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Docteur en Droit, Ecole de droit de Sciences Po Paris (*Sciences Po Law School* ou SPLS), Institut d'Etudes Politiques (IEP).

Qualified Lawyer, Barreau de Bruxelles, Ordre français.

Current Positions

Guest Lecturer for the Bachelor Courses 'Introduction à la pensée juridique contemporaine' (since September 2024), 'Legal Theory' (since September 2022), and 'Seminar in Legal Theory' (since September 2022) at the Faculty of Law of UCLouvain (Saint-Louis, Brussels).

Co-director of the bibliography section for the journal '*Revue critique de droit international privé*' (RCDIP) (since January 2022).

Researcher at Sciences Po School of Law (SPLS) Paris (since January 2022).

Fields of Expertise

Private International Law, Legal Theory, Legal Pluralism, Decolonial Legal Studies, Law and Anthropology, Comparative Law, Law and Religion, Arbitration, Corporate Social Accountability.

Past Academic and Professional Experience

Academic Research Experience:

- 2020-2022: **Visiting Researcher**, Perelman Centre of Philosophy of Law (ULB, Faculty of Law, Brussels).
- 2016-2022: **Doctoral Fellow**, Sciences Po Law School (SPLS) Paris, Institute d'Etudes Politiques (IEP);
- 2019-2020: **ATER** (Research-Teaching Fellow), SPLS;
- 2017-2018 **Visiting Researcher**, University of Toronto, Faculty of Law, under the supervision of Prof. Karen KNOP.

Academic Educational Experience:

- September 2024: **Guest Lecturer** for the Master Course 'Les interdisciplinarités' at Université Catholique de Bukavu (UCB), Faculty of Law, Democratic Republic of Congo.
- April 2024: **Guest Lecturer** for the course 'Droit international privé et droit fondamentaux' at the Faculty of Law of UCLouvain, taught by Prof. Stéphanie Francq.

- 2021-2023: **Lecturer** for the Master Course ‘EU and international business law’ and **Master Thesis Supervisor** at University of Lille, Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences, Lille.
- 2021-2022: **Seminar Lecturer** for the 3rd Bachelor course ‘Comparative Law’, ULB, Faculty of Law, Brussels;
- 2020-2022: **Supervisor** for the 16th and 17th editions of the ‘Concours International d'Arbitrage de Paris’ (CAIP);
- 2013-2022 (with an interruption between 2016 and 2019): **Seminar Lecturer** for the 2nd Master course ‘Droit International Privé’, ULB, Faculty of Law, Brussels;
- 2020-2021: **Teaching Assistant** for the Bachelor Course ‘*Droit naturel et argumentation juridique*’ (Benoit FRYDMAN), ULB, Faculty of Law and Faculty of Philosophy;
- April 2020: **Guest Lecturer** for the Master course ‘Legal Pluralism and Its Discontents’ (Alberto-Horst NEIDHARDT), Antwerp University;
- 2019-2020: **Tutor** at SPLS Human Rights Law Clinique (Jeremy PERELMAN), for the Banana Link Project (mandatory human rights due diligence and trade union rights);
- 2019-2020: **Discussion Session (Methodology) Lecturer** of the 1st Bachelor course ‘Political Institutions’, Sciences Po (Reims);
- 2019-2020: **Teaching Assistant** for the 2nd Master course ‘Role of Law in Global Governance’ (Horatia MUIR WATT and Jean d’ASPREMONT), SPLS;
- 2018-2020: **Legal Research Monitoring** of Master Students, SPLS;
- November 2019: **Guest Lecturer** for the Master course ‘Role of Law in Global Governance. Part I’ (Jean d’ASPREMONT) for a class on legal pluralism and a class on international law and gender, SPLS;
- 2018-2019: **Teaching Assistant** for the 2nd Master course ‘Private International Law and the Global Turn: An Interdisciplinary Perspective’ (Horatia MUIR WATT), SPLS;
- 2016-2017 and 2018-2019: **Lecturer** of the 2nd Bachelor courses ‘International Arbitration and Global Governance’ and ‘Human Rights Advocacy’, Sciences Po (Paris and Reims);
- 2016-2017: **Discussion Session (Methodology) Lecturer** of the 2nd Bachelor course ‘Introduction to Public International Law’, Sciences Po (Reims);

Professional Experience:

- 2018-2019: **Legal Consultant** for the European Commission (transposition of EU law on personal data protection in criminal matters);
- 2016: **Legal Consultant** at Frank Bold, Brussels Office, in business & human rights and responsible corporate governance;
- 2016: **Legal Consultant** at A4ID, London, Policy department, in legal implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals;
- 2012-2015: **Junior Associate** at Liedekerke Law Firm, Brussels (practice group: International and Complex Litigation).

Education, Training and Titles

- May 2022: PhD in Law, SPLS, IEP.

PhD. Dissertation: *The Conflict of Laws and Non-secular Worldviews : A Proposal for Inclusion.* Supervised by Prof. Horatia MUIR WATT, Professeur des Universités à Sciences Po ;

Jury Members: Dr. CNRS Nadia Belaïdi, Ass. Prof. Jacco Bomhoff, Prof. Karen Knop, Prof. Ralf Michaels, Prof. Isabelle Rorive;

- 2017: The **Hague Academy** of International Law's Summer Course on Private International Law;
- 2015: Qualification as a **Lawyer** under Belgian law;
- 2012: European **Master Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation**, European Inter-University Centre (EIUC), Venice, Italy (ranking: **2/89**).

