

**CHRISTINE FRISON, LL.M.**  
**Joint-PhD Candidate at UCLouvain and KU Leuven**

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**1. SUMMARY of ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE (full experience below)**

January 2008 – today: **Joint-PhD Candidate (PhD defence set for October 10, 2016)**

@ *Biogov UNIT- Centre de Philosophie du Droit, UCLouvain, Belgium (Prof. Tom Dedeurwaerdere & Olivier De Schutter)*

@ *Centre for IT & IP Law, KU Leuven, Belgium (Prof. Geertrui Van Overwalle)*

- Design and implementation of a PhD research project in an independent and creative way
- Complete funding applications for national, European and international research programmes
- **Participation in academic and non-academic national and international seminars and conferences**
- **Presentations of research results in publications and at national and international conferences**
- **Team working** in both research centres, development of research collaboration and publications
- **Informal supervision of younger research fellows and students** within both centres

May 2007 - August 2007: **Legal Researcher** – Biodiversity Material Transfer Agreements

@ *Laboratory of Tropical Crop Improvement, KU Leuven, Belgium &*

@ *Centre for Intellectual Property Rights, KU Leuven, Belgium*

- Evaluation of the legal and scientific implications of the laboratory's contracts of material transfer
- Advice on protecting information and results and on accessing wider resources
- Report including the legal analysis, the results and new Material Transfer Agreement proposal

December 2006 – April 2007: **Legal Researcher** - International Survey on 'Patent Licensing in Medical Biotechnology'

@ *Centre for Intellectual Property Rights, KU Leuven, Belgium*

- Assist a research colleague in carrying out her research with an international survey on 'Patent Licensing in Medical Biotechnology in Europe' with legal and technical work

November 2004 – Today: **Legal Researcher & Teaching Assistant** – Biosafety & Biodiversity Legal Expert

@ *Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL), McGill University, Canada*

- Participation in academic seminars and conferences (McGill university, Oxford University, Cambridge University)
- Carry out research projects
- **Teaching to international lawyers and negotiators from developing countries** through capacity-building initiatives within the United Nations' ambit

Summer 2003: **Teaching Assistant in Law** - Public & Private Law

@ *Organisation Internationale de Développement du Droit (OIDD), Rome, Italy*

- **Offered a general legal training** to magistrates and lawyers from developing countries

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**2. LEGAL CONSULTANT EXPERIENCE**

January 2008 - May 2011: **Project Manager - Editing of a Book** 'Plant genetic resources and food security - Stakeholder perspectives on the international treaty on plant genetic resources for food and agriculture'

@ *FAO (Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nation), Italy &*

@ *Centre for Intellectual Property Rights, KU Leuven, Belgium / Biogov UNIT, UCLouvain, Belgium*

- Design the book idea and structure; identify and convince prestigious authors to write *pro-bono*
- Find financial (Bioversity International and FAO) and editing partners (Routledge)
- Manage a team of 6 support people and 34 authors
- Draft and review chapters, meet deadlines, coordinate authors' and reviewers' work, compile chapters into the final document, design the book covers, etc.
- Advertise and promote the book through different channels and at several international conferences

November 2004 – Today: **Legal consultant** – Biosafety & Biological Diversity Expert

@ *Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL), Canada &*

@ *United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Kenya*

- Assess and review 'National Biosafety Frameworks' (NBFs) of over 20 developing countries to ensure compliance of national policies and regulations with international obligations on biosafety
- Participate as independent legal expert to NBFs meetings in developing countries
- Capacity-building through biodiversity law training seminars

@ *Bioversity International, Italy*

- Participate as legal expert in the Bioversity delegation to several international UN negotiation meetings
- Conduct a comprehensive annotated bibliography on the flows and pedigrees of plant genetic resources (read over 200 articles, summarize and classify them, select the most relevant)

@ *Belgian Federal Public Service - Environment, Belgium*

- Conduct a Belgian national survey on biological diversity and international legal obligations (writing the project proposal, survey design, survey implementation, results treatment and statistics, writing the final report, presentation of the report at national and international conferences)
- Legal advisor at national coordination policy meetings on international biodiversity law
- Contribute to the design of national biodiversity policies (write and comment on reports)
- Legal expert in the Belgium delegations to numerous international negotiation meetings on biodiversity (Convention on Biological Diversity, Nagoya Protocol, International Treaty on Plant genetic resources for Food and Agriculture)

