

CURRICULUM VITAE Luuk van Middelaar

Prof. dr. Luuk J. van Middelaar
Born: 9 May 1973, Eindhoven (NL)
Nationality: Dutch

Professional experience as author, academic researcher and editor

From Brussels

Since 1/7/2015 **Professor of EU constitutional law**, chair 'Foundations and practice of the European Union and its institutions', Leiden University (20 %).

Since 1/10/2019 **Guest professor** at UCLouvain, teaching the course "Political Philosophy and the EU"

Since 1/3/2015 **Author and analyst**. Columnist *NRC Handelsblad* and *De Standaard*.

9/2015-8/2018 **Titulaire de la Chaire "Valeurs européennes"** at UC Louvain (80 %)

9/2008-12/2009 **Independent author and researcher**. Foreign affairs columnist *NRC Handelsblad*. Advisor to *Wetenschappelijke Raad voor het Regeringsbeleid* (Dutch Scientific Council for Government Policy). Advisor to *Buitenhof TV*, a weekly Dutch current affairs broadcast show.

Amsterdam

1/2007-12/2008 **Doctoral researcher** at *Duitsland Instituut*, Amsterdam University, researching and writing 'The Passage to Europe' (see below, books).

Paris

10/1999-2/2002 **Postgraduate researcher** at the Centre Raymond Aron, *Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales* (EHESS), Paris. Research grant from the French Ministry of Education.

Paris, A'dam, Brussels

1/1999-08/2008 **Freelance contributor** of op-eds, book reviews and essays on current affairs, history and law to Dutch and Belgian dailies such as *Trouw* (1999-2001), *de Volkskrant* (2001-2008), *NRC Handelsblad* and *De Standaard*, as well as to books and academic reviews, e.g. the *European Constitutional Law Review*.

Amsterdam

6/1996-12/1998 **Editor** at *Filosofie Magazine*.

Professional experience as political adviser

Brussels

Since 1/9/2018 **Member of (Dutch) Advisory Council International Affairs (AIV)**, The Hague (0,2 fte).

3/2015-2/2020 **Special adviser** to First Vice-President Frans Timmermans (European Commission) (*honorary function*).

12/2014-2/2015 **Speechwriter** to European Council President D. Tusk, transitional member of Cabinet.

1/2010-11/2014 **Chief speechwriter** to European Council President H. Van Rompuy, member of Cabinet: responsible for shaping public messages on euro crisis, foreign affairs and institutional issues in speeches, key press conferences, articles and a book; outreach to think-tanks, intellectuals and senior experts; heading a small speechwriting team (2012-14); reporting directly to President and Head of Cabinet.

The Hague

4/2004-12/2006 **Head of policy staff**, VVD Liberal Party, Dutch Lower House: main political advisor to the group leader, former Foreign Minister J.J. van Aartsen; coordinator of a team of twelve parliamentary policy advisors; background press briefings; speechwriting.

Brussels

12/2003-2/2004 **Desk officer** (Temporary Agent), European Commission, DG MARKT, Directorate B; reporting on legal impact of draft Constitutional Treaty on internal market policies.

3/2002-11/2003 **Aide** to the European Commissioner for the Internal Market, F. Bolkestein: political reporting, advice, speechwriting on general and institutional issues (incl. Convention, IGC).

Academic diplomas

- 5/2009 **PhD** Political philosophy (*cum laude*), Amsterdam University for *De Passage naar Europa*. Jury: prof.dr. J.W. de Beus, prof.dr. M.C. Brands, prof.dr. W.T. Eijssbouts, prof.dr. P.J.G. Kapteyn, prof.dr. J.Q.Th. Rood, dr. E.P. Wellenstein and prof.dr. A.J.J. Nijhuis (chair).
- 9/2000 **D.E.A.** Political studies ('Très bien'), EHESS, Paris. Research director: Prof M. Gauchet.
- 4/1999 **MA** History and MA Philosophy (both *cum laude*), University of Groningen. Research directors: prof.dr. F.R. Ankersmit and prof.dr. A.J. Vanderjagt.
- 6/1994 **BA** History, Université Paris-IV Sorbonne
- 9/1992 **Propedeuse** History, University of Groningen

Books and prizes

Alarums and Excursions. Improvising politics on the European stage, 320 p., Agenda Publishing (Newcastle) 2019, paperback 2020.

Quand l'Europe improvise: dix ans de crises politiques, 408 p., Gallimard (Paris) 2018.

De nieuwe politiek van Europa, 352 pp, Historische Uitgeverij (Groningen) 2017

Vom Kontinent zur Union. Gegenwart und Geschichte des vereinten Europas, Suhrkamp (Frankfurt) 2016, 600 p.

The Passage to Europe: How a Continent Became a Union, 372 p., Yale University Press (London and New Haven) 2013, paperback 2014, new paperback 2020.

