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## EXPERTISE

Politics of Information and Communication Technologies – Digital Rights Advocacy – European Union Policy Process

Internet campaigning – Qualitative research – Internet Research – Network Analysis

Quadrilingual (German, French, English, Dutch)

## EDUCATION

**Post-doctoral researcher**                                                          Nov. 2011 – (present)

*Oxford Internet Institute*

- Researching discourse networks on internet blocking in Germany, France and the EU

**PhD in Information and Communication Sciences**                                     2007 – 2011

*Université Libre de Bruxelles*

- Dissertation*: "Hacking the Law": An Analysis of Internet-based Campaigning on Digital Rights in the European Union*
- Tutoring of Master 1 & 2 students in Information and Communication Sciences

**BA and MA in Information and Communication Sciences**                               2003-2007

*Université Libre de Bruxelles*

- Master thesis: "La démocratie en ligne : utopie ou réalité future ? " ("E-democracy. Utopia or future reality?" Highest distinction)
- Erasmus exchange at the Vrije Universiteit Brussels (VUB)
- Assistant of Prof. Jean-Jacques Jespers (radio journalism)                          2006

**Baccalauréat littéraire**                                                           2003

*Lycée Félix le Dantec, France*

- Highest Distinction
- Stay in Eindhoven, the Netherlands                                                  2002-2003
- Year 11 in Geelong, Australia                                                       2000-2001

## PUBLICATIONS

**Peer-reviewed articles**

(2012). Assessing success in internet campaigning. The case of digital rights advocacy in the European Union, *Information, Communication & Society*, forthcoming.

(2011). Promoting Openness by 'Patching' European Directives: Internet-Based Campaigning during the EU Telecoms Package Reform, *Journal of Information Technology & Politics*, 8(3): 346-366

(2010). Critique of the Democratic Potentials of the Internet: A Review of Current Theory and Practice, *TripleC*, 8(1)

(2009). Internet-based Protest in European Policy-Making: The Case of Digital Activism, *International Journal of E-Politics*, 1(1): 57-72

(2009). Activisme sur Internet et discours stratégiques autour de la propriété intellectuelle, *Terminal*, 103-104:23-32 (with François Briatte)

(2008). Can Web 2.0 Applications Save e-Democracy? A Study of How New Internet Applications May Enhance Citizen Participation in the Political Process Online. *International Journal of Electronic Democracy*, 1(1): 14-31 (with Pascal Francq)

**Book chapters, edited volumes**

(2012) From the Internet to the Corridors: How Digital Rights Advocates Influence European Union Intellectual Property Legislations, In: Livermore, C., *E-Politics and Organizational Implications of the Internet: Power, Influence and Social Change*, IGI Global, forthcoming

(2010). *Nexus: New Intersections in Internet Research*, New York: Peter Lang (with Daniel Araya and Tessa J. Houghton, eds.)

(2010) Leetocracy: Networked Political Activism or the Continuation of Elitism in Competitive, In Araya, D., Breindl, Y., Houghton, T., *Nexus: New Intersections in Internet Research*, pp. 129-2012, New York: Peter Lang. (with Nils Gustafsson)

**Conference papers**

Internet-based Campaigning at the EU level: An Analysis of How Decision-Makers Perceive Civil Society Mobilisations, *eCampaigning forum*, 20-22 March 2012, University of Oxford, UK

No-Three-Strikes, Yes to Net Neutrality: Distributed Campaigning and Digital Rights in the European Union*, iCS symposium "A Decade in Internet Time"*, 21-24 September 2011, Oxford Internet Institute, UK

Hacking the law: internet-rooted campaigning on intellectual property reform in the European Union, *ECPR General Conference*, 25-27 August 2011, Reykjavik, Iceland

Copy-riot: How Digital rights activists hack into European Union policy-making to defend civil rights in digital environments, *IAMCR*, 14-17 July 2011, Istanbul, Turkey.

