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Belgian, born on 20 July 1968

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- Professor at UCLouvain (Belgium) and at SciencesPo (Paris)
 - Member of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (2015-2022)
 - Co-chair, International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems (IPES-Food)
 - UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights (since May 2020)
 - UN Special Rapporteur on the right to food (May 2008-May 2014)
 - Awarded the Francqui Prize 2013
 - Member of the Global Law School Faculty, New York University
 - Visiting Professor, Columbia University (2008-2012), U.C. Berkeley (2013), Yale University (2016)
 - Coordinator, EU Network of independent experts on fundamental rights (2002-2007)
 - Ph.D in Law (UCLouvain)
 - Diploma (highest awards) from the International Institute of Human Rights (Strasbourg)
 - LL.M., Harvard University

Professional experience

2015–2022: Member of the [United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights](#)

2020–2023: [UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights](#)

2016–2017: Visiting Professor, Yale University (Law School)

Since 2015: Member of the [Lancet Commission on Obesity](#)

Since 2014: Co-chair, International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems ([IPES-Food](#))

2013–2014: Visiting Professor, U.C. Berkeley - leading a Faculty workshop of the Berkeley Food Institute on transitions to sustainable food systems

2008–2014: UN Special Rapporteur on the right to food (www.srfood.org)

2008–2011 : Member of the European Commission’s SSH (Social Sciences and Humanities) Expert Advisory Group

2007–2008, 2010–2011, 2011–2012, and 2012–2013: Visiting Professor, Columbia University : courses in International Law; International Human Rights; Legal and Political Economy of Hunger; Globalization and Human Rights; Governance in the EU (with Charles F. Sabel)

Since 2010: Visiting Professor, Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Washington College of Law, American University, Washington, D.C. (Summer Course on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights)

Since 2011: Visiting Professor, Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po, Paris School of International Affairs) (courses on human rights and on global hunger) and at Paris II-Assas: course on “Fundamental rights in the EU”

Since 2006: Professor at the College of Europe (Natolin), Warsaw, Poland : course on “Fundamental rights in the EU”

Since 2006: Coordinator of the Academic Network on the European Social Charter

Since 2005: Member of the pool of experts for the scientific evaluation of projects under the Sixth and Seventh Framework Programmes of the European Community for research and development

Since 2004: Member of the Global Law School Faculty, New York University. Courses on International Human Rights and Transnational Corporations and Human Rights

Since 2004: General Secretary, International Federation for Human Rights (Fédération internationale des Ligues des Droits de l'Homme (FIDH)), in charge of the programme on globalization and human rights (WTO law and human rights; non-State actors and human rights; economic, social and cultural rights in the context of economic globalization) (elected in 2004 and re-elected in 2007)

Since 2002: Co-ordinator of the EU Network of Independent Experts on Fundamental Rights (instituted by the European Commission (DG Justice and Home Affairs) acting upon request of the European Parliament).

2001–2005: Director of the International Centre for the teaching of human rights in Universities (Centre international pour l'enseignement des droits de l'homme dans les Universités - CiedhU), at the International Institute of Human Rights (Strasbourg)

Since 1999: Professor at the Law Faculty of the Université catholique de Louvain (UCLouvain): courses in European Union Law, International and European Protection of Human Rights, and Legal Theory;

Since 1999: Visiting Professor at the Facultés universitaires Saint-Louis (Belgium); Visiting professor at the University of Limoges (France)

Since 1997: Member of the Centre de Philosophie du droit (CPDR), Faculty of Law, UCLouvain.

1991–1997 (with two interruptions): Fellow of the National Fund for Scientific Research (Fonds national de la recherche scientifique - F.N.R.S.), attached to the Law Faculty of the UCLouvain

1995–1996: Lecturer in Law, University of Leicester (United Kingdom). Courses on the Institutional and Substantive Law of the European Union (LL.B. 2) and on the European Convention on Human Rights (LL.M. in Human Rights and Civil Liberties)

1992–1993: Legal advisor to the League of Human Rights (Belgium). In that capacity I set up the Permanent Delegation of the International Federation of Human Rights (Fédération internationale des droits de l'Homme – FIDH) to the EU. I also conducted a number of cases before national courts (and on one occasion before the European Court of Justice) in collaboration with the solicitors representing the League of Human Rights or the FIDH.