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### 3. AWARDS

**First Prize - Ma Thèse en 180 Secondes - UCLouvain** (Equivalent to the Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) contest)

- academic, presentation, and research communication skills
- **effectively explain my research in three minutes, in a language appropriate to a non-specialist audience**

See my performance at <http://medias.save.fundp.ac.be/videos/unamur/2015/20150528-mt180-03-frison.mp4>

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### 4. PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES & SKILLS

- **Academic legal research**
- Inter- and trans-disciplinary research
- Legal and academic writing and publishing
- **Teaching**
- **Presenting complex subject-matters at international conferences**
- Negotiator
- Representative of the Belgian government, international organizations, and academic research centres
- Legal expert
- Book editing
- Team management
- Project management
- Qualitative and quantitative analysis: surveys & interviews

#### PERSONAL SKILLS & COMPETENCIES

French	Mother tongue
English	Bilingual
Italian	Bilingual
Dutch	Basic
MS Office	Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Endnote, Photoshop
Driving Licence(B) + own car	

#### PERSONAL DETAILS

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Date of birth	25.11.1980
Nationality	Belgian
Address	1, Hameau de Hussompont 1370, Jodoigne, Belgium
	Married, mother of two children

#### EDUCATION & TRAINING

- ❖ 2008-2016: Joint-PhD Candidate  
*Centre for Intellectual Property Rights, KU Leuven, & Biogov UNIT- Centre for Philosophy of Law, UCLouvain*
- ❖ 2003-2004: Master after Master in Public International Law *Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium*
- ❖ 2002 -2003: Master in International Trade Law *Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3, France*
- ❖ 2001-2002: Erasmus & English Law Diploma *Nottingham Trent University, England*
- ❖ 1998-2002: Bachelor in Law *Université Montpellier 1, France*
- ❖ 1998-2001, Bachelor in English & Italian *Université Montpellier 3, France*

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## 5. REFERENCES

Prof. dr. Geertrui Van Overwalle: Centre for IT & IP Law (CiTiP) – University of Leuven, Box 3443, Sint-Michielsstraat 6 - BE-3000 Leuven

Prof. dr. Olivier De Schutter: Centre for Philosophy of Law (CPDR), UCLouvain, Collège Thomas More, Place Montesquieu 2, bte L2.07.01, B-1348 Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium

Prof. dr. Marc Maesschalck: Centre for Philosophy of Law (CPDR), UCLouvain, Collège Thomas More, Place Montesquieu 2, bte L2.07.01, B-1348 Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium

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## 6. TEACHING POSITIONS

### Teaching assistant

International Development Law Organisation - summer 2002 - "Enhancing Sustainability of Judicial Training in Mauritania" (summer school for 50 Mauritanian judges) - general law courses (bachelor level) - 30h/week during 2 months)

Centre for International Sustainable Development Law - between 2004 and 2007 - "International Biosafety Law", & "International Biodiversity Law" - occasional lectures during capacity-building projects for developing country delegates to the Convention on Biological Diversity and to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety;

### Lecturer for occasional seminars

Two seminars at Oxford University and Cambridge University within the "Lecture Series on Sustainable Development" with Prof. Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger

UCLouvain & KU Leuven, between 2008 and 2016, occasional seminars (2 hours, one or two each year) on my research topic (international management of agro-biodiversity) to master students and researchers in different Faculties (Law, Philosophy, Science and Political Science) in both universities.

