

# Marie DeCock



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## SUMMARY

Visiting Researcher at Yale University (USA) in '23-'24. Assistant Professor of Administrative Law at Hasselt University and Maastricht University (NL), and Postdoctoral Researcher at the Research Foundation Flanders (FWO). Big enthusiast about (local) government.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Focus on Public Law, Administrative Law – e.g. economic administrative law, administrative organization law, local governments, comparative administrative law – and the interaction between public & private law.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Yale University, Yale Law School, USA

Aug. 2023-July 2024

*Visiting Researcher*

- Research project: 'Inter-municipal cooperation in civil and common law traditions. A comparative law study of the legal framework and anti-corruption action'
- Awarded scholarships:
  - Belgian American Education Foundation Fellow (BAEF)
  - Foundation Fernand Lazard Stichting Fellow (FFLS)
  - Monique Walravens Fellow

### Hasselt University, Centre for Government and Law (COrE), BEL

Jan. 2023-now

*Assistant Professor Public Law – Tenure track*

*Affiliated Researcher Administrative Law*

Feb. 2022-Oct. 2022

*PhD Candidate Administrative Law*

Jan. 2018-Jan. 2022

- [Dissertation](#): 'The hybridity of inter-municipal cooperation: caught between public and private, between government and undertaking'

### Research Foundation Flanders (FWO), BEL

Nov. 2022-now

*Postdoctoral Researcher, Hasselt University and KU Leuven*

- Research project: 'The enigma of inter-municipal enterprises – Towards transnational legal principles on corporatization by local governments'

### Maastricht University, Department of Public Law, NL

Feb. 2022-now

*Assistant Professor Administrative Law – Tenure track*

### Ghent University, Department of European, Public & International Law, BEL

Aug. 2017-Sept. 2022

*Affiliated Researcher Administrative Law (10%)*

*Student Research Assistant Constitutional Law*

Aug. 2016-Sept. 2017

### Frans Baert en Vennoten, Ghent, BEL

Sept. 2017-Jan. 2018

*Attorney (intern), Family property law*

## EDUCATION

**Hasselt University, Centre for Government and Law (COrE), BEL** Jan. 2018-Jan. 2022  
*Doctor of Laws, publicly defended on May 20, 2022*

**Ghent University, BEL** Sept. 2015-July 2017  
*Master of Laws*

- Magna cum laude; Master's thesis: 'The role of the European Convention on Human Rights in municipal administrative sanctions' (18/20)

## OTHER EXPERIENCES

- **The Legal Idea Think Tank** Nov. 2020-now  
*Co-founder – [thelegalidea.wixsite.com/thinktank](http://thelegalidea.wixsite.com/thinktank)*
- **PhD Cup 2023 Participant – [phdcup.be/deelnemer/marie-decock](http://phdcup.be/deelnemer/marie-decock)** Sept. 2023
- **Directly elected student representative, Law Faculty, UGent** 2015-2017
- **Trainee Cabinet Minister of Justice – Policy Unit, Brussels** Sept. 2016
- **Clerkship Constitutional Court, Brussels** June 2016

## INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH STAYS – PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES & STUDY DAYS – INVITED TALKS – SUMMER SCHOOLS

### International research stays:

**Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU), Expert Centre for Public Contract Law & Governance, NL** 14 Jan.-10 Feb. 2023  
23 Aug.-10 Sept. 2021

### Presentations at (international) conferences:

- ICPP 2023, Toronto Metropolitan University, Canada 27-29 June 2023
- IRSPM Conference 2023, Corvinus University, Budapest, Hungary 3-5 April 2023
- ICON•S Annual Conference 2022, University of Wrocław, Poland 4-6 July 2022
- IRSPM Conference 2021, online 22 April 2021
- The Global Summit Constitutional Law 2021, online 15 Jan. 2021
- ACCA 2020, Leuven, Belgium 18 Sept. 2020
- 5th PUBSIC Conference 2020, University of Stavanger, Norway 29-31 Jan. 2020
- IASIA Conference 2018, University of Lisboa, Portugal 22-26 July 2019
- PhD Conference 2019, Antwerp, Belgium 24 May 2019
- IRSPM Conference 2018, University of Edinburgh, UK 11-13 April 2018