Visiting professorships, occasional courses

June 2007: Human Rights Session, Academy of European Law, at the European University Institute, Florence, Italy: course on “The Fundamental Rights Agency of the European Union”

Summer 2005 and Summer 2006: Lectures at the Summer School on Discrimination based on Race and Religion (Maastricht University), and at the Summer School on Disability Discrimination (National University of Ireland at Galway)

2004–2005: Visiting Professor, University of Paris I–Panthéon-Sorbonne

2004–2007: Visiting Professor, Abo Akademi University and Institute for Human Rights, Turku, Finland

2003–2007: Visiting Professor, Masters in Human Rights, Universidade de Coimbra, Portugal

June 2002: Human Rights Session, Academy of European Law (European University Institute, Florence, Italy): course on “The Accountability of Multinational Enterprises for Human Rights Violations in the European System”

July 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2005: Fundamental Courses taught at the Summer Session of the International Institute of Human Rights (Strasbourg), on the protection of fundamental rights in the EU legal order (July 2001 and July 2002), on the right to life (July 2003), on the rights of women and private life (July 2005)

Since 2000, on a biennial basis: Visiting professor, UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, National University of Benin (Abomey-Calavi), Cotonou, in the framework of the DEA (diplôme d'études approfondies) in democracy and human rights. Courses on “International law of human rights, the right to development, and labour rights in the context of globalization”.

1998–1999: Visiting Professor at the University of Limoges

Summer 1991: Visiting Professor at the University of Puerto Rico: course on the Law of International Organizations: The European Communities.

Editorial Boards and reviewer

- Editor in Chief of the *European Journal of Human Rights*
- Co-Founder and former General Secretary of the *Journal de droit européen*, created in 1993 and which has become a reference legal journal in European Law, in the French-speaking world. This journal is published on a monthly basis and covers legal developments in the European Union and in the Council of Europe.
- Member of the Scientific Committee of the *Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights*, of the *Revue trimestrielle des droits de l'homme*, and of the *Revue belge de droit international*
- Member of the Editorial Council of *Dignitas*, the Slovenian journal specialised in the area of domestic constitutional and international law of human rights, published by the Faculty of Government and European Affairs at Brdo pri Kranju (Slovenia) in collaboration with the European Faculty of Law at Nova Gorica (Slovenia)
- Member of the Editorial Board of the *Revue de droit des étrangers* (asylum and immigration law)
- Member of the Editorial Board of *Droit en Quart Monde* (poverty law)
- Regular reviewer for articles proposed to the *European Journal of International Law*, the *Modern Law Review*, and the *European Law Journal*

Other experiences

2010 : among the 21 international figures selected by *Die Zeit*, the leading German daily newspaper, as marking figures of the year (see description of my work by Christiane Grefe in Elisabeth von Thadden (Hg.), *Wer denkt für morgen ? Wie unsere Zukunft aussieht – 21 Denker für das 21. Jahrhundert*, Herder Verlag, 2010, pp. 161-168)

2004- : elected General Secretary of the International Federation for Human Rights (Fédération Internationale des droits de l'homme), in charge of the 'Globalization and Human Rights' program of the FIDH; reelected in April 2007: www.fidh.org
2000-2003 : General Secretary of the League of Human Rights (Belgium) (member of the Board of Directors since 1992).

Higher Education

Doctoral thesis presented on 27 March 1998 under the title "Fonction de juger et droits fondamentaux. Transformations du contrôle juridictionnel dans les ordres juridiques américain et européens" (*summa cum laude*, with congratulations). The thesis (published in 1999 at Bruylant, Brussels) offers a comparative analysis (United States federal courts, European Court of Human Rights, European Court of the Justice) of the impact on the judicial function and separation of powers of the rise of fundamental rights.

