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Research interests: Global climate governance, the Paris Agreement, waste governance, research methods, content analysis

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Languages

Dutch (native)	<div><div></div></div>
English (C2)	<div><div></div></div>
French (B1)	<div><div></div><div></div></div>
German (A2)	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>



Skills

Office	<div><div></div></div>
Obsidian	<div><div></div></div>
R	<div><div></div><div></div></div>
NVivo	<div><div></div><div></div></div>
SPSS	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>
Python	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>



Academic positions

Nov 2021 –
Nov 2025

FWO fundamental research fellow

Ghent University, GIES, Supervisor: Prof. dr. Thijs Van de Graaf

“Understanding the drivers and constraints of climate ambition: a study of the pledge-and-review mechanism under the Paris Agreement”

Oct 2020 –
Oct 2021

Teaching assistant

Ghent University, Ghent Institute for International and European Studies

Feb 2020 –
Jul 2020

Academic intern for Prof. dr. Hendrik Vos

Ghent University, Centre For EU-Studies



Education

Jan 2020 –
Jul 2021

MSc EU-Studies – Ghent University

Summa cum laude

Jan 2016 –
Jul 2019

BSc Political Science – Ghent University

Cum laude



Publications

Peer-reviewed:

- Van Coppenolle, H. (2025). The Power of Peers: A spatial analysis of nationally determined contributions. *Climate Policy*, 1–14. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14693062.2025.2489738>
- Bertram, C., & Van Coppenolle, H. (2024). Strengthening the Paris Agreement through trade? The potential and limitations of EU preferential trade agreements for climate governance. *International Environmental Agreements: Politics, Law and Economics*, 24, 589–610. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10784-024-09653-x>
- Van Coppenolle, H., Blondeel, M., & Van de Graaf, T. (2023). Reframing the climate debate: The origins and diffusion of net zero pledges. *Global Policy*, 14(1), 48-60. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1758-5899.13161>

Edited volumes:

- Van Coppenolle, H., Taghon, S., Bougrea, A., & Haesebrouck, T. (Eds.). (2023). The Global Energy Crisis. GIES Occasional Paper (Vol. 2). <https://biblio.ugent.be/publication/01GSQ13TWEXF9G4E54N9G2BVR8>.
- Haesebrouck, T., Taghon, S., & Van Coppenolle, H. (Eds.). (2022). *The War in Ukraine*. GIES Occasional Paper (Vol. 1). <https://biblio.ugent.be/publication/8751754>.

Reviews:

- Van Coppenolle, H. (2023). Edith Brown Weiss: Establishing Norms in a Kaleidoscopic World. *International Environmental Agreements: Politics, Law and Economics*, 23(1), 99-101. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10784-022-09590-7>

Work in progress:

Under review:

“Coding data in Qualitative Content Analysis and Grounded Theory” – Chapter in the Handbook of Qualitative Content Analysis (Elgar), co-authored by Peter Stevens and Jasper Praet

In preparation:

“Ambition in Climate Governance”, co-authored with Manjana Milkoreit, Kacper Szulecki, and Malin Øren Aldal (NUPI)

“Explaining the adoption of net zero targets” – co-authored with Julia Flagg and Thomas Rüdel (Connecticut College)

“Evaluating geopolitical gas supply chain security in the EU: A literature-based index and a clustering analysis”, co-authored with Moniek de Jong

“Enforcement Pathways under EU Preferential Trade Agreements to Uphold the Paris Agreement”, co-authored with Caroline Bertram and Harro Van Asselt

“the Institutionalisation of Net Zero” – Chapter in Edward Elgar “Handbook on The Politics of Net Zero”, co-authored by Mathieu Blondeel and Thijs Van de Graaf

“The Soft Touch: A Review Of Soft Governance and Soft Law Literature in Environmental and Climate Governance”

