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I am a Lecturer in Communication, Sociology and International Relations mainly for University Colorado Denver. I have over 6 years of professional lecturing experience, most of which at top-ranked China Agricultural University (中国农业大学) and UIBE (对外经济贸易大学). Ever since obtaining my PhD from UCD I continue to bring together Political Sciences and Sociology in lecturing and research.

Having lived abroad for over a decade shaped me into being a strong team player with an inclusive and collaborative approach keeping a global perspective and speaking 6 languages fluently.

CURRICULUM VITAE

Personal

- Born on the 18th of October 1980

Professional experience

- Jan – Feb 2020: **Research Fellow (Tel Aviv University)** **Israel**
Working Paper: Israeli societal dimensions of community safety: Millennials finding balance in the terror
- 2017 – 2020: **Lecturer Political Sciences (UIBE)** **China**
University of International Business and Economics
- Course: Research Design in Social Sciences (International Ph.D. students)
 - Course: Theories and Methods of Political Sciences (Int. MA students)
 - Course: Postcolonialism and US Foreign Policy (Int. BA students)
 - Course: US Politics and Society (Int. students)
- 2014 – 2020: **Lecturer (University Colorado Denver & China Agricultural University)** **China**
Beijing Campus in China Agricultural University (double-degree program with China Agricultural University)
(25% of students successfully transfer into Ivy League Universities).
- Course: The Sociology of Culture
 - Course: Intro to Social Sciences
 - Course: The Art of Public Speaking
- July-Aug 2018: **Research Fellow (European Institute for Asian Studies)** **Brussels**

- Sept 2009 – 2013: **Co-Founder Fellow** (*Middle Kingdom Group*) **China**
- a China & UK-based education organization that aims at bridging the educational and cultural gaps between the West and China. Activities include facilitating
 - full-time teaching positions at partner schools
 - Mandarin internships at Chinese organizations
 - Summer Camps for Chinese students in Europe
 - Teaching English through creative thinking, music, drama and the arts
 - Internship opportunities in major cities
 - Linking Chinese and Western schools for cultural exchanges
 - Volunteering projects at special schools and NGOs
 - Touching the lives of over 100,000 Chinese students
- Nov.07 – Sept.09: **Head of Market Research EU** (***CIGNA***) **Madrid, Spain**
- Coordination cross-national market research studies (EU Health Care Public Policy)
- Oct.03 – Oct.07: **Analyst** (***Deloitte Consulting***) **Brussels, Belgium**
- Involved in Change Management projects for Fortune 500 companies.

Education

- 2010 – 2017: **PhD degree in Intercultural Communications** (*School of Politics and International Relations*)
 University College Dublin: Intercultural encounters in Chinese Education:
 An Immersive Study of the Experiences and Views of Western Students Spending a Semester Abroad
- 2009 - 2010: **Master degree in Development Studies** (*School of Politics and International Relations*)
 University College Dublin (Ireland)
- 2002 - 2003: **Master degree –Human Resources Management**
 University of Leuven - Campus European University College Brussels (EMS)
- 1998 - 2002: **Bachelor degree in Business Sciences and Trade**
 University of Leuven - Campus European University College Brussels (EMS)

Languages (in order of relevance)

- English : excellent knowledge
- Chinese (Mandarin) : good knowledge
- Dutch, French : excellent knowledge
- German, Spanish : very good knowledge

Recent Conferences

- Invited speaker at Evolving Identities and Interests in a Dynamic World, The 8th UIBE International Affairs Summer Conference, University of International Business and Economics (对外经济贸易大学), July 14, 2019, Beijing, China.
- Invited speaker at Beijing University at Conference on African Sustainable Development and China-Africa Relation: Retrospect and Prospect, December, 17, 2018, "New Developments and Post-Colonialism in Europe-Africa Relations (欧非关系发展)
- Oral presentation of selected paper presented at NTU International Symposium: Sustainability, Security and Governance, November 16-17, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (Paper "Community Safety: Western students' positive sense of safety during a semester abroad in China")
- Oral presentation of selected paper presented at Shanghai University Conference: Orientalism, Neo-Orientalism and Post-Orientalism - May 17-18, 2018 Center for Global Studies, Shanghai University (Paper presented "Orientalism in China through the eyes of international students: Othering in first semester")
- Area Studies towards the 21st century: Global experiences and China paradigms, April 12-13th 2019 Beijing University, Beijing, China
- Belt And Road Initiative And Global Governance, 31 August 2018, University of Leuven, Royal Academy, Brussels, Belgium
- More Turbulence Ahead? U.S.-China Relations After the Midterm Elections, November 8th, 2018 at Carnegie-Tsinghua Center, Beijing, China,
- LEAD Project Conference: Cooperation in European and Chinese Higher Education expert, Free University Brussels, Belgium

Merit-Based Scholarships

- Erasmus Mundus PhD Scholarship funded by the European Commission.
- Confucius China Studies Research Ph.D. Fellowship offering funding to doctoral students focusing on China.

Research Agenda:

- Van Damme, S. (2020). Orientalism in China through the eyes of international students: Othering in the first semester. *Third World Quarterly* (Status: adapting suggested revisions)
- Van Damme, S. (2020). Perceived safety from crime: Western students' positive sense of safety during a semester abroad in China. *Critical Sociology* (Status: submitted, awaiting feedback)
- Van Damme, S. (2021). A 21st century of White Job Migration: International students and Asian regionalism? *Third World Quarterly* (Status: Forthcoming)
- Van Damme, S. (2021). Public diplomacy and celebrity humanitarianism: An Aristotelian Media Analysis in the COVID-19 pandemic. *Sociology of Health and Illness* (Status: Forthcoming)
- Van Damme, S. (2021). Identity Politics in Surveillance Capitalism: hashtag activism in globally imagined communities. *Place and the Politics of Identity* (Status: Forthcoming)

Book:

- Van Damme, S. (2021) Societal dimensions of comparative community safety: millennials culturally responding to terror. (Status: Work in Progress)

Working papers:

- Van Damme, S. (2021). Societal dimensions of perceived safety from crime: Millennials' positive sense of safety during a semester abroad in Singapore. (Work in Progress)
- Van Damme, S. (2021). Imagined communities and diversity quotas: from the ascent of creole functionaries to diversity at the core. (Work in Progress)
- Van Damme, S. (2021). Higher education development and false dichotomy? 'Western' and 'Confucian' concepts of scholarship and learning in South East Asia. (Work in Progress)