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RESEARCH INTEREST

Sitting at the intersection of Political Communication and Conflict Studies, I study how political violence and nonviolent contention shape public opinion and political behavior. Using quantitative and mixed-method designs, I examine these dynamics and the mechanisms driving these shifts across diverse contexts, including Azerbaijan, Guatemala, Nigeria, Belgium, and the U.S.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

KU Leuven , Belgium Postdoctoral Researcher, Center for Research on Peace and Development	Oct. 2022 – present
KU Leuven , Belgium Lecturer in Political Communication and Media Sociology	Sept. 2022 – Sept. 2024
Norwegian University of Science and Technology , Norway Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Sociology and Political Science	Oct. 2020 – Oct. 2022
Heidelberg University , Germany Junior Visiting Researcher, Institute of Political Science	Jan. 2019

EDUCATION

KU Leuven , Faculty of Social Sciences Doctor in the Social Sciences with the dissertation “How the Idea of Terrorism Is Changing Us” <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2021 Best Dissertation in Political Communication of the International Communication Association (ICA)	Sept. 2016 – Sept. 2020
KU Leuven , Faculty of Sciences MA in Statistics: Quantitative Analysis in Social Science (<i>summa cum laude</i>)	2018 – 2019
KU Leuven , Faculty of Social Sciences MA in Comparative and International Politics (<i>summa cum laude</i>)	2014 – 2015
KU Leuven , Faculty of Social Sciences MA in Communication Sciences (<i>summa cum laude</i>)	2013 – 2014
KU Leuven , Faculty of Social Sciences BA in Communication Sciences (<i>magna cum laude</i>)	2010 – 2013

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

14. **Godefroidt, A.**, & Muradova, L. (2025). Intergroup Bias and Public Support for Peace Provisions: Insights from Post-War Azerbaijan. *Political Psychology*, 46(2), 255-483. doi: [10.1111/pops.13008](https://doi.org/10.1111/pops.13008)
13. Breznau, N., Rinke, E., Wuttke, A., ... **Godefroidt, A.**, ... (2025). The Reliability of Replications: A Study in Computational Reproductions. *Royal Society Open Science*. doi:10.31235/osf.io/j7qta.