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## 7. LIST of PUBLICATIONS

### Books of which I am the scientific editor and co-author

Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger, Frederic Perron-Welch, and Christine Frison (eds),(2013) "Legal Aspects of Implementing the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety" Cambridge(UK): Cambridge University Press, p. 443

Christine Frison, Francisco López and José T. Esquinas-Alcázar (eds.), (July 2011) "Plant Genetic Resources and Food Security - Stakeholder Perspectives on the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture", Earthscan (joint-publication contract signed between the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization, Bioversity International and Earthscan). This book is part of a book series entitled "Issues in Agricultural Biodiversity", co-published by Bioversity International and Earthscan, p. 340. ISBN 9781849712064

### Publications in journals or books with peer review

Benjamin Six, Esther van Zimmeren, Florin Popa, Christine Frison (2015), "Trust and social capital in the design and evolution of institutions for collective action", in International Journal of the Commons, 9 (1), 151-176

Christine Frison, Sylvestre-José-Tidiane Manga and Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger (2013) "Implementing Sustainable Development through National Biosafety Frameworks", in Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger, Frederic Perron-Welch, and Christine Frison (eds), Biosafety Becomes Binding. Legal Aspects of Implementing the Cartagena Protocol, Cambridge (UK): Cambridge University Press

Frederic Perron-Welch, Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger, and Christine Frison (2013) "Introduction", in Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger, Frederic Perron-Welch, and Christine Frison (eds), Biosafety Becomes Binding. Legal Aspects of Implementing the Cartagena Protocol, Cambridge(UK): CUP

Frederic Perron-Welch, Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger, Christine Frison and Jorge Cabrera Medaglia (2013) "Sustainable Development, Biosafety and International Law", in Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger, Frederic Perron-Welch, and Christine Frison (eds), *Biosafety Becomes Binding. Legal Aspects of Implementing the Cartagena Protocol*, Cambridge(UK): Cambridge University Press

Frederic Perron-Welch, Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger, and Christine Frison (2013) "Conclusions", in Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger, Frederic Perron-Welch, and Christine Frison (eds), *Biosafety Becomes Binding. Legal Aspects of Implementing the Cartagena Protocol*, Cambridge (UK): CUP

Christine Frison (2006) "The Principles of Sustainable Development in the Context of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources in Food and Agriculture" *Journal of Sustainable Development Law and Policy (JSDLP)* vol. 2/2 , pp. 155-174

Christine Frison and Thomas Joie "Elaboration d'une réglementation de biosécurité par certains pays en développement: expériences dans la mise en œuvre du Protocole de Cartagena en Afrique de l'Ouest" *Law, Environment and Development Journal (LEAD Journal)* vol. 2/2 (2006), pp. 166-182

#### Publications in journals or books without peer review

Christine Frison, Brendan Coolsaet (2017 forthcoming) "Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture as a Commons" chapter in "Food as a commons: An alternative narrative and political praxis to cultivate and eat", Jose Luis Vivero Pol et al.(eds.), Earthscan

Esther van Zimmeren, Christine Frison (2016 forthcoming) " Patent Thicket, Brevet, Invention, Tragedy of the Anticommons", in *Dictionnaire des Communs – M. Cornu, F. Orsi, J. Rochfeld* (eds), Presses Universitaires de France

Esther van Zimmeren, Christine Frison (2016 forthcoming) "Le 'Open Patent' ou 'Brevet Ouvert', Brevet, Invention, Pledge, Open Source, Copyleft, OPN" in *Dictionnaire des Communs – M. Cornu, F. Orsi, J. Rochfeld* (eds), Presses Universitaires de France

Christine Frison, Priscilla Claeys (2014) "Right to food in international law" in "Encyclopedia of Food and Agricultural Ethics", 2014 - Springer

Christine Frison, Francisco López and José T. Esquinas-Alcázar (2011) "General Conclusions: Summary of Stakeholders' Views and Suggestions to Cope with the Challenges in the Implementation of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture ", in Christine Frison, Francisco López and José T. Esquinas-Alcázar (eds.) 'Plant genetic resources and food security. Stakeholder perspectives on the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture' in *Issues in Agricultural Biodiversity*, London: Earthscan

José T. Esquinas-Alcázar, Christine Frison, and Francisco López (2011) "Introduction: A Treaty to Fight Hunger: Past Negotiations, Present Situation, and Future Challenges", in Christine Frison, Francisco López and José T. Esquinas-Alcázar (eds.) 'Plant genetic resources and food security. Stakeholder perspectives on the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture' in *Issues in Agricultural Biodiversity*, London: Earthscan

