

# AMÉLIE GODEFROIDT

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Assistant Professor in Conflict Management

## RESEARCH INTEREST

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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 across diverse contexts, including Azerbaijan, Guatemala, Nigeria, Belgium, and the U.S.

## CURRENT POSITIONS

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<b>IESEG School of Management</b> , France	Sept. 2025 – present
Assistant Professor in Conflict Management	
Department of International Negotiations and Conflict Management	

## PAST POSITIONS

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

## EDUCATION

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<b>KU Leuven</b> , Faculty of Social Sciences	Sept. 2016 – Sept. 2020
Doctor in the Social Sciences with the dissertation “How the Idea of Terrorism Is Changing Us”	
• 2021 Best Dissertation in Political Communication of the International Communication Association (ICA)	
<b>KU Leuven</b> , Faculty of Sciences	2018 – 2019
MA in Statistics: Quantitative Analysis in Social Science ( <i>summa cum laude</i> )	
<b>KU Leuven</b> , Faculty of Social Sciences	2014 – 2015
MA in Comparative and International Politics ( <i>summa cum laude</i> )	
<b>KU Leuven</b> , Faculty of Social Sciences	2013 – 2014
MA in Communication Sciences ( <i>summa cum laude</i> )	
<b>KU Leuven</b> , Faculty of Social Sciences	2010 – 2013
BA in Communication Sciences ( <i>magna cum laude</i> )	

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**PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**


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15. Szaszi, S., Clelland, H., Kovacs, M., ..., **Godefroidt, A.**, ..., & Nosek B. (Accepted) "Investigating the analytical robustness of the social and behavioural sciences." *Nature*.
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*, 42(5), 514-535. 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

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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

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7. Germann, M., **Godefroidt, A.**, & Mendez F. "Does Islamist Terrorism Continue to Affect Public Opinion?" *Revise & Resubmit*.
6. Daniels, L. A.\*, & **Godefroidt, A.\*** "Granting Political Rights to Collaborators: Citizen Perceptions in Ukraine." *Under Review*.
5. Eadeh, F.R.\*, **Godefroidt, A.\***, & Adam-Troian, J. "Threat Ownership Theory (TOT): Towards a greater understanding of the dynamic link between threat and political attitudes." *Under Review*.
4. **Godefroidt, A.** "Repatriating ISIS-Affiliates and Their Children: Evidence from Harmonized Experiments across Western Europe."
3. **Godefroidt, A.**, & Geisler, A. "Female Visibility and Gender Backlash at the 2025 Women's Euros."
2. Bove, V., Giani, M., **Godefroidt, A.**, & Sansone, D. ""It Could Have Been Me": Homeland Terrorism, Counterfactual Thinking, and Political Trust among Immigrants."
1. Sundröm, K., Yehle, L., & **Godefroidt, A.** "Effects of Natural Disasters on Trust: A Meta-Analysis."

\* Denotes equal authorship

## AWARDS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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### AWARDS

<b>KU Leuven</b>	2023
Laureate of the 2023 Research Council Award (25,000 EUR)	
<b>NTNU Department of Sociology and Political Science</b>	2022
Research Excellence Award	
<b>ICA Political Communication Division</b> (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

## TEACHING

### Instructor

2025: Summer School on Open Science, Ghent University

[Syllabus](#)

- Covered by the Center for Open Science: [www.cos.io/blog](http://www.cos.io/blog)

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

2024: Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB)\*

2024: 30th International Conference of Europeanists\* (*invited panellist*)

2023: University of Gothenburg, paper presented at the *Politics of Revenge, Reconciliation, and Transitional Justice in Post-Conflict Settings* conference

2023: WZB Berlin, *War and Peace in Azerbaijan*

2022: University of Warwick, paper presented at the workshop on *Terrorism, Public Attitudes & Individual Well-Being*

2022: University of York, *Who Pays for Peace*

2022: University of Oslo, *Who Pays for Peace*

2022: Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), *ISIS Repatriation*

2022: Center for Research on Extremism (UiO), *How Terrorism is Changing Us*

2022: Culture, Society, and Behavior Lab (UiO), *How Terrorism is Changing Us*

2022: Hot Politics Lab (UvA), *How Terrorism is Changing Us*

2021: University of Bath, *How Terrorism Continues to Affect Public Opinion*

2021: DVPW Convention (*invited panellist*)

2021: University of Montreal, roundtable on *Transparency, Pre-registrations, & Replications*

<b>Conferences</b>	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)
<b>Workshops</b>	Experimental Research in Post-Conflict Settings (2023); Annual Political Science Workshops of the Low Countries (2018, 2020, 2023); Households in Conflict Network workshop (2022)

\* canceled or postponed

## SERVICE

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<b>Departmental</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Representative of the temporary staff at KU Leuven's Faculty of Social Sciences Faculty Council (2019 – 2020; 2022 – 2023);</li> <li>– Representative of the temporary staff at KU Leuven's Faculty of Social Sciences Faculty Board (2019 – 2020);</li> <li>– Representative for the temporary researchers at KU Leuven's Faculty of Social Sciences Doctoral Committee (2016 – 2019)</li> </ul>
<b>Discipline</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Board member of the <a href="#">Belgian-Flemish Political Science Association</a>.</li> <li>– Co-organizer of the <a href="#">2023 Annual Political Science Workshops of the Low Countries</a></li> <li>– Co-founder and -organizer of the (i) <a href="#">Violence, Instability, and Peace (VIP)</a> virtual workshop series (2022 – 2024), (ii) <a href="#">ReproducibiliTea Leuven</a> (2020; 2022 – 2023), and (iii) <a href="#">#MethLab</a> (2017 – 2020)</li> </ul>
<b>Societal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Co-founder of the award-winning card game <a href="#">Bonding Beyond Borders</a></li> <li>– Expert on terrorism and related issues for news media in Belgium (e.g., Radio 1), Germany (e.g., <a href="#">DW</a>), Norway (e.g., <a href="#">Forskning</a>), Spain (e.g., <a href="#">Infolibre</a>), etc.</li> </ul>
<b>Reviewer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– American Journal of Political Science; British Journal of Political Science; Democratization; European Journal of Political Research; 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.</li> <li>– 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.</li> </ul>

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**OTHER**

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<b>Languages</b>	English (fluent), Dutch (native), French (advanced), Norwegian (basic)
<b>Software</b>	<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)
<b>Fieldwork</b>	Nigeria (January 2015), Kenya (May 2015), Nigeria (January 2016), Belgium (Oct. – Dec. 2018)
<b>Leave</b>	December 18, 2023 – April 1, 2025 (parental leave extended due to complications)