

## **Dr. Nanneke Winters**

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### **Key research interests**

Migration, mobility and development; translocal livelihoods; intra-household carework; remittances; borders and border-crossings; illegalization of migrants; migrant skills and capabilities; refugees and minorities; intersectionality; multi-method, multi-sited and longitudinal research methodologies

### **Key research areas**

Central America (Belize, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica); Ecuador; Spain

## **Academic degrees**

### **PhD in Development Studies (2016)**

Institute of Development Policy and Management (IOB), University of Antwerp

### **MA in Latin American Studies (2008)**

Centre for Latin American Research and Documentation (CEDLA), University of Amsterdam

### **MA in Development Studies (with Anthropology; 2006)**

Centre for International Development Issues (CIDIN), Radboud University Nijmegen

## **Selection of professional positions**

- 2017-2018    **Postdoctoral researcher** at the Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz
- 2016        **Postdoctoral Researcher** at Utrecht University
- 2009-2016   **Junior researcher and academic assistant** at the University of Antwerp
- 2007-2009   **Assistant for administration, sponsor programmes and PR**  
Missie over Grenzen vzw, Leuven (Belgium)

## Primary research experience

**Postdoctoral research** at the Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz (2017-present), with Prof. Dr. Heike Drotbohm: 'African displacements and emplacements across Latin America'

This project addresses the translocal migration experiences of Africans who traverse severely challenged Central American regions in an attempt to reach the United States. On an empirical level, the project responds to the recent increase of African migrants in these regions and situates their experiences in a context of globe-spanning migration crises and industries. On a theoretical level, the project aims to advance a translocal perspective on (im)mobility, displacement and emplacement.

**Postdoctoral research** at Utrecht University (2016): 'Lost in Migration'

The project focused on the formal and informal institutions that play a role in acknowledging and developing migrant skills in the Dutch carework sector. The research included migrants, research institutions, government agencies, migrant organizations, and asylum centers.

**PhD research** at the University of Antwerp (2009-2014): 'Contested Connections. Mobility and migration as development experiences of translocal livelihoods in Muy Muy, Nicaragua'

The PhD thesis took translocal livelihoods as its starting point and showed the relevance of integrating a diversity of interconnected yet differentiated (non)migration experiences for understanding human mobility and its development implications. The thesis focused on the empirical domains of carework, 'illegality', and remittances, and proposed a mobility spectrum framework that incorporates multiple people, places and translocal practices.

The PhD involved intermittent, multi-sited ethnographic fieldwork totaling seven months in Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Spain. This fieldwork included qualitative research (participant observations, creative forms of interviewing, and social mappings) as well as a survey. In addition, the fieldwork comprised a one-year financial diaries project in collaboration with a local research team, and more than five years of long-distance research via telephone.

**MA research** at the University of Amsterdam (2007): '*Salir adelante para poder regresar. De rol van sociale netwerken, gender en etniciteit gedurende het migratieproces van latinas in Belize City*'

**MA research** at Radboud University Nijmegen (2004-2005): 'Constructing your feminine strength: young women's practices regarding gendered violence in Belize City'

## Selection of academic collaborations

2016 **Pilot study** with three colleagues from Utrecht University (Maggi Leung, Gery Nijenhuis and Marcel Coenders) on the project 'Lost in Migration', funded by Institutions for Open Societies seed money

- 2012 **Co-supervision of survey data collection** for the Migration Impact Monitoring Mechanism (MIMM) with the Universidad de Cuenca, Ecuador; part of the VLIR IUC project 'International Migration and Local Development' led by dr. Germán Calfat
- 2012 **Methodological exchange** on *migramamas* and financial diaries, with Jesús Sanz Abad, professor in the social anthropology department at the Universidad Complutense de Madrid
- 2006 **Impact assessment** for the Young Women's Christian Association (Y.W.C.A.) and research support for a project on Spanish-speaking domestic workers in Belize City conducted by the Women's Issues Network (W.I.N.) in Belize

### Grants and awards

- 2018 **DFG** Research Grant (with Prof. Dr. Heike Drotbohm) for the project 'African trajectories across Central America. Dynamics of displacements, transitory emplacements, and ambivalent migration nodes' (2018-2021)
- 2017 **JGU** Internal University Research Funding (with Prof. Dr. Heike Drotbohm) for the project 'African displacements and emplacements across Latin America'
- 2014 **FWO** (Research Foundation – Flanders), Travel grant for a short stay abroad
- 2014 **IOB** Research Fund, Grant for fieldwork (also obtained in 2011 and 2009)
- 2012 **FWO** (Research Foundation – Flanders), Grant for participation in an international conference (the 111th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting 'Borders and Crossings' in San Francisco)
- 2012 **University of Antwerp**, Antwerp Doctoral School Grant for fieldwork
- 2007 **MA Thesis Award** 'Gerrit Huizer' for my MA thesis 'Constructing your feminine strength: young women's practices regarding gendered violence in Belize City', Radboud University Nijmegen

### Selected academic services

- 2014-present Invited to **review** for the following journals: Development and Change; Global Networks; Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies; Latin American Research Review; Oxford Development Studies
- 2010-2014 **Board member** of NALACS (Netherlands Association for Latin American and Caribbean Studies)

2011            **Co-organizer** of the NALACS Annual International Conference 'Contested Mobility: People, Commodities and Policies across Latin America and the Caribbean', Leiden University

### **Selected teaching experience**

#### **Guest lectures in 2017**

-Gender, globalization and development

#### **Co-teaching of courses in 2014 and 2015**

-Qualitative Data Analysis and NVivo

#### **Single sessions between 2009 and 2015**

-Validity in Qualitative Research

-Researching migration: experiences in Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Spain

-Qualitative fieldwork; and Alternative Qualitative Research Methods

#### **Student tutorship between 2009 and 2016**

-Local Institutions and Poverty Reduction