1990-1991: Master in Laws (LL.M.), Harvard University (thesis: Affirmative action in the law of race relations)

1987-1990: J.D., *summa cum laude*, highest honors and ranked first (Licence en Droit, Université catholique de Louvain and Université de Paris-II (Assas)).

1987-1988 : First year of the Licence en Relations internationales, Université catholique de Louvain : *magna cum laude*.

1985-1987: B.A. in Law, *summa cum laude*, highest honors and ranked first (Candidature en Droit, Université catholique de Louvain: la plus grande distinction).

Other academic distinctions

- Awarded the Francqui Prize 2013 for his contribution to the advancement of social science and the humanities. The prize is awarded every three years in the humanities and the social sciences by an international jury, chaired in 2013 by prof. E. Maskin from Harvard University, the 2007 Laureate of the Nobel Prize in Economics.
- Diploma of the International Institute of Human Rights, awarded *cum laude* (highest award) at the 23d session, July 1992.
- Hoover Fellow of the Belgian American Educational Foundation (B.A.E.F.) (Harvard University, 1990-1991)
- Member of the International Institute of Human Rights (Strasbourg)

Languages

English (fluent, primary education in India and Saudi Arabia), French (native), Dutch (good).

Official cooperations with national authorities or international institutions

• United Nations

'Final Report: The transformative potential of the right to food'. Report submitted by the Special Rapporteur on the right to food to the 25th session of the Human Rights Council, UN doc. A/HRC/25/57 (24 January 2014), available [here](#)

'Assessing a Decade of Right to Food Progress', Interim Report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to food, Olivier De Schutter, to the 68th session of the General Assembly, UN doc. A/68/288 (7 August 2013), available [here](#)

'Women's rights and the right to food', Report submitted by the Special Rapporteur on the right to food, Olivier De Schutter, to the 22nd session of the Human Rights Council, UN doc. A/HRC/22/50 (24 December 2012), available [here](#)

'The fisheries sector and the right to food', Interim Report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to food, Olivier De Schutter, to the 67th session of the General Assembly, UN doc. A/67/268 (6 August 2012), available [here](#)

'The Adequacy of Diets and the Right to Food', Report presented at the 19th Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council, UN doc. A/HRC/19/59 (March 2012), available [here](#)

'Contract farming and inclusive business models in the food chains', Interim Report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to food, Olivier De Schutter, to the 66th session of the General Assembly, UN doc. A/66/262 (4 August 2011), available [here](#)

'Agroecology and the Right to Food', Report presented at the 16th Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council, UN doc. A/HRC/16/49 (March 2011), available [here](#)

'Access to land and the right to food', Interim Report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to food, Olivier De Schutter, to the 65th session of the General Assembly, UN doc. A/65/281 (11 August 2010), available [here](#)

'Report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to food, Olivier De Schutter - Addendum - Large-scale land acquisitions and leases: A set of minimum principles and measures to address the human rights challenge', A/HRC/13/33/Add.2 (28 December 2009)

Agribusiness and the right to food, Report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to food, Olivier De Schutter (UN doc. A/HRC/13/33) (22 December 2009), available [here](#)

'Seed policies and the right to food', Interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to food, Olivier De Schutter, to the 64th session of the General Assembly (UN doc. A/64/170) (27 July 2009), available [here](#)

'Crisis into opportunity: reinforcing multilateralism', Report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to food, Olivier De Schutter, to the 12th session of the Human Rights Council (UN doc. A/HRC/12/31) (21 July 2009)

'The role of development cooperation and food aid in realizing the right to adequate food: moving from charity to obligation', Report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to food, Olivier De Schutter, to the 10th session of the Human Rights Council (UN doc. A/HRC/10/5) (11. February 2009)

Programme of work of the Special Rapporteur on the right to food, Interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to food, Olivier De Schutter, to the 63rd session of the General Assembly (A/63/278) (21 October 2008)

'Building resilience: a human rights framework for world food and nutrition security', Report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to food, Olivier De Schutter, to the 9th session of the Human Rights Council (UN doc. A/HRC/9/23) (8 September 2008)