Christine Frison, Tom Dedeurwaerdere and Michael Halewood (2010) "Intellectual Property and Facilitated Access to Genetic Resources under the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture" *European Intellectual Property Review (EIPR)* vol. 32, pp. 1-8

Kathryn Garforth and Christine Frison (July 2007) "Key Issues for the Relationship between the Convention on Biological Diversity and the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture" *Quaker International Affairs Programme (QIAP) Occasional Papers n°2*, p. 20

Christine Frison and Thomas Joie (2006) “Expériences sur l’élaboration de nouvelles lois de développement de la biosécurité et de la biotechnologie: perspectives de réformes légales en Afrique de l’Ouest” in “Searching for Success. Legal and Governance Reform: Lessons Learned n° 1/2006” ed. Thomas McInerney (IDLO Training Manual) International Development Law Organisation (IDLO) Rome, Italy, pp. 151-164

Bradnee Chambers, Alphonse Kambu, and Christine Frison (2005) “Intellectual Property Rights and Traditional Knowledge” in “Sustainable Developments in World Trade Law” eds. Markus Gehring and Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger, Kluwer Law International, London, UK, pp. 297-326

### Reports and working papers

2007 Report: Consultancy for the Laboratory of Tropical Crop Improvement, KU Leuven

Christine Frison (Aug. 2007) “Legal Analysis of the Material Transfer Agreements of the Laboratory of Tropical Crop Improvement, Report for the Laboratory of Tropical Crop Improvement” KU Leuven, Belgium, p. 103

2006 Report: Consultancy for the Belgian Federal Public Service – Environment

Christine Frison and Tom Dedeurwaerdere (July 2006) “Infrastructures publiques et régulations sur l’Accès aux ressources génétiques et le Partage des Avantages qui découlent de leur utilisation pour l’innovation dans la recherche des sciences de la vie : Accès, conservation et utilisation de la diversité biologique dans l’intérêt général” Centre de Philosophie du Droit (CPDR) for the Belgian Federal Public Service - Environment, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, p. 95

2005 Report: Consultancy for Bioversity International (formerly International Plant Genetic Resources Institute), Rome, Italy

Christine Frison and Michael Halewood “Annotated bibliography addressing the international pedigrees and flows of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture SGRP.” Information document submitted by the System-wide Genetic Resources Programme of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research to the Eighth Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 8) and the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing, International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (IPGRI, now Bioversity International) (Jan. 2006) Rome, Italy, p.17

2004-2006 Reports: Consultancies on International Biosafety Law for the United Nations Environment Programme-Global Environment Facility project (UNEP-GEF), UNEP Nairobi, Kenya. Reports written by Christine Frison, Thomas Joie, Sylvestre Tidiane Manga, and Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger “Commentaires et recommandations sur le cadre national de biosécurité”

2006 Reports: Republic of Chad, Republic of Burundi, Union of the Comoro Islands and Central African Republic

2005 Reports: Gabonese Republic, Republic of Mali, Republic of Guinea

2004 Reports: Republic of Madagascar, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, Republic of Niger, Republic of Senegal, Togolese Republic, Burkina Faso, People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, and Benin

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## **8. RESEARCH ACTIVITIES**

Joint-PhD research in both UCLouvain (Centre for Philosophy of Law - CPDR) and KU Leuven (Center for IT & IP Law - CiTiP) under the supervision of Prof. Olivier De Schutter and Prof. Tom Dedeurwaerdere at the CPDR and Prof. Geertrui Van Overwalle at the CiTiP. All research activities (doctoral training, internal and external seminars, social activities, etc.) were carried out in both universities and research centers.

My thesis analyses the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (a United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organisation treaty signed in 2001 - 138 contracting parties) dealing with international conservation and sustainable use of seeds for food and agriculture. I use the theory of the commons as analytical lens in order to relate law and governance aspects of seed management. I have conducted my research

inspired by transdisciplinary methodologies, i.e. I apply a legal analysis to the treaty plus a stakeholder analysis inspired by socio-anthropological methods. Therefore, I combine disciplines and integrate treaty actors as direct contributors to my research. This unusual and innovative way of conducting my research has allowed me to 1) contribute to science from both a normative and methodological perspective, as well as 2) propose concrete improvements to the treaty (which is currently under review), to help contracting parties to better reach the objectives of the Treaty.