12. **Godefroidt, A., & Dyrstad, K.** (2024) Hurting or Healing? How Conflict Exposure and Trauma (Do Not) Shape Support for Truth Commissions. *Conflict Management and Peace Science* (Online First). doi: [10.1177/07388942241285609](https://doi.org/10.1177/07388942241285609)
11. **Godefroidt, A.** (2023). How Terrorism Does (and Does Not) Affect Citizens' Political Attitudes: A Meta-Analysis. *American Journal of Political Science*, 67(1), 22-38. doi: [10.1111/ajps.12692](https://doi.org/10.1111/ajps.12692)
 - Award: 2022 Research Excellence Award of the NTNU Department of Sociology and Political Science
 - Dataset: <https://ameliegodefroidt.shinyapps.io/terrorism-attitudes-metaanalysis/>
 - News coverage: [Science Norway](#) (Norway), [Infolibre](#) (Spain), [Deutsche Welle](#) (Germany)
10. **Godefroidt, A., & Langer, A.** (2023). What drives attitudes towards the reintegration of former fighters? Insights from a conjoint experiment in Nigeria. *Journal of Peace Research*, 60(3), 410-427. doi: [10.1177/00223433221087070](https://doi.org/10.1177/00223433221087070)
9. **Godefroidt, A., Dyrstad, K. & Bakke, K.** (2023). The Past, Brexit, and the Future in Northern Ireland: A Quasi-Natural Experiment. *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*, 33(1), 149-161. doi: [10.1080/17457289.2022.2090951](https://doi.org/10.1080/17457289.2022.2090951)
8. Simmonds, E., ..., **Godefroidt, A.**, ... O'Hara, B. (2022). How Is Model-Related Uncertainty Quantified and Reported in Different Disciplines? *iScience*, 25(12). doi: [10.1016/j.isci.2022.105512](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.isci.2022.105512).
7. Breznau, N., Rinke, E., Wuttke, A., ... **Godefroidt, A.**, ... & Nguyen, H.H.V. (2022). Observing Many Researchers Using the Same Data and Hypothesis Reveals a Hidden Universe of Uncertainty. *PNAS*, 119(44). doi: [e2203150119](https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2203150119)
6. Demarest, L., **Godefroidt, A.**, & Langer, A. (2020). Understanding News Coverage of Religious-based Violence: Empirical and Theoretical Insights from Media Representations of Boko Haram in Nigeria. *Journal of Communication*, 70(4), 548-573. doi: [10.1093/joc/jqaa011](https://doi.org/10.1093/joc/jqaa011)
5. Adam-Troian, J., Bonetto, E., Araujo, M., ... **Godefroidt, A.**, ... & Varet, F. (2020). Positive Associations Between Anomia and Intentions to Engage in Political Violence: Cross-Cultural Evidence From Four Countries. *Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology*, 26(2), 217-223. doi: [10.1037/pac0000385](https://doi.org/10.1037/pac0000385)
4. **Godefroidt A.**, & Langer, A. (2020). How Fear Drives Us Apart: Explaining the Relationship between Terrorism and Social Trust. *Terrorism and Political Violence*, 32(7), 1482-1505. doi: [10.1080/09546553.2018.1482829](https://doi.org/10.1080/09546553.2018.1482829)
3. Langer, A., **Godefroidt, A.**, & Meuleman, B. (2017). Killing People, Dividing a Nation? Analyzing Student Perceptions of the Boko Haram Crisis in Nigeria. *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*, 40(5), 419-438. doi: [10.1080/1057610X.2016.1214434](https://doi.org/10.1080/1057610X.2016.1214434)
2. **Godefroidt, A.**, Langer, A., & Meuleman, B. (2017). Developing Political Trust in a Developing Country: The Impact of Institutional and Cultural Factors on Political Trust in Ghana. *Democratization*, 24(6), 906-928. doi: [10.1080/13510347](https://doi.org/10.1080/13510347)
1. **Godefroidt, A.**, Berbers, A., & d'Haenens, L. (2016). What's in a Frame? A Comparative Content Analysis of American, British, French, and Russian News Articles. *International Communication Gazette*, 78(8), 777-801. doi: [10.1177/1748048516640482](https://doi.org/10.1177/1748048516640482)

BOOK CHAPTERS

2. **Godefroidt, A.** (2025), Terrorism. In Nai, A., Grömping, M., & Wirz, D. (Eds.). Elgar Encyclopedia of Political Communication. Edward Elgar Publishing. Accepted version.
1. **Godefroidt, A.** (2022). 22 maart 2016. In S. Eggermont & P. Vermeersch (Eds.) [Een alledaags wonder: 50 verhalen over verbinding en betrokkenheid](#) (pp. 78-80). Uitgeverij Lannoo.

WORK IN PROGRESS

5. Szaszi, S., Clelland, H., Kovacs, M., ..., **Godefroidt, A.**, ..., & Nosek B. (Revise & Resubmit) "Investigating the analytical robustness of the social and behavioural sciences." *Nature*.
4. Germann, M., **Godefroidt, A.**, & Mendez F. "Does Islamist Terrorism Continue to Affect Public Opinion?" *Revise & Resubmit*.
3. Daniels, L. A., & **Godefroidt, A.** "Granting Political Rights to Collaborators: Citizen Perceptions in Ukraine." *Under Review*
2. **Godefroidt, A.** "Repatriating ISIS-Affiliates and Their Children: Evidence from Harmonized Experiments across Western Europe."
1. Bove, V., Giani, M., **Godefroidt, A.**, & Sansone, D. "Conflict at home and well-being abroad."