### Presentations at (international) study days:

- Workshop 'Sustainability & Resilience', University of Minho, Portugal 16 March 2023
- 'Inter-municipal cooperation today and tomorrow', Hasselt, Belgium 25 Nov. 2022
- Young Researchers Day Administrative Law 2022, Leiden University, NL 24 June 2022
- Annual Introduction Day Hasselt Law School, online 28 Sept. 2020
- Themis Actualia Municipal Law 2019-2020, online 28 May 2020
- Research Day Hasselt Law School 2019, Hasselt 20 Dec. 2019
- Study day 'The Flemish Decree on Public Administration', Hasselt 17 Dec. 2019
- Study days 'The Decree on Local Government, Bruges/Hasselt' 12 June/18 Sept. 2018
- Study day 'Education Law & Family and Personal Law', Hasselt 14 Sept. 2017

### Invited talks:

- Cabinet of the Minister of Internal Affairs, Brussels 4 July 2023
- Flemish Parliament, Committee on Internal Affairs, Brussels 5 April 2023
- Constitutional and Administrative Law Research Group, VU Amsterdam, NL 2 Feb. 2023

- Key Note at Young Legal Researchers Conference (YLRC), Hasselt 16 Dec. 2022
- Study Day 'All politics is local', Liberaal Vlaams Verbond, Ghent 26 March 2022
- Guest lecture Université Catholique de Louvain, 15 Nov. 2021
- Constitutional and Administrative Law Research Group, VU Amsterdam, NL 2 Sept. 2021

### Summer Schools

- Summer School 'Local government in motion' EURA, Chania, Greece 13-15 Sept. 2021
- Summer School 'Blended Learning' (online) Aug.-Sept. 2020
- Summer School 'Let's Talk Science – science communication' (online) 1-2 July 2020
- Summer School 'Europeanisation of national administrative law', Leiden University, NL 2-4 Sept. 2019

### **GOVERNMENT RESEARCH PROJECTS**

- Research assignment commissioned by the Agency for the Interior (ABB) with a view to making policy recommendations to simplify the various forms of local governance and the attunement to the needs of local authorities, Consortium UGent & UHasselt
- Advice on the consequences of a possible change to the administrative statute of the Flemish Center for Agro and Fisheries Marketing (VLAM) in terms of its financing, UGent

### **OTHER ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

- **Erasmus+ Mobility for Teaching, University of Wroclaw, Poland** 3-8 June 2023
- **'Inter-municipal cooperation today and tomorrow', Hasselt, Belgium** 25 Nov. 2022  
Co-organizer with dr. Laura Deruytter (KU Leuven) & Elizaveta Gjurova (UGhent), multidisciplinary [symposium](#) (law, political sciences, geography)

### **RECEIVED FUNDING**

- **Belgian American Educational Foundation (BAEF)**
  - Competitive \$ 50,000.- post-doc fellowship for a one-year research stay in the USA
- **Foundation Fernand Lazard (FFLS)**
  - Interest-free loan of € 12,000.- for a one-year research stay in the USA
- **Junior Postdoctoral Fellowship, Research Foundation Flanders (FWO)**
  - Competitive post-doc fellowship for a 3-year research project at UHasselt & KU Leuven
  - Success rate: 23% (2021)
- **FWO Short research stay VU Amsterdam – Research Foundation Flanders (FWO)**
- **Young Researcher Fund of € 5,086.- – Doctoral Schools Hasselt University**
- **USA Mobility Grant of € 1,500.- – Doctoral Schools Hasselt University**
- **EURECA-PRO Conference Mobility Grant of € 1,564.- – Doctoral Schools Hasselt University**

### **TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS**

- Advanced Administrative Law, Master's degree Law – Hasselt University (lecturer)
- Mobility Law – 2<sup>nd</sup> Bachelor Mobility Sciences – Hasselt University (coordinator)
- Government and Private Law – Master's degree Law – Maastricht University (coordinator)
- Government in Assignments – Master's degree Law – Maastricht University (lecturer)
- Private law of the government – Master's degree Law – Hasselt University (tutor)
- Legal protection against the government – Master's degree Law – Hasselt University (tutor)

### **Moot Courts:**

- VAR Moot Court Administrative Law (NL) – Maastricht University (coach)
- The Belgian Moot Court Constitutional Law – Hasselt University (coach)

## LIST OF ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

[Full list online](#)

