

DR. HELEEN TOUQUET

Current positions

Visiting professor, Department of Politics, University of Antwerp (2021-)

Chair in European Values, Department of History, University of Antwerp, Belgium (2019 -)

Member of the Board, Flemish Peace Institute (2021-)

Research associate CECRI (Centre d'Etude de Crises et de Conflits Internationaux - Université Catholique de Louvain-La-Neuve)

Former positions

Principal Investigator "Male victims of conflict-related sexual violence in Kosovo, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia" LINES, Department of Politics, University of Leuven (2018-2022)

Assistant professor, LINES, University of Leuven, Belgium (September 2016-December 2018)

Post-doctoral researcher FWO project "Frames of Reconciliation (March 2013-January 2017)

Researcher at HIVA (Research Institute for Labour and Society) (November 2012-February 2013)

Voluntary research fellow, LINES (May 2012-October 2012)

Post-doctoral researcher, LINES (January 2012-May 2012)

Doctoral researcher at University of Leuven, LINES (January 2007- April 2011 including pregnancy leave Jan.-April 2007 and Sept.-Jan. 2011-12)

Journalist, De Standaard, Brussels (February 2000- October 2006)

Visiting Fellowships

Visiting Fellow, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA: March-July 2018

Visiting Fellow at Ulster University, Transitional Justice Institute, Belfast, UK: January-February 2017

Education

Ph.D. Social and Political Sciences (University of Leuven) (2012)

MA International Relations (University of Leuven) – magna cum laude (2006)

MA Comparative Literature (University of Leuven and UBC, Vancouver, Canada) (1999)

MA and BA Germanic Philology (University of Leuven) (1998)

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Publications

Articles in internationally reviewed scientific journals

Touquet, H. Schulz, P. (in revision) Conflict-Related Sexual Violence as a “Pedagogy of Cruelty”: Responding through an Ethics of Care. *Global Studies Quarterly*.

Touquet, H. Kreft AK, Schulz P and Martin, S (2022) Self-Care for Gender-Based Violence Researchers – Moving Beyond Bubble-Baths and Chocolate Pralines. *Qualitative Research* (IPF 1.49)

Touquet H. (2021) Silent or Inaudible? Male Survivor Stories in Bosnia–Herzegovina. *Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State & Society* (IPF: 1.808)

Touquet H. Chynoweth S, Schulz P., Turner L., Duriesmith D, Myrtinnen H, Reis C, Martin S. (2021) From “It rarely happens” to “It’s worse for men”: Dispelling myths and misconceptions about sexual violence against men and boys in conflict and displacement. *Journal of Humanitarian Affairs*. Special issue on Gender and Humanitarianism

Touquet H. and Schulz, P. (2020) Queering explanatory frameworks for wartime sexual violence against men. *International Affairs. Special issue: Wronged Bodies* November 2020 (eds. Marysia Zalewski, Paula Drumond) (IPF 7.910)

Touquet H. and Schulz P. (2020) Navigating vulnerabilities and masculinities: How gendered contexts shape the agency of male sexual violence survivors. *Security Dialogue* (IPF 2.419)

Milosevic, A., **Touquet, H.** (2018) The Europeanisation of the politics of memory in Serbia and Croatia. *Southeast Europe and Black Sea Studies* (IPF: 1.644)

Chynoweth, SK., Freccero, J., **Touquet, H.** (2017) Sexual violence against men and boys in humanitarian settings: implications for the health sector. *Reproductive Health Matters* 49 (IPF: 1.836)

Touquet, H. Gorris E., (2016) Out of the shadows? Male victims in conceptualizations of conflict-related sexual violence. *Reproductive Health Matters* 24 (47): 1-11 (IPF: 1.836)

Touquet, H. Vermeersch, P. (2016) Frames of reconciliation: the politics of peace-building in the former Yugoslavia. *East-European Politics and Societies - Special issue on Europe's Changing Lessons from the Past 30* (1), 55-73 (IPF: 0.817)

Touquet H. (2015) Non-ethnic mobilization in deeply divided societies: the case of the Sarajevo Protests. *Europe-Asia Studies*, 67 (3) (IPF. 2.102)

Touquet, H. (2012). The RS as a strong nationalizing state and the consequences for postethnic activism. *Nationalities Papers*, 40(2), 203-220 (IPF 0.803)

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Touquet, H. (2011). Multi-ethnic Parties in Bosnia-Herzegovina: Naša Stranka and the Paradoxes of Postethnic Politics. *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*, 11(3), 451-467. (IPF: 0.73)

Touquet, H. (2011). "You have to be something". Alternative identifications and postethnic mobilization in Bosnia-Herzegovina Transitions. *Revue Transitions*, 51 (1&2), 153-169