* Denotes equal authorship

AWARDS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

AWARDS

KU Leuven	2023
Laureate of the 2023 Research Council Award (25,000 EUR)	
NTNU Department of Sociology and Political Science	2022
Research Excellence Award	
ICA Political Communication Division (500 USD)	2021
Best Dissertation Award	
First Prize in the MZES-GESIS Pre-Registration Challenge (2,000 EUR)	2019
Awarded for the project "Towards a Greater Understanding of the Dynamic Link between Threat and Political Attitudes."	
First Prize in the P2P Facebook Global Digital Challenge (10,000 USD)	2018
Awarded for the educational game " Bonding Beyond Borders ."	
Daniël Heinsius Master Thesis Prize (1,000 EUR)	2016
Awarded for MA thesis entitled "An Empirical Analysis of Citizenship and Political Trust in Ghana"	
KU Leuven Faculty of Social Science Master Thesis Prize (500 EUR)	2015
Awarded for MA thesis entitled "Framing of the Syrian War: A Comparative Analysis of European, American and Russian Newspapers"	

GRANTS

Economic and Social Research Council (1,000,000 GBP)	Draft
Research grant application with Vincenzo Bove, Georgios Efthymoulou, and Harry Pickard	
American Political Science Association (400 USD)	2022
Travel grant to attend the 2022 APSA conference	
NTNU Department of Sociology and Political Science (210,000 NOK)	2021
Small research grant for the project "Emphasizing Safety and Remorse Reduces Resistance to the Repatriation of ISIS Collaborators and Children", with Prof. Karin Dyrstad.	
KU Leuven Faculty of Social Science (ca. 2,000 EUR)	2017 – 2019
Grant to organize the bottom-up initiative #MethLab , with dr. Lala Muradova.	
American Political Science Association (800 USD)	2019
Travel grant to attend the 2019 APSA conference	
APSA Conflict Processes Section (133 USD)	2019
Registration and 2019-2020 membership waiver	
Research Foundation Flanders—FWO (1,400 EUR)	2018
Grant for participation in a conference abroad	

FELLOWSHIPS

Research Foundation Flanders—FWO (ca. 300,000 EUR)	2022 – 2026
Postdoctoral fellowship	
Research Foundation Flanders—FWO (ca. 150,000 EUR)	2016 – 2020
Ph.D. fellowship	
Flemish Government & Fullbright (10,000 USD)	2012
Scholarship to study and work in Washington DC, US	

TEACHING

Instructor

2025: Summer School on Open Science, Ghent University	Upcoming
2022 – 2023: S0B05B Sociology of Media and ICT (BA), KU Leuven	Syllabus
2022 – 2024: S0D26B Political Communication (MA), KU Leuven	Syllabus
2016 – 2019: S0A59B International Relations Seminar (BA), KU Leuven	Syllabus

Guest lecturer

2021 & 2022: POL3502 Causes of War (MA), NTNU, Class on terrorism	Slides
2017: S0C15B Peace Research and Conflict Management (MA), KUL, Class on peacebuilding	Slides
2016 & 2017: S0H43A Research Methods (MA), KUL, Qualitative labs and grading	Slides

Workshop leader*

2019 & 2022: "Pre-Registration, Pre-Analysis, Pre-What?!", KUL & NTNU	Slides
2022: "Social Media and Online Presence", NTNU	Slides

2022: "Research Ethics in an International Context", NTNU	Slides
2021: "Help! What to do after the Ph.D.?", NTNU	Slides
2018: "Introduction into Meta-Analysis", KUL	Slides
2017: "Proposal Writing", KUL	Slides

* All workshops were at a Ph.D.-level and were occasionally also attended by MA-students or faculty

SUPERVISION

Master students	KU Leuven
2022 – 2024: Nina Soudan, Maïca Munoz Cuevas, Niels Van den Eynde, Arzu Gulbakan	
2018 – 2019: Lisa van Eyken, Ninotsjka Callens, Sofie Dumortier (co-supervised with Arnim Langer)	
2017 – 2018: Eva Mertens (co-supervised with Arnim Langer)	