#### Collaboration to different research projects in both universities, inter alia:

2012-2016: "GenCommons" at UCLouvain - CPDR; collaborator: research contribution.

2014-2015: "BioMot" at UCLouvain - CPDR; collaborator: advisory contribution.

2008-2010: "Reflexive Governance in the Public Interest" at UCLouvain - CPDR; collaborator: research contribution.

2007-2008: "Gene Patents and Public Health" at KU Leuven - CiTiP; collaborator: technical and methodological contribution to conducting an empirical European survey.

2007: "Legal Analysis of the Material Transfer Agreements of the Laboratory of Tropical Crop Improvement" at KU Leuven - LTCI (Laboratory of Tropical Crop Improvement); sole researcher under supervision of Prof. Geertrui Van Overwalle: legal analysis of contracts for the transfer of genetic material.

2006: Federal inquiry « Analyse du degré de connaissance et de prise en compte par les acteurs belges des dispositions de la Convention sur Diversité Biologique en matière d'accès aux ressources génétiques et de partage juste et équitable des avantages résultant de leur utilisation », SPF Santé publique, sécurité alimentaire et environnement, at UCLouvain - CPDR; sole researcher under supervision of Prof. Tom Dedeurwaerdere : Belgian survey using qualitative analysis methods.

#### Social research activities

"Les amis du chercheur": 2012, creation (with colleague Matthias Sant'ana) of a blog, newsletter and informal lunch meetings at the Law Faculty of UCLouvain to foster collaboration and exchange of knowledge among researchers.

Dutch courses: Spring 2008 Dutch lessons at the Instituut voor Levende Talen - KU Leuven, level 1, 2 and 3.

#### Research activities at the CISDL, Montreal, Canada

Since November 2004, I am a Legal Research Fellow with the Center for International Sustainable Development Law, based at McGill University, Canada. As a researcher, I have participated in various research projects on biosafety and biodiversity international law, with a focus on practice and advice to the implementation of international conventions in developing countries. One example is the UNEP-GEF project on the implementation of the Cartagena Biosafety Protocol, where I was the lead interlocutor and researcher between 2004 and 2006. I advised 16 African countries on their laws and policies on Biosafety, and intervened as independent legal lecturer in capacity-building workshops. More information on demand.

#### Research funding

- Research assistant (for PhD finalization): from November 2014 to June 2016, FP7 funding "GenCommons" EU research project obtained by the Center for Philosophy of Law

- (August 2012 - October 2014: on leave)

- 4 years PhD scholarship 2008-2012: EU external funding for 2 years (1 year Interuniversity Attraction Poles (IAP) Phase VI; 1 year 6th Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development on "Reflexive Governance in the Public Interest" research project obtained by the Center for Philosophy of Law); then 2 years FSR UCLouvain university grant

#### Conference organization

Active participation in the organization of several international conferences:

- 10-11 June 2015: International Conference on "Motivations and arguments to act for biodiversity. Alternative ways to inspire innovative policy making", Brussels. Funding EU FP7 projects BESAFE and BIOMOT, and FNRS, <http://biogov.uclouvain.be/Besafe-Biomot-Conference-June-2015>

- 12-14 September 2012: IASC 1st Thematic Conference on the Global Knowledge Commons: "Building Institutions for Sustainable Scientific, Cultural and Genetic Resources Commons", Louvain-la-Neuve (Belgium). Funding EU FP7, FNRS, NWO, ECODATA, UNU-Merit, Bioversity International, <http://biogov.uclouvain.be/iasc/>

-27-28 May 2010: International Conference "Reflexive Governance in the Public Interest (RefGov) & Democratic Governance and Collective Action (DemGov)", Funding EU FP6 project "Reflexive Governance", Palais des Académies, Brussels, <https://www.uclouvain.be/cps/ucl/doc/cpdr/documents/FP6-REFGOV-Conference-May-2010.pdf>

- June 12-13 2008: "Microbial Commons", Funding IAUP and FNRS, Ghent (Belgium), <http://www.microbialcommons.ugent.be/>