Touquet, H. Vermeersch, P. (2008). Bosnia and Herzegovina: thinking beyond institution-building. *Nationalism & ethnic politics*, 14(2), 266-288. (IPF: 1.57)

Articles in books published by an internationally recognized scientific publisher

Touquet, H. Myrntinen, H. and P. Schulz (2023). How male survivors of wartime sexual violence navigate silence and voice. In: Silence, voice and the in-between: exploring a world in flux. Edited by A. Khalid, G. Holmes and J. Parpart. London: Routledge

Baker, C. and **Touquet, H.** (2023) Croatian veteran masculinities and transitional justice. In: Schulz, P., Touquet H., Hamber, B. (2023) Masculinities and Queer Perspectives on Transitional Justice. Intersentia Series in Transitional Justice

Hamber, B. Schulz, P. and **Touquet, H.** (2023) Masculinities and Transitional Justice - Mapping the Field. In: Schulz, P., Touquet H., Hamber, B. (2022) Masculinities and Queer Perspectives on Transitional Justice. Intersentia Series in Transitional Justice

Touquet H. Milosevic, A. (2018). When reconciliation becomes the R-word: dealing with the past in the former Yugoslavia. In: Reconciliation in global context: why it is needed and how it works. Edited by B. Krondorfer (CUNY press)

Touquet, H. Sloopmaeckers, K. (2016) "The Europeanisation of LGBT Rights" in Sloopmaeckers, K., Touquet, H. K., Vermeersch, P. (eds.) The EU Enlargement and Gay Politics: The Impact of Eastern Enlargement on Rights, Activism and Prejudice" London: Palgrave

Sloopmaeckers K., **Touquet, H.** (2016) "LGBT Rights and the Transformative Power of the EU: an introduction" in Sloopmaeckers, K., **Touquet, H.** Vermeersch, P. (eds.) The EU Enlargement and Gay Politics: The Impact of Eastern Enlargement on Rights, Activism and Prejudice. London: Palgrave

Edited books

Touquet, H., H. Myrntinen, P. Schulz, C. Lewis, F. Yousaf, E. Laruni. (2024) Masculinities and Peacebuilding. Routledge

Touquet, H. Schulz, P. Hamber, B. Messmer, D. (in press, 2023) Masculinities and Queer Perspectives on Transitional Justice. Intersentia

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Slootmaeckers, K., **Touquet, H.** Vermeersch, P. (eds.) (2016) "The EU Enlargement and Gay Politics: The Impact of Eastern Enlargement on Rights, Activism and Prejudice" London: Palgrave

Conference papers (selection)

Silence and Silencing in the former Yugoslavia, Symposium on Sexual Violence Against Men, Volkswagen Stiftung, Hannover, Germany

Conflict-related sexual violence as a pedagogy of cruelty: responding through an ethics of care, Millennium Conference, October 2021

Exploring the Agency of Male Sexual Violence Survivors Across Contexts: Reflections on Gender and Silence – British International Studies Association, June 2021

Roundtable: Queer engagements with masculinity, ECPG conference, Amsterdam, 5 July 2019

Male Sexual Violence Survivors across contexts: gender, vulnerability and agency, Workshop Complexifying Gendered Victimhood University of Bremen, 27 February 2019

Memory, Nationalism and Conflict-Related Sexual Violence: The Visibility of Male Survivors in Bosnia, Association for the Studies of Nationalities Conference, New York, 4 May 2018

The (In)Visibility of Male Victims of Wartime Sexual Violence in Bosnia-Herzegovina, ISA conference San Francisco, 6 April 2018

The EU memory framework and the Politics of Memory in Croatia and Serbia. Workshop Legal Governance of Historical Memory in Comparative Perspective, UC Berkeley, 3 April 2018

The political psychology of sexual violence. ISA Conference Baltimore, 23 February 2017

Male victims in Bosnia-Herzegovina: challenging patriarchy? ISA conference Baltimore, 23 February 2017

The political psychology of conflict-related sexual violence. TPO Conference on Memory and Trauma, Sarajevo, 12 July

The impact of conflict related sexual violence in Bosnia-Herzegovina and the impact on reconciliation, with a focus on male survivors. Seminar in International Relations, UC Louvain La Neuve, 7 June

Male survivors of conflict related sexual violence in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Brussels School of International Studies Conference. Brussels, 7-8 April 2016.

Secondary victims: men and boys' marginality in conceptualizations of conflict-related sexual violence. (with Ellen Gorris) Postgraduate Conference Masculinities, Violence and (Post-) Conflict. Ulster University, Belfast, 14-16 January 2016.

Policy reports

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Touquet, H. (2018) *Unsilenced. Male victims of conflict-related sexual violence in Sri Lanka.* London: International Project on Truth and Justice

Touquet, H., Wets, J. (2013). *Context, drijfveren en opportuniteiten van Midden- en Oost-Europese immigratie. Een exploratief onderzoek met focus op Roma.* Leuven: HIVA.

