Global developments in Historical Perspective: the World of Islam'. BA3 level lecture course.

Ghent University.

- 'Identities and politics in Africa'. MA level research seminar course. Ghent University.
- 'The history of ideas and institutions of power in Africa'. MA level course. Leiden and Ghent Universities.
- 'Introduction to the history of Islam in Africa'. MA level course. Leiden University.
- 'Contemporary African History'. BA 3 level research seminar. Ghent University.
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- 'African History, an introduction'. BA 1 and BA2 level lecture course. Leiden University.

PhD's under supervision

- Boonen, Sofie: City, architecture and colonial space in Matadi and Lubumbashi, Congo. A historical analysis from a translocal perspective (Co-Promotor, Promotor J. Lagae, FWO funded, to be defended 2013)
- Deroo, Bastiaan: (Ugent, Promotor, Ugent funded assistant position, to be defended 2016)
- Frede, Britta: Shaykhani (Manna Abba ibn Muhammad at-Tulba, 1908-1986) und die Erneuerung der Tijaniyya Mauretaniens (ZMO Berlin, Co-Promotor, Promotor U. Freitag, DFG funded, defended Summa Cum Laude 13-02-2011)
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| 2008-2009 | Coordinator of the African Languages and Cultures studies programme, Ghent University. |
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| 2008-2001 | Member of the daily board of the Gent Afrika Platform GAP, Ghent University
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| 1997 | Editor of the Leiden University African Studies Program Manual. |
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- ABORNE, African Borderlands Research Network (Edinburgh, UK, "Chief Belgium")
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- Amicale des Sahariens le Rahla (Paris, France)
- Association des Historiens du Mali (Bamako, Mali)
- Communities Comparisons Connections, Ghent University (Ghent, Belgium)
- Collective Research Group African History (AEGIS subgroup) (Ghent, Belgium, Founder)
- Gents Afrika Platform, Ghent University (Ghent, Belgium, Member Daily Board)
- Institut des Sciences Humaines (Bamako, Mali, Affiliated Researcher)
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Languages

- Arabic Basic
- Dutch Native speaker

- English Fluent
- French Fluent
- German Good
- Tamasheq Good

Hobbies

Yes, I do have some, and even some time to practice them.

- Tai Chi
- Traveling
- Shopping for clothes and books
- (Guerrilla) Gardening
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