



Maud Martens

DOCTORAL RESEARCHER

Maud Martens (she/her) is a doctoral researcher at the Migration Law Research Group (MIGR) and a member of the interfaculty Centre for the Social Study of Migration and Refugees (CESSMIR). Her research interests cover forced migration, asylum and migration policy and solidarity movements.

CONTACT DETAILS

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LANGUAGES

Dutch: mother tongue
English: fluent
French: fluent
German: basic

ICT PROFICIENCY

Microsoft Office
SPSS
Photoshop & Canva
CiviCRM

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Doctoral researcher

Ghent University | February 2022 - present

- Doctoral thesis: Lost in Transit: Deconstructing the il/legalization of migrants dwelling in European 'transit zones'.

Communication lead & campaign worker

Vrede vzw | February 2020 - January 2022

- Responsible for websites, newsletters, social media, graphic design, promotion
- Coordination of volunteers at events, lectures and protests
- Advocacy work for a nuclear-free Belgium

Event planner

Vluchtelingenwerk Vlaanderen | August 2019 - October 2019

- Organizing the yearly Refugee Walk to raise funds in support of refugees in Flanders
- Coordination of over 100 volunteers

EDUCATION

Master Conflict & Development

Ghent University | 2018 - 2019 | Magna cum laude

- Master's thesis: Contesting Neutrality. Humanitarian activism in the wake of the Calais jungle.
- Fieldwork with female peacebuilders in Nairobi, Kenya

Master Political Sciences

Free University of Brussels | 2016 - 2018 | Magna cum laude

- Master's thesis: The EU's migration partnerships with third countries: An analysis of the migration-development nexus.
- Bachelor's thesis: Active citizenship curriculum: Citizenship education in Flanders' public education.
- Intern at the board of Flanders' public education (Raad GO!), Brussels
- Erasmus exchange at the University of Bergen, Norway

Bachelor Educational Sciences

Catholic University of Leuven | 2013 - 2016 | Cum laude

- Bachelor's thesis: Refugees in the OKAN-classes: the role of stories, dreams and leisure time.

PUBLICATIONS

Academic

Martens, M., Adam, I., & Trauner, F. (2020). The Migration-Development Nexus in Selected African States: Is the Implementation of EU Migration Policies Development-Friendly? In G. Rayp, I. Ruysen, & K. Marchand (Eds.), *Regional Integration and Migration Governance in the Global South* (pp. 201-215). Cham, Switzerland: Springer.

Non-academic

Martens, M. (2021). Frontex heeft zich ontwikkeld tot een oncontroleerbaar beest. Published at www.vrede.be

Martens, M. (2021). Stop de oorlog tegen migranten. Published at www.vrede.be

Martens, M. (2021). Sociale bewegingen worden het zwijgen opgelegd. Published at www.vrede.be

AWARDS

Best Bachelor's thesis in Political Sciences, 2017, Free University of Brussels

LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS

'Non-violent action in Belgium vs. Belarus', Workshop for high school students at the European Parliament, Brussels

'Nuclear weapons in Belgium', Workshop for high school students, Lokeren

'Nuclear weapons in Belgium', Workshop for high school students, Turnhout

'The migration-development nexus in selected African states: is the implementation of EU migration policies development-friendly?', Presentation at the UNU-CRIS book launch webinar

'Why the Nuclear Ban Treaty matters?', Webinar Vrede vzw

'How to integrate stories, dreams and leisure time in the classroom?', Workshop for teachers in OKAN-classes, Leuven

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES

Utopia56, Choose Love & l'Auberge des Migrants | July 2018 - July 2019

Humanitarian support for asylum seekers and refugees in Calais and Dunkirk

Undivided Student Group | January 2018 - June 2018

Advocacy for a strong diversity policy at the university

Amnesty Bergen Student Group | August 2017 - December 2017

Organizing lectures and petitions at the University of Bergen, Norway

Caritas Greece Day Centre | July 2017 - August 2017

Humanitarian support for asylum seekers and refugees in Athens

Vluchtelingenwerk Vlaanderen | February 2017 - July 2017

Sharing information about the asylum and migration policy in Belgium