Outreach/Op-eds/blog posts (selection)

Touquet H. (2022) Expert seminar on the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Flemish Peace Institute May 2022

Touquet H. (2022) Expert seminar on the Srebrenica genocide. Hannah Arendt Institute, April 2022

Touquet H. (2022) Explaining conflict-related sexual violence in Ukraine– various interviews for Flemish National TV, Dutch National Radio, Flemish National Radio, De Morgen, Reformatorisch Dagblad, Laatste Nieuws in April 2022

Touquet, H., ed. (2021) *Minorities, belong and values.* Brussels, ASP publishers

Touquet, H., ed. (2020) *What do we talk about when we talk about European values.* Brussels, ASP Publishers

Touquet, H., Schulz, P. (2020). Navigating vulnerabilities and masculinities – how gendered contexts shape the agency of male sexual violence survivors. Security dialogue blog

Touquet, H., Schulz, P. (2020). Why it's time to apply queer perspectives to wartime sexual violence against men. International Affairs blog

Touquet, H., Schulz, P. (2020). Going beyond binaries in SGBV against men. Opinion peace podcast, University of Tromsø

Touquet, H. (2019) *Wie bepaalt wat Europese Waarden zijn?* De Standaard

Touquet, H. (2018) *Sexual violence against men: enabling disclosure in the face of denial.* LSE Engenderings Blog

Touquet, H. (2016) *What we talk about when we talk about reconciliation.* RECOM Initiative

PhD Theses

Milosevic, A., **Touquet, H.** (sup) (2019) *Signaling values. The Europeanisation of Politics of Memory in Croatia and Serbia*

Touquet, H., Vermeersch, P. (sup.) (2012). *Escaping ethnopolis: postethnic mobilization in Bosnia-Herzegovina.*

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Work in progress

*Articles:

Touquet, H. and H. Myrtinnen. Sexual violence, gender and repertoires of violence in the Yugoslav State *International Journal of Feminist Politics*

Touquet H. Reparations for sexual violence survivors in Croatia: victimhood vs. nationalism? *Journal of Transitional Justice*

Touquet, H. and Slootmaeckers, K. Competing masculinities, nationalism and sexual violence against men. *International Political Sociology*

*Book chapters

Touquet H. and Schulz, P. (2024) Civilian vulnerabilities: masculinities and men as survivors of conflict-related sexual violence in Myrtinnen, H., Lewis, C., Schulz, P. Yousaf, F. Laruni, E., Touquet, H. *Masculinities in Peacebuilding*. Routledge

*Monograph

Touquet, H. Masculinity, vulnerability and agency: men as victims of sexual violence in the former Yugoslavia and beyond. (Manuscript in progress – book proposal to be submitted to Bristol University Press)

Teaching experience

Bachelor:

Ethnic Conflict and International Intervention (lecturer, bachelor's seminar Political Science, KU Leuven)

European Values: Discourses and Perspectives (lecturer Bachelor History, University of Antwerp)

Masters:

Politics of Memory (lecturer, Master History, University of Antwerp)

Nationalism and Political Mobilisation (lecturer Master Political Science, KU Leuven)

Masterclass: Politics of Memory in Europe (lecturer, Master Political Science, KU Leuven)

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Gender and Diversity in IR and European Politics (lecturer, Master Political Science and Master Gender and Diversity, University of Antwerp)

Lab: Political History: Bosnia-Herzegovina (lecturer and coordinator of guest lectures, organization of student trip to Sarajevo, with four colleagues, Master History, University of Antwerp)

Summer schools:

Gender, Nationalism and Violence (International Peacebuilding Summer School, Most Mira, Prijedor, Bosnia-Herzegovina) (lecturer)

Summer School Europe: Diversity and Migration, University of Antwerp (academic coordinator)

Invited speaker/Invited talk (selection)

From Stigma to Justice: Sexual violence in War – Humanitarian Law Center, Belgrade, Serbia,
15 June 2021

Expert Workshop on Sexual Violence against Men, Boys and Sexual and Gender Minorities,
Red Cross (ICRC) - 19 September 2019, Geneva

High Level Roundtable on Women, Peace and Security, European External Action Service,
25 June 2019, Brussels

Expert meeting on International Fund for Survivors of Conflict Related Sexual Violence,
International Organisation for Migration, Geneva, 14 June 2019

Reparations for victims of conflict-related sexual violence roundtable, Women Victims of War,
Zagreb, 8 May 2019

Presentation of *Unsilenced. Male victims of conflict-related sexual violence from Sri Lanka*,
United Nations, 39th session of the Human Rights Council – 19 September 2018, Geneva

Post-conflict Masculinities and Vulnerability: Researching male survivors of conflict-related
sexual violence in the former Yugoslavia, Harriman Institute, Columbia University, NY, 30
April 2018