- **Council of Europe**

Expert on the question of the accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights, Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (see Council of Europe doc. AS/Jur (2007) 53, 12 October 2007)

Expert on the preparation of Guidelines by the Working Party on Expulsion Procedures of the ad hoc Committee of experts on legal aspects of territorial asylum, refugees and stateless persons (CAHAR-PE) : see Recommendation 1547(2002) on expulsion procedures in conformity with human rights and enforced with respect for safety and dignity (CM/AS(2003)Rec1547final), and for the final result, the Guidelines on forced return adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on 4 May 2005, at the 925th Meeting of the Ministers' Deputies

Expert report on the Draft Law on the Police in Kosovo, Council of Europe, DG II (2005), Strasbourg, March 2005

Expert report on the Bill on Freedom of conscience and religious associations of the Republic of Moldova, Council of Europe, DG II (2003) 8, Strasbourg, 17 April 2003 (with V. Coussirat-Coustère)

Expert of the Council of Europe, in charge of the compatibility exercise on the Republic of Armenia (see *Study on the compatibility of the law of the Republic of Armenia with the requirements of the European Convention on Human Rights*, H(2000)12) (1999-2000). A compatibility exercise requires a systematic examination of the conformity of the laws and administrative practices of a country acceding to the Council of Europe with the standards of that organisation, see doc. H(96)12.

Expert of the Council of Europe, in charge of the compatibility exercise on the Republic of Yugoslavia (now Serbia and Montenegro) (see *Study on the compatibility of the law of the Republic of Yugoslavia with the requirements of the European Convention on Human Rights*, H(2002)11) (2000-2002)

Expert Report on the Charter of Rights and Freedoms of the Republic of Serbia and Montenegro, Strasbourg, Council of Europe, 11 February 2003

Expert Opinion on the draft Law on Movement and Stay of Aliens and Asylum presented to the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina, September 2002, Directorate of Legal Affairs, Council of Europe.

Expert Report on freedom of assembly and freedom of association in Turkey, see *Expert opinions on the draft law on Assembly and Demonstrations of Turkey*, Strasbourg, Council of Europe, 7 May 2002, HRCAD/DGII/Exp. (2002), 28 pp. (with St. Livingstone)

Expert Report on the right to an effective remedy in Bosnia-Herzegovina, in the context of the accession of Bosnia-Herzegovina to the European Convention on Human Rights, Sarajevo, May 2002.

Expert of the Council of Europe, with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Sarajevo (Bosnia-Herzegovina) 10-11 December 1998 : “ Human Rights and the Protection of Asylum Seekers and Refugees : International and European Perspectives ”.

Expert Report on freedom of assembly in Croatia : see *Comments on the Croatian Law on Public Assembly Bill*, Strasbourg, Council of Europe, 28 September 1998, DDH/EXP(98)3.

I have also taken part in a large number of missions (approximately 30 during the period 1996-2001) in countries having recently acceded to the Council of Europe (esp. Romania, Bulgaria, the Slovak Republic, the Czech Republic, Armenia, Ukraine), where I taught magistrates and lawyers on the European Convention on Human Rights.

- **European Union**

2016: Study prepared at the request of the European Parliament's Committee on Constitutional Affairs (AFCO), [The Implementation of the Charter of Fundamental Rights in the EU Institutional Framework](#)

2016: Study prepared at the request of the European Parliament's Committee on Constitutional Affairs (AFCO), [The European Social Charter in the context of the implementation of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU](#)

2016: Study prepared at the request of the European Commission and the European network of legal experts in gender equality and non-discrimination, [Links between migration and discrimination](#)

2016: Study prepared at the request of the European Parliament's Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE), [Follow-up to the European Parliament's Resolution of 8 September 2015 on 'The situation of fundamental rights in the European Union \(2013-2014\)'](#)

2015: Study prepared at the request of the European Parliament's Committee on Development, [The New Alliance on Food and Nutrition Security in Africa](#)

2013-2018 : Member of the Scientific Committee of the European Union's Fundamental Rights Agency (see Article 14 of Regulation (EC) No. 168/2007)

2008-2011 : Senior international expert and coordinating expert in the network of legal experts of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency (FRALEX). In this capacity I have prepared a number of reports offering a comparative law analysis of the national legislations of the 27 EU Member States as well as of international and European human rights law, which the Fundamental Rights Agency has used as the basis for its opinions and recommendations.