### Conference moderator

The two recent interventions as moderator of conference sessions

- Louvain Open Partnership Research on Ecological and Social Transition, "Forum de co-création pour la transition écologique et sociale", 28-29 April 2016, Louvain-la-Neuve, <http://lptransition.uclouvain.be/>

- Besafe-Biomot International Conference - "Motivations and arguments to act for biodiversity - Alternative ways to inspire innovative policy making", 10-11 June 2015, Brussels, Les Ateliers des Tanneurs, <http://biogov.uclouvain.be/Besafe-Biomot-Conference-June2015/index.html>

### Conference presentations and interventions

"La semence comme bien commun? Une analyse du traité international sur les ressources phylogénétiques pour l'alimentation et l'agriculture", CEDRE - Séminaire 'Les communs - Actualité et vitalité de la notion à la croisée des enjeux environnement-culture' - Cycle 2016, 17 May 2016, Université Saint Louis, Bruxelles (Invited speaker)

"Planting the Seed Commons: Towards Implementing the Zero Hunger Sustainable Development Goal?", International Association for the Study of the Commons (IASC) Regional Conference -"Commons in a "glocal" World: Global Connections and Local Responses", 10-13 May 2016, Bern, Switzerland, panel convener Philippe Cullet (School of African and Oriental Studies, London) (Invited speaker)

« Plantons les Communs : Analyse du Traité International sur les Ressources Phylogénétiques pour l'Alimentation et l'Agriculture selon la Théorie des Communs », Séminaire de la Cellule Interdisciplinaire de Recherche en Droits de l'Homme - Cridho, 3 May 2016, Louvain-la-Neuve (Invited speaker)

« Plantons les Communs : Redéfinition de la Gestion des Semences par les Acteurs du Traité International sur les Ressources Phylogénétiques pour l'Alimentation et l'Agriculture », PhiGov research seminar « Normes & Subjectivité », 15 April 2016, Louvain-la-Neuve (Invited speaker)

"Seeds as a Global Commons: An Alternative Path for Growing a Food Secure World", UNDISCIPLINED ENVIRONMENTS - International Conference of the European Network of Political Ecology, 20-23 of March 2016, Stockholm, Sweden (Invited speaker)

"Graines de discord : le partage équitable des semences agricoles", Belgian francophone inter-university competition "Ma thèse en 180 secondes", 28 May 2015, UNamur, <http://medias.save.fundp.ac.be/videos/unamur/2015/20150528-mt180-03-frison.mp4>

Poster Sessions "Planting the Commons: Towards Redesigning an Equitable Seed Exchange" 2ème Congrès Interdisciplinaire du Développement Durable, 20-22 May 2015, Louvain-la-Neuve (Invited speaker)

Poster Session "Planting the Commons: Towards Redesigning an Equitable Seed Exchange", 3ème Cérémonie des HERA AWARDS, 6 May 2015, Louvain-la-Neuve (Invited speaker)

"Graines de discord : le partage équitable des semences agricoles", UCLouvain university competition "Ma thèse en 180 secondes", 26 March 2015, Louvain-la-Neuve, [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j\\_o8ptbQxUw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j_o8ptbQxUw)

"Social Capital and Trust in the Design and Evolution of Institutions for Collective Action: Case Studies on IP Coordinating Mechanisms in Plant Genetic Resources and the Biomedical Sector" Conference paper presented at the Second Thematic Conference of the IASC "Design and Dynamics of Institutions for Collective Action: A Tribute to Prof. Elinor Ostrom", 29 November - 1 December 2012, Utrecht University, the Netherlands (co-authors Benjamin Six, Esther van Zimmeren, invited speakers)

"Les collections de ressources phyto-génétiques pour l'alimentation et l'agriculture" Seminar ANR- PROPICE « De la bio-banque au musée - Le bien commun en question », Université Paris 10 et Paris 13, CNRS, 25 mai 2012, Centre Malher, Paris (Invited speaker)

Book Launch: "Plant Genetic Resources and Food Security - Stakeholder Perspectives on the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture", side event (21 July 2011, 13:15-14:45) for the launch of my latest book during the 13th regular session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA), Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), 18-22 July 2011, Rome, Italy (Invited speaker)

