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Key research interests

Migration, (im)mobility and development; translocal livelihoods; families and care; remittances; borders; migrant trajectories; migrant illegalization; refugees and minorities; displacement and emplacement; migrant skills and capabilities; intersectionality; ethnography; multi-sited fieldwork

Key research areas

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

Current research project

'African trajectories across Central America: displacements, transitory emplacements, and ambivalent migration nodes' (with prof. dr. Heike Drotbohm, funded by the German Research Foundation from 2018-2021)

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 previous 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 (2017-2018), with prof. dr. Heike Drotbohm: 'African displacements and emplacements across Latin America'

This project addressed 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), with Maggi Leung, Gery Nijenhuis and Marcel Coenders: '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

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

- 2011 Design, implementation and coordination of a yearlong **financial diaries project**, in collaboration with a Nicaraguan research team and research and development institute Nitlapan of the Universidad Centroamericana (UCA) in Managua
- 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 memberships and services

- 2016-present **Member** of the European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA)
- 2016-present **Member** of the Transmobilities Network
- 2014-present Invited to **review** for the following journals: Development and Change; Global Networks; Identities; 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

Full course in 2019

- Migration, Mobility and Immobility in Central America

Guest lecture 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