Le Passage à l'Europe. Histoire d'un commencement, 470 p., Gallimard, "Bibliothèque des Idées" (Paris) 2012, awarded the European Book Prize 2012 and the Prix Louis Marin of the French Académie des Sciences Morales et Politiques.

De Passage naar Europa. Geschiedenis van een begin, 528 p., Historische Uitgeverij (Groningen) 2009, 2011⁴; awarded the Socrates Prijs 2010 for best Dutch philosophy book, D.J. Veegensprijs of the Dutch Royal Academy of Sciences, the Otto-von-der-Gablenz Studieprij and de Dissertatieprijs for the best PhD of the year by the Faculty of Humanities, University of Amsterdam.

Title also translated into **Hungarian** (2011), **Polish** (2011), **Spanish** (2013), **Estonian** (2014) and **Turkish** (2014), **Chinese** (2016), **Portuguese (Brazil)** (2017) and **Ukrainian** (2018).

Politicide. De moord op de politiek in de Franse filosofie [Politicide. The Assassination of Politics in French Philosophy], 256 pp., Van Gennep (Amsterdam) 1999, 2002³, re-edited at Historische Uitgeverij, (Groningen) 2011⁴. Awarded the Prix de Paris 1999. Translated into **Portuguese (Brazil)** (2016)

(Edited volumes)

After the Storm. How to save democracy in Europe?, Lannoo, Tiel, October 2015 (edited with Ph. Van Parijs).

Volume with an introduction by Herman Van Rompuy and essays from Rémi Brague, Maurizio Ferrera, Dieter Grimm, Jürgen Habermas, Turkuler Isiksel, Ivan Krastev, Koen Lenaerts, David Miller, Dani Rodrik, Pierre Rosanvallon, Fritz Scharpf, Paul Scheffer, Amartya Sen, Larry Siedentop and Frank Vandenbroucke; concluding essays by Philippe Van Parijs et Luuk van Middelaar.

Utopie. Utopisch denken, bouwen en doen in de twintigste eeuw [Utopia. Utopian Thinking, Building and Acting in the 20th Century], Walburgers (Zutphen) 2002 (edited with M. de Keizer).

Academic teaching

Universiteit Leiden, Faculty of Law, 'Privatissimum' on EU constitutionalism, LL.M. European Law (2018-2019)

Universiteit Leiden, Faculty of Law, course 'General Principles and Institutional Law', LL.M. European Law (since 2015-2016, with mr.dr. A. Cuijvers and mr.dr. J.J. Rijpma).

Universiteit Leiden, Faculty of Law, lectures in BA1 and BA2 courses on European Law (since 2015-16).

Université catholique de Louvain, 'Political Philosophy and the EU', with Ph. Van Parijs (since 2019-2020)

Université catholique de Louvain, 'History of EU integration since the interwar years' (2016-2018)

Université catholique de Louvain, 'Pluralisme et diversité en Europe', bachelor minor 'European studies' (2015-18).

Université catholique de Louvain, 'Thinking Europe', master seminar in European Studies on identity and EU membership (2015-2018)

My current classes at Leiden University are a mixture of lecture classes and small-group tutorials; with the latter I have experienced in various formats.

Selected academic and research articles (books: above)

'Brexit as the European Union's "Machiavellian Moment"', *Common Market Law Review* 55 (2018) 2/3: 3-28.

(with V. Borger) 'A Eurozone Congress', *European Papers* 3 (2018) 1: 127-132.

'The Return of Politics: the European Union after euro-crisis and Ukraine', *Journal of Common Market Studies* 54 (2016) n°3, 495-507 (online October 2015).

'France-Allemagne: une incompréhension permanente', *Le Débat*, n° 187 (nov.-déc. 2015), pp. 4-20.

'Taking decisions or setting norms: EU Presidencies between executive and legislative power in a crisis-driven Union, in: *Fit for the future? Reflections from Leiden on the functioning of the EU*, Bernard Steunenberg, Wim Voermans and Stefaan van den Bogaerts (eds.), Eleven International Publishing, Den Haag 2016, pp. 7-22.

'Quelle Europe? Autour de *Le Déclin* de David Engels', *Le Débat*, n° 179 (mars-avril 2014) pp. 57-67.

Journalistic publications and media interventions

- Weekly column on (European) politics in *NRC Handelsblad*, since 1 March 2015.
- Monthly column in *De Standaard*
- Has been published by: *Financial Times*, *Le Monde*, *DIE ZEIT*, *The New Statesman*, *El Pais*, *Süddeutsche Zeitung* etc.
- Regular appearances as political analyst on Dutch television (e.g. *Nieuwsuur*, *Buitenhof*), French radio (*France Culture*), UK Radio (*BBC4*), UK television (BBC World, Skynews) and other media.

Working languages

	Understanding		Speaking	Writing
	Listening	Reading		
Dutch	Mother tongue	Mother tongue	Mother tongue	Mother tongue
English	C2	C2	C2	C2
French	C2	C2	C2	C2
German	C1	C2	B2	B2