"Intellectual Property Rights and Plant Commons", 15th Ius Commune Conference (Workshop on Intellectual Property Law), 26 November 2010, Leuven, Belgium (Invited speaker)

"International Governance for Conservation and Sustainable Use of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture", Knowledge Café session, IUCN World Conservation Congress, 5-14 October, 2008, Centre de Convencions Internacional de Barcelona (CCIB), Barcelona, Spain (Invited speaker)

"Material Transfer Agreements for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture", 12th Ius Commune Congress (Workshop on Intellectual Property Law), 30 November 2007, Liège, Belgium (Invited speaker)

"Le partage juste équitable des bénéfices découlant de l'utilisation des ressources génétiques: incitant pour la protection de la biodiversité". This presentation provided the results of the Belgian Biodiversity Survey, which I conducted for the Belgian Federal Public Service - Environment in 2006 (see below in the Report section). This two hours seminar was given with Mrs. Claire Collin (Belgian Federal Public Service - Environment) in the framework of the lecture of Prof. David Aubin for the Master in Environmental Sciences and Management, 19 November 2007 - Université catholique de Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium.

"Conclusions of the Paris Roundtable 2004 on Practicality, Feasibility and Cost of Certificates of Origin", presentation at the European Regional Meeting on an Internationally Recognized Certificate of Origin/Source/Legal Provenance, International Academy for Nature Conservation on the Isle of Vilm, Germany, from October 24-29, 2006. (Invited speaker)

"Belgian Federal Survey: Public infrastructures and ABS regulations for innovation in the life science research: access, conservation and use of biological diversity in the general interest", presentation at the European Regional Meeting on an Internationally Recognized Certificate of Origin/Source/Legal Provenance, International Academy for Nature Conservation on the Isle of Vilm, Germany, from October 24-29, 2006. (Invited speaker)

"A role for regulatory impact assessment in Sustainable Impact Assessments?" Stocktaking Conference on Trade Sustainability Impact Assessments, European Commission, 21-22 March 2006, Brussels, Belgium. This presentation provides the results of a research paper entitled: 'A role for regulatory impact assessment in SIAs? - Comparative legal approaches to preventing social and environmental regulatory chill through trade negotiations'. (Invited speaker)

"Access and Benefit Sharing in the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and Sustainable Development". I was given the opportunity to give a seminar on the subject of my Masters of Law Thesis at the Merton College Series of Lectures 2004-2005 "Seminars on Sustainable Development Law", 11 March 2005 - Oxford University, Faculty of Law, Oxford, United Kingdom. (Invited speaker)

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## 9. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Communication abilities

I have published many different types of work, with different academic and non-academic publishers, whether books, scientific papers, reports or popularization articles. My publication list attests from my academic writing communication abilities as well as writings with other purposes. As for oral communication skills, having won the



first prize of the UCLouvain contest “Ma thèse en 180 secondes” in 2015 testifies about my capacity to share ideas in a manner adapted to the audience.

#### International profile with strong experience on development issues

I am a Belgian national, but I have lived abroad (several countries in Africa and Europe) until I was 23. This explains why my Dutch is only fair, while I am perfectly fluent in English and Italian (French being my mother tongue). Moving from one place to the other, integrating different cultures and educational systems (American elementary school, international French secondary school, French university and English university) have taught me to be open minded, adaptive, and at ease in any social or working context (whether interviewing a smallholder farmer or exchanging with an ambassador or a minister). My professional experience as legal expert and negotiator for governments or international organizations developed my negotiation and diplomacy skills, as well as my assertiveness. My experience as legal research fellow in charge of several research projects for developing countries at the CISDL developed my leadership skills. I have a solid international network, whether academic (inter alia Oxford, Cambridge, McGill Universities) or non-academic (think-tanks, NGOs, UN agencies and other international organizations).

#### Personal skills

My first characteristic is my perseverance, but I am also autonomous, curious, creative and I appreciate having the leeway to propose new projects, ideas, or methods. I favor team work rather than individual work, as I value exchange with others as the best way to learn and to teach, and to co-produce knowledge efficiently. I am a happy mother of two boys, with whom I learn patience and raising approaches based on respect, autonomy and exchanges.