Teaching experience

2021 - 2024	Module Content Analysis Class: Methods of Political Science, Prof. dr. Ferdi De Ville Independently taught and developed, student assessment based on 4 tasks 9 lectures in the spring semester Bachelor of Political Science (3 rd year)
2020 - Present	Guest lecture: Global Climate Governance Class: Globalisation and Global Governance, Prof. dr. Dries Lesage, lecture of 3hrs Master of Science in Political Science
2020 - Present	Educational political science and International Politics - Ghent University Supervising groups of students for the class Current Issues in International Politics (feedback sessions + evaluation of papers + debates) Chairing a Model United Nations session for 1 st year students international politics (class: Current Political Problems) Organising and hosting an interactive session for the class Global Energy Politics (En-ROADS climate simulation) Grading and evaluating bachelor papers and master dissertations (75 in total) Think & Talk honours Seminar (supervising a group of students with dr. Moniek de Jong)

Datasets

Van Coppenolle, H., Blondeel, M., & Van de Graaf, T. (2022). *National Net Zero (or adjacent) Targets*.
<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.6644989>

Awards and grants

2024	ECPR Research Network on Energy Politics, Policy, and Governance Best Paper Prize 2024 – for the paper “Does the Paris Agreement's Pledge-And-Review Process Ratchet Up Climate Ambition? A Peer Group Spatial Analysis of Nationally Determined Contributions”
2021	Flanders Research Foundation (FWO), Flemish Government, Full Doctoral Scholarship (2021-2025)
2020	Marthe Versichelen Prijs - recognition of the best master dissertation for the master EU-studies at the faculty of social and political sciences (Ghent University) - €500



Administration

2022 - 2025	Co-founder and editor of the GIES Editorial Board (main editor, responsible for final lay-out and publication.)
2021 - 2025	GIES website management (Plone Content Management System (CMS))
2021 - 2024	Representative for Research- and Assisting Personnel (OAP) in Faculty Council of Political and Social Sciences (Ghent University)



Conference and Workshop Participation

Aug 2024	ECPR General Conference in Dublin, Ireland - panel co-chair and paper presenter Paper: "Does the Paris Agreement's Pledge and Review Process Ratchet up Climate Ambition? A Peer Group Spatial Analysis of Nationally Determined Contributions" Panel: "Understanding ambition in global climate governance: Commitments, transparency, and implementation" (link)
April 2024	Invited to participate in a 2-day PULLP project workshop at the Norwegian Institute for International Affairs (NUPI) – Oslo, Norway Paper: "Peer Pressure and Climate Ambition: A Study of Pledge-And-Review Through Peer Analysis"
Sep 2023	ECPR General Conference in Prague – paper presenter Paper: "The Drivers and Constraints of Global Climate Ambition: an Analysis of Nationally Determined Contributions" Panel: "Scrutinizing national pledges and changes in climate policy ambition on the international forum" (link)
Mar 2023	Participant in a research exchange day organised by BECEN (Belgian Energy, Climate, and Environment Research Network) – hosted at the Brussels School of Governance
Sep 2022	ECPR General Conference in Innsbruck Paper presenter: "Soft governance literature and what it can teach us about the functions and misfunctions of the Paris Agreement." Panel: "Public Policy Perspectives - Constructing and contesting norms" (link)
Mar 2022	ISA Annual Conference Paper presenter: Virtual Paper: "Dynamics of a 'Net zero' Norm: Origins, Diffusion and Contestation" Virtual Panel: "Fossil fuel supply and the climate crisis"
Aug 2021	ECPR General Conference (virtual conference) Virtual Paper: "Dynamics of a 'Net zero' Norm: Origins, Diffusion and Contestation" Virtual Panel: "Contested Discourses of Sustainable Energy Transitions" (link)
Jul 2021	Antwerp University – Summer School: International relations in a post-hegemonic world



Mobility and Research Stays

Aug 2024 – Dec 2024	Visiting researcher at the Norwegian Institute for International Affairs (NUPI) – Oslo, Norway
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Societal impact and media

Aug 8 2024	Invited to comment about the evolution of net zero for NRC Handelsblad (article in Dutch): https://www.nrc.nl/nieuws/2024/08/08/dankzij-slim-netwerken-streeft-een-groot-deel-van-de-wereld-naar-een-uitstoot-van-netto-niks-a4862162
2024	Invited to act as expert at the second meeting of The Citizens' Agora on the Just transition - https://www.justtransition.be/en/citizens-agora (full report in Dutch and French)