- 2023** ■ DECOCK, M., *Intergemeentelijke samenwerking*, Brugge, die Keure, 2023, 568 p.
- 2022** ■ DECOCK, M., "Constitutional Court equates inter-municipal association with company but considers strict(er) attendance quorum constitutional", annotation Const.C. June 30, 2022, no. 90/2022, *Municipal Law Journal (T.Gem.)* 2022, ed. 3-4, 175-184.
- DECOCK, M. and VAN GARSSE, S., "Municipal autonomous agencies" in HENNAU, S., KEUNEN, S. and VAN GARSSE, S. (eds.), *The Local Government Decree – 2022 Edition – an analysis*, Bruges, Vanden Broele, 2022, 171-187 – in Dutch.
- DECOCK, M., "The associations for social welfare" in HENNAU, S., KEUNEN, S. and VAN GARSSE, S. (eds.), *The Local Government Decree – 2022 Edition – an analysis*, Bruges, Vanden Broele, 2022, 189-230 – in Dutch.
- DECOCK, M. and VAN GARSSE, S., "Inter-municipal cooperation" in HENNAU, S., KEUNEN, S. and VAN GARSSE, S. (eds.), *The Local Government Decree – 2022 Edition – an analysis*, Bruges, Vanden Broele, 2022, 243-283 – in Dutch.
- 2021** ■ DECOCK, M., "Council of State gives a broad interpretation to the territorial radius of action of inter-municipal associations", annotation Council.St. June 25, 2021, no. 251.071, *Municipal Law Journal (T.Gem.)* 2021, ed. 3-4, 175-184 – in Dutch.
- DECOCK, M., "The rise of inter-municipal cooperation in the technology sector: easy activity update or noiseless nesting of a virus?" in M. BOURGUIGNON, T. HICK, S. ROYER and W. YPERMAN (eds.), *Technology and Society: The Evolution of the Legal Landscape*, Antwerp, Gompel&Svacina, 2021, 31-58 – in English.
- COERTS, M. and DECOCK, M., "Report of the second expert meeting Platform Public and Private Law in Dialogue" in SCHLÖSSELS, R., JANSEN, C., OPDEBEEK, I., DE SOMER, S., DELVOIE, J. and FORNOVILLE, C., *The principles of good governance: export and reflex action?*, Wolf Publishers, 2021, 193-220 – in Dutch.
- GOOSSENS, J. and DECOCK, M., "[Report on constitutional reform in Belgium \(2020\)](#)" in BARROSO, L. and ALBERT, R. (eds.), *The 2020 International Review of Constitutional Reform*, 32-36 – in English.
- DECOCK, M., "Consequences of the Flemish Decree on Public Administration for local authorities" in VAN GARSSE, S., HENNAU, S. and FRANSEN, D. (eds.), *The Decree on Public Administration in perspective*, Antwerp, Intersentia, 2021, 137-166 – in Dutch.
- DECOCK, M., "Inter-municipal associations. The precarious relationship with the Companies and Associations Code", *New Legal Weekly (NJW)* 2021, ed. 437, 142-153 – in Dutch.
- 2020** ■ BONNE, T. and DECOCK, M., "Exemption from real estate tax for national domain goods: are private legal entities rightly excluded?", *Journal for Tax Law (TFR)* 2020, ed. 585, 654-658 – in Dutch.
- DECOCK, M. and VAN GARSSE, S., "Local corporatization and inter-municipal cooperation" in VAN GARSSE, S. and WILLEMS, K. (eds.), *Themis 114 - Actualia Municipal Law*, Bruges, die Keure, 2020, 1-19 – in Dutch.
- DECOCK, M., "Inter-municipal associations have 'no commercial character': towards an erosion of this concept", *Municipal Law Journal (T.Gem.)* 2020, ed. 1, 34-49 – in Dutch.
- DEVRIENDT, S. and DECOCK, M., "The impact of human rights instruments on the legal position of minors", *Youth and Children's Rights Journal (TJK)* 2020, ed. 1, 7-20 – in Dutch.