2008-2009 : Chair of the Scientific Committee on the monitoring and evaluation mechanisms in the field of EU judicial cooperation in criminal matters, project led by the Ministry of Justice, The Netherlands

2004-2007 : Member of the EU Network of experts on discrimination, which monitors the implementation in the EU Member States of Council Directive 2000/43/EC of 29 June 2000 implementing the principle of equal treatment between persons irrespective of racial or ethnic origin and of Council Directive 2000/78/EC of 27 November 2000 establishing a general framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation with respect to disability discrimination.

2002-2004 : Member of the EU Network of experts on disability discrimination, which examined the implementation in the EU Member States of Council Directive 2000/78/EC of 27 November 2000 establishing a general framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation with respect to disability discrimination.

See : http://europa.eu.int/comm/employment_social/fundamental_rights/policy/aneval/mon_en.htm

2002-2004 : Member of the EU Group of Experts on Sexual Orientation, which examined the implementation in the EU Member States of Council Directive 2000/78/EC of 27 November 2000 establishing a general framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation with respect to sexual orientation discrimination.

2002-2007: Founder and Co-ordinator of the EU Network of Independent Experts on Fundamental Rights, a high-level group of experts on fundamental rights instituted by the European Commission (DG Justice and Home Affairs) acting upon request of the European Parliament, established in order to provide advice to the institutions of the EU in the area of fundamental rights (see European Commission, Communication to the Council and the European Parliament on Article 7 of the Treaty on European Union: Respect for and Promotion of the Values on which the Union is based, COM(2003) 606 final, of 15.10.2003).

2002-2003 : Expert for the European Commission (Fundamental Rights Unit A5, DG Justice and Home Affairs), on the question of judicial remedies within the European Union. The report "Vers l'Union de droit. L'amélioration de la protection juridictionnelle du particulier dans le cadre de la Conférence intergouvernementale", presented in January 2003, was used in the course of the debate within the

Convention on the future of Europe on judicial protection in the Union. Available available [here](#) (in French).

2001-2002 : Expert for the European Commission (Fundamental Rights Unit A5, DG Justice and Home Affairs), on the question of the improvement of the protection of fundamental rights in the European Union. The report “Ancrer les droits fondamentaux dans l’Union européenne”, presented in March 2002, was influential in defining the position of Commissioner A. Vitorino in the Convention on the Future of Europe, on the question of the location of the Charter of Fundamental Rights in the Constitution and on the Accession of the EU to the European Convention on Human Rights. Available [here](#) (in French).

1999-2000: Expert of the Economic and Social Committee (groupe III), on the question of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (1999-2000). See the Opinion of the Economic and Social Committee on the Charter of Fundamental Rights (20 September 2000): CES 1005/2000 – SOC/013

- **National Institutions**

2018-2019 : Author of the report "Human rights in the service of the fight against poverty: A rights-based approach to addressing poverty in the national action plans to implement the Sustainable Development Goals", commissioned by the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI), and summarized in the [handbook](#) published in November 2019 by the ENNHRI.

