

# Hermine Van Coppenolle

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Global climate governance, the Paris Agreement, waste governance, research methods, content analysis.

## ACADEMIA

**Ghent University, Department of Political Science** 2021-2025  
PhD fellow with full funding from Research Foundation - Flanders

**Norwegian Institute for International Affairs (NUPI)** 2024  
Visiting researcher (4 months) under the tutelage of prof. Kacper Szulecki

**Ghent University, Department of Political Science** 2020-2021  
Teaching assistant – Ghent Institute for International Studies

**Ghent University, Department of Political Science** 2020  
Academic intern (6 months) for Prof. dr. Hendrik Vos, Centre for EU-Studies

**Ghent University, Department of Political Science** 2019-2020  
MSc EU-Studies – Graduated Summa cum laude  
Winner of Marthe Versichelen Prijs - recognition of the best master dissertation for the master EU-studies

**Ghent University, Department of Political Science** 2016-2019  
BSc Political Science – Graduated Cum laude

## TEACHING

**Co-Lecturer: Content Analysis** 2021-2024  
Ghent University, BSc Political science (3<sup>rd</sup> year)  
Class: Methods of Political Science, Prof. dr. Ferdi De Ville  
9 lectures independently taught and developed, student assessment based on 4 tasks

**Guest lecture: global climate governance** 2020-present  
Ghent University, MSc International Politics  
Class: Globalisation and Global Governance, Prof. dr. Dries Lesage, lecture of 3hrs

**Educational support:** Ghent University, MSc International Politics and BSc Political science  
 Supervising groups of students (feedback sessions + paper and debate evaluation)  
 Class: Current Issues in International Politics, Prof. dr. Thijs Van de Graaf  
 Chairing Model United Nations sessions for 1<sup>st</sup> year students international politics  
 Class: Current Political Problems, Prof. dr. Tim Haesebrouck  
 Organising and hosting an interactive En-ROADS climate simulation session  
 Class: Global Energy Politics, Prof. dr. Thijs Van de Graaf  
 Grading and evaluating bachelor papers and master dissertations (80 in total)  
 Think & Talk honours Seminar (supervision with dr. Moniek de Jong)

2020-present

PEER-  
REVIEWED  
PUBLICATIONS

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>  
 Won ECPR Research Network on Energy Politics, Policy, and Governance Best Paper Prize 2024

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>.

BOOK  
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>

## WORKS 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 (Ghent University) and Jasper Praet (Universität Bremen)

### 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 (Friedrich-Alexander-Universität)

Enforcement Pathways under EU Preferential Trade Agreements to Uphold the Paris Agreement

co-authored with Caroline Bertram and Harro Van Asselt (Cambridge University)

The Institutionalisation of Net Zero – Chapter in Edward Elgar “Handbook on The Politics of Net Zero”, co-authored by Mathieu Blondeel (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam) and Thijs Van de Graaf (Ghent University)

The Soft Touch: A Review Of Soft Governance and Soft Law Literature in Environmental and Climate Governance, single-authored

## CODE AND DATASETS

Van Coppenolle, H. (2025). *Corresponding scripts and data to ‘The Power of Peers: A Spatial Analysis of Nationally Determined Contributions’*. Zenodo. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.14767426>

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

ECPR Research Network on Energy Politics, Policy, and Governance **Best Paper Prize 2024** 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’, published in 2025 in Climate Policy as ‘The Power of Peers’

Flanders Research Foundation (FWO), Flemish Government, **Full Doctoral Scholarship** (2021-2025) 2021

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 2020

ADMINISTRATI ON	Co-founder and editor of the GIES Editorial Board Tasks: main editor, responsible for reviews, final lay-out and publication.	2022-2025
	GIES website management (Plone Content Management System)	2021-2025
	Representative for Research- and Assisting Personnel (OAP) in Faculty Council of Political and Social Sciences (Ghent University)	2021-2024
PRESENTATIO NS AND WORKSHOPS	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' ( <a href="#">link</a> )	Aug 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'	April 2024
	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' ( <a href="#">link</a> )	Sep 2023
	Participant in a research exchange day organised by BECEN (Belgian Energy, Climate, and Environment Research Network) – hosted at the Brussels School of Governance	Mar 2023
	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' ( <a href="#">link</a> )	Sep 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'	Mar 2022

	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' ( <a href="#">link</a> )	Aug 2021
	Antwerp University – Summer School: International relations in a post-hegemonic world	Jul 2021
SOCIETAL IMPACT AND MEDIA	Invited to comment on the evolution of net zero for NRC Handelsblad (article in Dutch): <a href="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">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</a>	Aug 2024
	Invited to act as expert at the second meeting of The Citizens' Agora on the Just transition - <a href="https://www.justtransition.be/en/citizens-agora">https://www.justtransition.be/en/citizens-agora</a> (full report in Dutch and French)	2024
SKILLS	Languages: Dutch (native), English (C2), French (B1), German (A2)  IT: Microsoft Office, Obsidian, R, NVivo, SPSS, Python	