- DECOCK, M. and WARNEZ, B., "The power of moderation of the police judge at municipal administrative sanctions: (quasi?) parallelism with the criminal procedure", *Legal Weekly (RW)* 2020, ed. 20, 763-775 – in Dutch.
- 2019**
  - BONNE, T. and DECOCK, M., "The tax exemption of inter-municipal associations 2.0: the 'economic activity' as a yardstick?", *Municipal Law Journal (T.Gem.)* 2019, ed. 2, 60-75 – in Dutch.
  - BIJNENS, D., BIMBENET, C., DECOCK, M., DE MEYST, D., FRANSEN, D., THEUNIS, J. and VERBIST, S., "The review of fundamental rights by the Constitutional Court. Overview of case law 2017", *Journal of Public Administration and Public Law (TBP)* 2019, ed. 4, 179-220 – in Dutch.
  - DECOCK, M., "Court of Justice of the European Union refines the concept of 'contracting authority' again: a subsidiary of a contracting authority operating on a competitive market and having a private law design is not ipso facto a contracting authority" (annotation CJEU 5 October 2017, no. C-567/15, ECLI:EU:C:2017:736, LitSpecMet), *Journal of Public Administration and Public Law (TBP)* 2019, ed. 2, 66-68 – in Dutch.
- 2018**
  - DECOCK, M. and VAN GARSSE, S., "Municipal autonomous agencies" in HENNAU, S., KEUNEN, S. and VAN GARSSE, S. (eds.), *The Local Government Decree*, Bruges, Vanden Broele, 2018, 137-151 – in Dutch.
  - DECOCK, M., "The associations for social welfare" in HENNAU, S., KEUNEN, S. and VAN GARSSE, S. (eds.), *The Local Government Decree*, Bruges, Vanden Broele, 2018, 153-191 – in Dutch.
  - DECOCK, M. and VAN GARSSE, S., "Inter-municipal cooperation" in HENNAU, S., KEUNEN, S. and VAN GARSSE, S. (eds.), *The Local Government Decree*, Bruges, Vanden Broele, 2018, 207-240 – in Dutch.
- 2017**
  - DECOCK, M., "The procedural competence of parents and children in bringing an organized administrative appeal and an annulment appeal to the Council of State against exam decisions in secondary education", *Journal of Education Law and Education Policy (TORB)* 2017, ed. 4, 262-274 – in Dutch.

#### NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS – NEWSLETTERS – OTHER MEDIA

- DECOCK, M. and KEUNEN, S., "Walloon mayors cork the bottle during scouts camps", *The Lawyer's Newspaper (JK)* 2022, ed. 452, 16 – in Dutch.
- CARLENS, I, DECOCK, M., VANDENDRIESSCHE, F., VAN GARSSE, S., VOETS, J. and VOS, D., [Legal-public administration research project – Evaluation of the organic framework for local corporatization and inter-municipal cooperation. Research with a view to making policy recommendations to simplify the various forms of cooperation and adapt it to the needs of local authorities](#), Agency for the Interior, 2022 – in Dutch.
- DECOCK, M., "[The rise of inter-municipal cooperation in the technology sector: easy activity update or noiseless nesting of a virus?](#)", KU Leuven Blog for Public Law, Oct. 2021 – in English.
- DECOCK, M., "The inter-municipal association at the intersection between government and undertaking. State of the art and look to the future", [newsletter MatConnect](#), March 2021 – in Dutch.
- DECOCK, M. and VERSCHAVE, A., "[The future of local welfare associations \(in times of COVID-19\)](#)", newsletter Viewz, Feb. 2021 – in Dutch.
- DECOCK, M. and VERSCHAVE, A., "Come on come on, let's work together! On local welfare associations in times of COVID-19", newsletter MatConnect, Sept. 2020 – in Dutch.

- BONNE, T. and DECOCK, M., "The federal exemption from regional taxes for inter-municipal companies: an empty box?", *The Lawyer's Newspaper (JK)* 2019, ed. 385, 4 – in Dutch.
- DECOCK, M. and KEUNEN, S., "Smoking ban in the car should be extended", *The Lawyer's Newspaper (JK)* 2019, ed. 383, 12 – in Dutch.
- DECOCK, M. en KEUNEN, S., "Brussels fine-tunes municipal forms of government", *The Lawyer's Newspaper (JK)* 2018, ed. 374, 6 – in Dutch.
- CANNOOT, P., DECOCK, M., LABENS, C., MEULEMAN, L., MORENO, J. and VERNIERS, E., "The future of the Belgian Senate", *BelConLawBlog*, 7 December 2015 – in English.