

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Date of birth: 22 April 1996 (Knokke-Heist) | Nationality: Belgium  
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## VISION

*As one of the more complex and dynamic parts of the world, Asia has always been of interest to me. Ever since I started learning and reading about it, either by self-study or through the university, I have been trying to expand my understanding of the 'why everything is the way it is today'. On top of that I think it is key to master a variety of languages in order to tackle daily challenges. One day I hope to apply what I have learned so far (and what I will learn throughout the years to come) to real-life situations and gradually become a part of the solution.*

## EDUCATION

- February 2020 – June 2021 Master's degree in Comparative and International Politics.  
Grade: Magna cum laude
- September 2015 – June 2020 Bachelor of Language and Area Studies: Japanese Studies with a minor in economic policy and management.  
KU Leuven, Oude Markt 13, Bus 5005, 3000 Leuven (Belgium)

## EXTRACURRICULAR

- June 2020 – August 2020 Accepted for second internship at Flanders Investment & Trade Tokyo at the Belgian Embassy in Japan (canceled due to COVID-19).
- May 2019 – June 2020 President 'Debat Squad' student association.
- September 2018 – May 2019 Co-founder and fundraising manager 'Debat Squad' student association.  
At this inclusive organisation high school students acquire the necessary soft skills in order to build their case, debate and give speeches. After a number of training sessions the students will participate in a competition organized by Debat Squad.
- June 2018 – August 2018 Internship at Flanders Investment & Trade Tokyo at the Belgian Embassy in Japan.

## PERSONAL SKILLS

- Native tongue Dutch
- Other languages English: full working proficiency/business level proficiency  
Japanese: I am taking the official JLPT N2 test in December 2021 (cancellation in July and December 2020, July 2021 due to COVID-19).  
French: limited working proficiency/conversational proficiency
- Computer skills Microsoft Office, SPSS, NVivo, Zotero, Slack  
Online meetings: Skype, Microsoft Teams, Zoom among others

## EDUCATION (other)

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September 2018 – June 2020 Preparatory program for a master's degree in Comparative and International Politics.

KU Leuven, Oude Markt 13, Bus 5005, 3000 Leuven (Belgium)

February 2017 – March 2017 Seminar and case studies: Current issues related to doing business in China.

KU Leuven, Stormstraat 2, 1000 Brussel (Belgium)

KU Leuven, Korte Nieuwstraat 33, 2000 Antwerpen (Belgium)

September 2014 – June 2015 Bachelor of Law.

KU Leuven, Oude Markt 13, Bus 5005, 3000 Leuven (Belgium)

August 2014 – September 2014 Education First language course, English intensive course.

EF Oxford, Pullens Ln, Oxford OX3 0DT (Great-Britain)

September 2008 – June 2014 Secondary Education: Mathematics, Greek.

Heilige-Drievuldigheidscollège, Oude Markt 28, 3000 Leuven (Belgium)

## EXTRACURRICULAR (other)

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September 2019 - Present Board member Leuven Gakusei Forum. (ルーヴァン学生フォーラム)

Organizing social gatherings between native Japanese people and KU Leuven Japanology students to promote intercultural exchanges as well as organizing supporting workshops for the students.

August 2014 – September 2019 Student waiter at 'Eetkafé' in Aarschot.

September 2019 – September 2021 Student employee at Brico in Leuven.

## PERSONAL SKILLS (other)

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Hobbies Mostly reading books on a variety of topics (geopolitics, applied economics etc.).