Collect, production and diffusion of political information online, *No Data like Big Data*, 3 march 2011, Université Libre de Brussels, Belgium

Gender in European Technopolitical Activism: An Exploratory Study, Panel "Quantity and Quality: Patterns of Female Engagement with ICTs", IR 11.0: Sustainability, Participation, Action, 22 October 2010, Gothenburg, Sweden

Digital Network Repertoires and the Contentious Politics of Digital Copyright in France and the European Union, *Internet, Politics, Policy: An Impact Assessment*, 16-17 September 2010, Oxford Internet Institute, UK 32 (with François Briatte)

Opening European Union Policy-making: Networked Political Activism and the Continuation of Elitism in Competitive Democracy, *IAMCR*, 18-22 July 2010, Braga, Portugal (with Nils Gustafsson)

Technopolitical Activism as Counterpublic Spheres: The Internet as a Discursively Contested Terrain in NZ and France, ICA, 22-26 July 2010, Singapore (with Tessa J. Houghton)

Promoting Openness by 'Patching' European directives: Internet-based activism and EU telecommunications reform, Politics of Open Source Conference, 6-7 May 2010, Amherst, MA.

Critique of the Democratic Potential of the Internet: A Review of Current Theory and Practice, Internet Research 10.0, Internet: Critical, 7-10 October 2009, Milwaukee, WI, USA

Internet-based Protest in European Policy-making: Are Activists Becoming Lobbyists?, ECPR General Conference 2009, 10 – 12 September 2009, Potsdam, Germany

Internet use by Transnational Advocacy Networks: A Case Study of the 'No Software Patents' Campaign, Poster presentation at the WebSci'09: Society On-Line, March 18-20, 2009, Athens, Greece

Participation in e-Society. A Review of Literature on Political Involvement, Democracy and ICT, Proceedings of the International Conference on e-Society, IADIS, April 9-12, 2008, Algarve, Portugal.

**Book reviews**

(October 2009). [review of the book] Freedom of Speech Abridged? Cultural, Legal and Philosophical Challenges [by Kierulf, A. & Rønning, H.] International Journal of Communication, Vol. 3, Available at: http://ijoc.org/ojs/index.php/ijoc/issue/view/4

(June 2009). [review of the book] Internet inquiry: conversations about methods [by Markham, A.R., Baym, N.K.], Resource Center for Cyberculture Studies (RCCS) at the University of San Francisco, Available at: http://rccs.usfca.edu/bookinfo.asp?ReviewID=602&BookID=425

- Organisation of the workshop "No Data Like Big Data", Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium; 3 March 2011, (with Juliette de Maeyer)
- Organisation of the roundtable "Nexus: New Intersections in Internet Research", IR11.0, October 23, 2010, Gothenburg, Sweden, (with Carla Ganito)
- Organisation of the panel "Quantity and Quality: Patterns of Female Engagement with ICTs" , IR11.0, October 23, 2010, Gothenburg, Sweden, (with Carla Ganito)
- Doctoral Colloquium, Internet Research 10.0, Internet: Critical, October 7, 2009, Milwaukee, WI, USA
- Oxford Internet Institute Summer Doctoral Programme, July 6-17, 2009, Brisbane, Australia
- 2nd World Knowledge Dialogue Symposium, September 10-13, 2008, Crans-Montana, Switzerland
- European Media and Communication Doctoral Summer School, July 17- August 8, 2008, Tartu, Estonia
- Joint organisation of the Journées doctorales en Sciences de l'Information et de la Communication de la Communauté française, May 15-16, 2008, ULB, Belgium
- Reviewer for ICA 2010, IR.10.0 and IR.11.0 conferences
- Reviewer for Symbolic Interaction, Journal of Information Technology and Politics, New Media & Society

## NON ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Is hacking a legitimate form of protest?, *Oxford Mail*, 14 March 2012.

Luttes informationnelles en ligne : militer à l'ère d'internet, *Bruxelles Laïque Echos* , February 2012.

(2010). Militantisme 2.0? Luttes citoyennes en ligne, *La chronique de crise*, Lige des droits de l'Homme, 141: 7-8

Militantisme et Internet: Protester, influencer, hacker, Presentation at REWICS, 3 mai 2011, Charleroi, Belgique.

Hacker la loi: activisme techno-politique en Europe, Journée de réfléxion "Clic démocaTIC", 15 September 2010, Brussels, Belgium

Adviser to « Bulles vertes », Empreinte ASBL, on internet use for political activism.

Member of the Commission "New Technologies", Human Rights League, Belgium

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