2006-2007 : Author of the memorandum on the establishment of a national human rights institution in Belgium (currently under discussion within the Belgian Federal Government)

2004 : Conclusions to the Report on the implementation in Belgium of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Les pouvoirs exécutifs belges confrontés aux observations du Comité des droits économiques, sociaux et culturels des Nations Unies), SPF Emploi, Travail et Concertation sociale, Direction des relations multilatérales, July 2004 – see www.meta.fgov.be (resulting from the seminar organised on 28 November 2003)

2003 : Expert Opinion on the Parliamentary Bill seeking to give Belgian courts a universal competence on certain serious violations of internationally recognized fundamental social rights (Avis sur la Proposition de loi insérant un article 10quinquies dans le titre préliminaire du Code de procédure pénale, en vue de l’incrimination universelle de certaines violations des droits sociaux fondamentaux, déposée par M. Dirk Van der Maelen et consorts), requested by the President of the Committee on Justice of the Senate, Mr. F. Erdman, 20 February 2003

2002 : Expert of the Justice Parliamentary Committee of the Belgian Senate on the Bill opening marriage to persons of the same sex (October 2002). The Law was adopted in February 2003.

2002 : Expert of the Justice Parliamentary Committee of the Belgian Senate on the Re-opening of judicial procedures in execution of the judgments of the European Court of Human Rights. The text of my contribution is published in the Report by Senator Ms Anne Barzin, "Proposition de loi modifiant le Code d’instruction criminelle, en ce qui concerne la révision de la condamnation en matière criminelle, et le Code judiciaire, en ce qui concerne la requête civile", Ch., sess. ord. 2001-2002, 3 mai 2002, Doc 50 n° 1083/008, pp. 21-43.

2001 : Expert of the Joined Justice Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives, on the question of the compatibility with the requirements of human rights of the measures adopted in the fight against terrorism. A summary version of my report appeared in E. Bribosia et A. Weyembergh (dir.), *La lutte contre le terrorisme et les droits fondamentaux*, Bruxelles, Bruylant, 2002.

2001 : Report to the Centre for Equal Opportunities and Opposition to Racism, concerning the sanctions which could be adopted against the Vlaams Blok (extreme-right party) on the basis of the Belgian legislation. A summary version of the report was published in the *Revue de droit des étrangers*.

2000 : The Economic and Social Rights to be included in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, presentation before the Parliamentary Committee on European Affairs of the House of Representatives (comité d'avis chargé des questions européennes, Chambre des représentants, 7 December 1999) (see Doc. 50 – 0439/001 (House) 2-340/1 (Senate)).

2000 : Report commissioned by Ms Onkelinx, Federal Minister of Labour and Employment, on the workprogramme of the European Commission based on Article 13 EC. The Report was presented in May 2000. It developed into a book : *Discriminations et marché du travail. Liberté et égalité dans les rapports d'emploi*, coll. “ Travail et Société ”, Bruxelles, Bern, Berlin, Frankfurt/M., New York, Oxford, Wien, éd. P.I.E. Peter Lang, 2001, 234 pp.

1998 : Report to the Centre for Equal Opportunités and the fight against Racism, concerning the reform of the Belgian legislation relating to hate crimes. The report was published as an annex to the annual report of activities of the Centre (April 1998).

1996 : "L'amélioration de la protection des droits de l'homme dans la perspective de la Conférence intergouvernementale portant sur la révision du Traité sur l'Union européenne", report prepared upon request of the Ministry of Justice in the context of the 1996 Intergovernmental Conference for the reform of the European Treaties (March 1996).

1994-1995 : Preparation of the position of the Belgian government (Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Foreign Affairs) in the proceedings which led to the Opinion 2/94 of the European Court of Justice, on the Accession of the European Community to the European Convention on Human Rights. I authored the observations of the Belgian government, and I wrote the oral statement made at the hearing.

1995 : Cooperation with the Belgian Ministry of Justice on the preparation of the Report to the Human Rights Committee (International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights).

Research Programmes

Member of the Expert Advisory Group on the Social Sciences and the Humanities of the European Commission, DG Research, since January 2009. Regularly acting as independent expert in the evaluation of research projects submitted following calls for proposals of DG Research of the European Commission.