Understanding Sexualised Violence against Men and Boys in the Context of the Syria Crisis –
Learning for Development and Peacebuilding”, Ministry of Development Cooperation
Berlin, 14 February 2018

Male victims of sexual violence, masculinity and vulnerability - Amsterdam, VU, 8 June 2017

Research ethics & researching gender relations on coercive settings – Kampala Summer
Institute on Gender Relations in Coercive Settings – Kampala, Uganda (May 2017)

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Conference & Seminar Organisation (selection)

- 2022: Masculinities, Vulnerability and Agency, Leuven 8-9 September 2022
- 2022: Bosnia-Herzegovina, the broken heart of Europe, 18 May
- 2021: Webinar: Masculinities in times of crisis, University of Antwerp & UCSIA
- 2020-2021: Lecture series on “European Values, Citizenship and Belonging” at UAntwerp, in cooperation with UCSIA
- 2020: Workshop Gender, conflict, citizenship and belonging: masculinities and feminities in times of crisis (postponed due to corona)
- 2018: Panel - Sex, Gender, and Beyond: Broadening Debates on Conflict-Related Sexual Violence (ISA San Francisco)
- 2017: Theatre-based methodologies for researching vulnerable groups (KU Leuven)
- 2014: "EU Enlargement, Democracy, and the Politics of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity" at the European Parliament and the Brussels Palace of the Academies, conference organized in cooperation with the LGBTI Intergroup of the European Parliament.

Mentoring experience

As supervisor:

Master's theses:

VIP Master's in International Relations and Master in European Studies,
Master in Diversity and Gender Studies, Master's in History (total circa 20 theses, list available upon request)

PhD theses:

Dr. Ana Milosevic (KU Leuven) "The Europeanisation of Memory in Croatia and Serbia" (2015-2019) – successfully defended in 2019

Dra. Imke Brummer (UAntwerp) (2021-2025) “Exploring dimensions of belonging through schooling” (FWO fellowship)

Dra. Aline Cateux (UC Louvain) (2020-2024). “Spaces of resistance in post-conflict Mostar”

Dra. Marijana Toma (KU Leuven) (2021-2025) “The role of the Serbian National Assembly in dealing with the past”

Member of Doctoral committee:

Dr. James Tyrone Savage (KU Leuven) (2018-2020) “Recovering truth, trans-forming conflict: an exploration of ways in which truth recovery can contribute to conflict

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transformation in conditions where the prospect of justice for grave violations is problematic”

Dra. Marie-Gabrielle Verberght (Ghent University) (2020-2024) “Sponsoring a European Historical Culture: Representations of the Past Promoted by the European Union (1970-today)”

As external examiner

Drs. Oluwatosin Olaluwoye (Deakin University, Australia) – “Conflicts and sexual violence against men. A study of South Sudanese men living in resettlement communities in Uganda”

Grants and awards

FWO 2020 – FWO Fellowship Imke Brummer (as supervisor)

KU Leuven C2 2018: Male victims of conflict-related sexual violence in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia (220.618 euro) (named applicant, sole authored proposal)

Fulbright Fellowship 2018

FWO Travel grant for ISA Baltimore 2017

Nominee Prize of the Education Board, KU Leuven (2017)

KU Leuven seed grant Horizon 2020 consortium with University of Rijeka (3500 euro)

FWO travel grant for Conference outside of Europe (South South Institute on Sexual Violence against Men and Boys, May 2015, Phnom Penh, Cambodia)

FWO project "Frames of reconciliation" (2012) (350.000 euro) (Named applicant, authored proposal)

FWO award for conference “Bosnia: looking beyond the institutions” (2010) – 5.000 euro

KVAB award for conference “Bosnia: looking beyond the institutions” (2010) – 3.500 euro

FWO project "Ethnic Politics and non-Ethnic Political Mobilization in the Western Balkans " (2006) (350.000 euro) (Named applicant, co-authored proposal)

University Service

Member of the Departmental council, History department & Department of Politics, University of Antwerp

Member of the Educational council, History department and Department of Politics, University

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Co-coordinator of Women in Academia (2014-2015) – KU Leuven organization for defending the rights of female professors and researchers

Member of the LGBTI network at University of Antwerp

Professional Memberships

International studies association (ISA), Conflict Research Society, SVRI (Sexual Violence Research Initiative), Association for the Study of Nationalities, European Consortium for Politics Research, Gender and Sexuality Network (UAntwerp)

Member of the editorial board, Leuven University Press (2020- 2022)

Peer review

Acted as peer reviewer for Nationalities Papers, Reproductive Health Matters, Women's Studies International Forum, International Affairs, Perspectives on European Politics and Societies, Journal of Intervention and State-building, International Journal of Transitional Justice, Routledge, Men and Masculinities, ...