PRESENTATIONS

Invited	<p>2024: Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB)*</p> <p>2024: 30th International Conference of Europeanists* (<i>invited panellist</i>)</p> <p>2023: University of Gothenburg, paper presented at the <i>Politics of Revenge, Reconciliation, and Transitional Justice in Post-Conflict Settings</i> conference</p> <p>2023: WZB Berlin, <i>War and Peace in Azerbaijan</i></p> <p>2022: University of Warwick, paper presented at the workshop on <i>Terrorism, Public Attitudes & Individual Well-Being</i></p> <p>2022: University of York, <i>Who Pays for Peace</i></p> <p>2022: University of Oslo, <i>Who Pays for Peace</i></p> <p>2022: Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), <i>ISIS Repatriation</i></p> <p>2022: Center for Research on Extremism (UiO), <i>How Terrorism is Changing Us</i></p> <p>2022: Culture, Society, and Behavior Lab (UiO), <i>How Terrorism is Changing Us</i></p> <p>2022: Hot Politics Lab (UvA), <i>How Terrorism is Changing Us</i></p> <p>2021: University of Bath, <i>How Terrorism Continues to Affect Public Opinion</i></p> <p>2021: DVPW Convention (<i>invited panellist</i>)</p> <p>2021: University of Montreal, roundtable on <i>Transparency, Pre-registrations, & Replications</i></p>
Conferences	<p>APSA Annual Meeting (2019, 2021*, 2022, 2023); Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference (2025, 2022, 2021); Norwegian Political Science Association (2022); ISA Annual Convention (2022); ECPR General Conference (2017, 2021); MPSA Annual Meeting (2021); ISPP Annual Meeting (2018, 2019, 2020); STR International Conference (2019); Open Social Science Conference (2019); EPSA Annual Meeting (2016)</p>
Workshops	<p>Experimental Research in Post-Conflict Settings (2023); Annual Political Science Workshops of the Low Countries (2018, 2020, 2023); Households in Conflict Network workshop (2022)</p>

* canceled or postponed

SERVICE

Departmental	Representative of the temporary staff at KU Leuven's Faculty of Social Sciences Faculty Council (2019 – 2020; 2022 – 2023); Representative of the temporary staff at KU Leuven's Faculty of Social Sciences Faculty Board (2019 – 2020); Representative for the temporary researchers at KU Leuven's Faculty of Social Sciences Doctoral Committee (2016 – 2019)
Discipline	Board member of the Belgian-Flemish Political Science Association . Co-organizer of the 2023 Annual Political Science Workshops of the Low Countries ; Co-founder and -organizer of the (i) Violence, Instability, and Peace (VIP) virtual workshop series (2022 – present), (ii) ReproducibiliTea Leuven (2020; 2022 – 2023), and (iii) #MethLab (2017 – 2020)
Societal	Co-founder of the award-winning card game Bonding Beyond Borders Expert on terrorism and related issues for news media in Belgium (e.g., Radio 1), Germany (e.g., DW), Norway (e.g., Forskning), Spain (e.g., Infolibre), etc.
Reviewer	American Journal of Political Science; British Journal of Political Science; Democratization; European Journal on Criminal Policy and Research; International Review of Administrative Sciences; Journal of Asian and African Studies; Journal of Conflict Resolution; Journal of Experimental Political Science; Journal of Peace Research; Journal of Politics; Media, War and Conflict; Political Behavior; Political Psychology; Politics and Religion; Politische Vierteljahresschrift (for the GLES Open Science Challenge 2021); Security Journal; Terrorism and Political Violence.
Reviewer (cont.)	I have also reviewed for the Luxembourg National Research Fund (FNR), and I am a member of the European Science Foundation (ESF) College of Expert Reviewers and an assessor for the diplomatic exam organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Belgium.

OTHER

Languages	English (fluent), Dutch (native), French (advanced), Norwegian (basic)
Software	<u>Programming</u> : R, basics of Python <u>Markup</u> : \LaTeX , Markdown, and basics of HTML <u>Version control</u> : Git <u>Website generation</u> : Squarespace, Hugo (Markdown)
Fieldwork	Nigeria (January 2015), Kenya (May 2015), Nigeria (January 2016), Belgium (Oct. – Dec. 2018)
Parental Leave	December 18, 2023 – April 1, 2025 (extended leave due to medical complications. In 2025, I gradually resumed work and will be back full-time as of April 7th.)