6th European Community Framework Programme on Research and Development. The project on “Reflexive Governance” is coordinated by the CPDR/UCL (2005-2010). In that framework, I am coordinator of the Fundamental Rights Sub-Network, the aim of which is to develop proposals on the future of the fundamental rights policy of the Union, with a focus on the impact of this policy on the allocation of competences between the Member States and the Union and on the use of new modes of governance to improve the coordination between the Member States. On the research hypothesis and the participants, see <http://cridho.uclouvain.be>

5th European Community Framework Programme on Research and Development (2002-2005): direction of a seminar on the future of the open method of coordination in employment and social policies, which led to the publication of *Social Rights and Market Forces*, which I have co-edited with prof. S. Deakin (CBR, Cambridge) (see bibliography). On the research hypothesis and the participants, see <http://cridho.uclouvain.be>

I.A.P. (Inter-University Attraction Pole) 2007-2011 of the Centre de philosophie du droit (CPDR – UCL). As director of the legal research in the CPDR, I am coordinating the research on Foreign direct investment and human development, jointly conducted by the CPDR and LICOS (Centre for the Study of Transition Economies) and the Institute of International Law, both from the KULeuven.

I.A.P. (Inter-University Attraction Pole) 2002-2007 of the Centre de philosophie du droit (CPDR – UCL). As director of the legal research in the CPDR, I conduct a number of researches, including doctoral theses, which seek to analyze the relationship of fundamental rights to economic freedoms exercised in market relationships. The themes are minority rights, genetic privacy, globalization and human rights, and at a more theoretical level, the influence of economic paradigms on the development of legal thought. In this latter respect, I am particularly interested in the emergence of the Welfare State in the United States, especially during the Locher era (1890-1940), a theme on which I am preparing a book.

F.S.R. 2000-2002, on “Markets and Discrimination”. This has been an interdisciplinary research (Law, Economics, Social Psychology) which was partly built around the book then in preparation : *Discriminations et marché du travail. Liberté et égalité dans les rapports d’emploi* (P.I.E. Peter Lang, 2001). Two doctoral theses are currently being completed in this context.

I.A.P. (Inter-University Attraction Pole) 1997-2002 of the Centre de philosophie du droit (CPDR). In this research programme, I have conducted a seminar of lawyers and criminologists on the reform of the penitentiary and the fundamental rights of detainees. A volume resulted from the research, which adopts a comparative approach to the task of reforming the prison system (United States, Canada, United Kingdom, France, Belgium, the Netherlands) and the theoretical questions raised by the “humanization” of that system and the implementation of prisoners’ rights (O. De Schutter and D.Kaminski (dir.), [*L’institution du droit pénitentiaire*](#), L.G.D.J., Paris, 2002). My own contribution was on the role of the United States federal judiciary in the reform of the penitentiary.

International research programme of Paris X-Nanterre, on an institutional analysis of the labor markets in Europe, financed by the French Centre national de la recherche scientifique (2000-2002): "Les politiques du marché du travail en Europe: les cadrages juridiques et économiques du jugement des compétences et leur rapport au chômage" (law and economics approach to discrimination on the labor market).

Participation in a number of research programmes of the International Institute of Human Rights in Strasbourg (France).

Joint Seminar of the CPDR and the Forward Studies Unit of the European Commission, “Governance in the European Union” (1996-1999), led to the publication of O. De Schutter, N. Lebessis, and J. Paterson (eds.), *Governance in the European Union*, OOPEC, Luxemburg, 2001, 318 pages (two languages : French and English) as well as to the adoption of the *White Paper on European Governance* (COM(2001)428 final, 25.7.2001).

Publications (selected)

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I. Academic publications

A. Governance in the EU and European integration

- **Books**

1. *La fonction des groupes de pression dans la Communauté européenne*, Bruxelles, Courrier hebdomadaire du CRISP, n°1398-1399, 1993, 53 pp.

2. *Governance in the European Union / La Gouvernance dans l'Union européenne*, co-edited with Notis Lebesis and John Paterson, Office for Official Publications of the European Communities, Luxembourg, 2001, 335 p. (volume in French) and 318 p. (volume in English)

3. *Une Constitution pour l'Europe. Réflexions sur les transformations du droit de l'Union européenne*, Bruxelles, Larcier, 2004, 405 pp. (co-edited with P. Nihoul, foreword W. van Gerven, afterword A. Vitorino)

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