E.MA Thesis: *Corporate Accountability for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Abuses Committed Abroad: Foreign Victims' Access to Remedy in Home States. An Assessment of the United Kingdom and the Netherlands regarding the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and the Maastricht Principles on Extraterritorial Obligations of States in the Area of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.* Supervised by Prof. Fons COOMANS (Maastricht University) (mark: 9,2/10).

Second semester hosting university: Maastricht University, The Netherlands (Courses: 'Corporate Social Responsibility' and 'Comparative Civil Procedure');

- 2011: **Master Degree in Public Law**, ULB, Brussels, Belgium (grade: **High Distinction** – 1/205 & 7/187).

Thesis: *Les aménagements raisonnables en matière religieuse au Québec: analyse tournée vers les conséquences du fédéralisme canadien* (Religious Reasonable Accommodation in Quebec: An Analysis Focused on the Consequences of the Canadian Federalism). Supervised by Prof. Isabelle RORIVE (mark: 18/20).

Six-month Erasmus exchange programme: Lund University, Sweden (Courses: 'Law & Religion' and 'Legal History of Minorities');

- 2009: **Bachelor Degree in Law**, ULB, Brussels, Belgium (grade: **High Distinction** – 3/609, 6/222 & 3/205).

Languages

- **French:** native;
- **English:** full professional proficiency;
- **Dutch:** professional proficiency;
- **Spanish:** limited professional proficiency.

Publications and Conferences

- *Publications:*

- S. Brachotte, *Conflicts of worldviews and private international law*, Oxford: Hart Publishing, 2025 (forthcoming);
- S. Brachotte. « Le droit international privé européen face à la légalité post-coloniale : apport d'une étude de cas » *Droit et Cultures*, 2025/1 (forthcoming);
- S. Brachotte, « La comparaison juridique : approche critique », In Julien Padovani, Mathilde Heitzmann-Patin, Florian Poulet et Alexandre Ferracci, *Traité d'études juridiques*, Presses Universitaires d'Aix-Marseille, 2025 (forthcoming) ;
- S. Brachotte, « Liens ancestraux », In Sacha Bourgeois-Gironde, Delphine Misonne et Marie-Sophie de Clippele, *Dictionnaire des droits de la nature*, PUF, 2025 (forthcoming) ;
- S. Brachotte, “When European State Courts Face Post-Colonial Legality: A Private International Law Approach Inspired by Decolonial Theory”, *Buffalo Law Review*, vol. 72, no. 5, 2024 (forthcoming);
- S. Brachotte, « Pour une approche décoloniale du temps juridique: Analyse de la temporalité des revendications autochtones », *Droit et Société*, 2024 (forthcoming) ;
- S. Brachotte; A Private International Law Perspective of “Alterity” with Horatia Muir Watt’s *Discours sur les Méthodes du Droit International Privé*. In Alice Margaria and Larissa Vettors (eds), *Leading Work in Law and Anthropology*, Routledge 2024;
- S. Brachotte and A. Nuyts. Jurisdiction over cyber torts under the Brussels IBis Regulation. In Andrej Savin and Jan Trzaskowski (eds), *Research Handbook on EU Internet Law*, Edward Elgar Publishing 2023 (2nd ed.);
- S. Brachotte. Pour une approche décoloniale du droit international privé », *Rev. crit. DIP* 2/2023;
- S. Brachotte. Marianna Valverde, ou quand l'anarchisme intellectuel révèle la substance de la technique juridique. *Cliothemis*, 23/2022 [online] ;
- S. Brachotte. The Limits of Arbitration Law in Addressing Cultural Diversity: The Example of Ismaili Arbitration in the United Kingdom. *Laws* 10(2) 2021 p. 47-71;
- S. Brachotte. Les rationalités entremêlées : le droit international privé et les conflits sans issue. In H. Muir Watt, L. Bizikova A. Brandao de Oliveira, D. Fernandez Arroyo, and M. Ma (eds). *Le Tournant Global en Droit International Privé*. Pédone 2020 p. 247-257;
- S. Brachotte. Intermingled Rationalities in ‘Unsolvable Cases’. In H. Muir Watt, D. Fernandez Arroyo, L. Bizikova and A. Brandao de Oliveira (eds). *Global Private International Law*. Edward Elgar Publishing 2019 p. 190-200;

- S. Brachotte and A. Nuyts. Jurisdiction over cyber torts under the Brussels I Regulation. In Andrej Savin and Jan Trzaskowski (eds) *Research Handbook on EU Internet Law*. Edward Elgar Publishing 2014 p. 231-253.
- **Book Reviews:**
 - S. Brachotte, « The Application of Foreign Law in the British and German Courts, par A. Critchley », *Rev. crit. DIP* 4/2023;
 - S. Brachotte, “Personalized Law. Different Rules for Different People, par Omri Ben-Shahar et Ariel Porat”, *Rev. crit. DIP* 3/2023;
 - S. Brachotte, « Blurry Boundaries of Public and Private International Law. Towards Convergence or Divergent Still?, par Poomintr Sooksripaisarnkit et Dharmita Prasad » *Rev. crit. DIP* 1/2023;
 - S. Brachotte, « Private International Law : Idealism, Pragmatism, Ecclectism par Symeon Symeonides » *Rev. crit. DIP* 3/2022 p. 637-642 ;
 - S. Brachotte, « The Elgar Companion to the Hague Conference on Private International Law by Thomas John, Rishi Gulati, and Ben Koehler (ed.) », *Rev. crit. DIP* 2021/2 p. 491-495 ;
 - S. Brachotte, « Property, Power and Politics Why We Need to Rethink the World Power System par Jean-Philippe Robé », *Rev. crit. DIP* 2021/2 p. 510-514 ;
 - S. Brachotte, « Linkages and Boundaries in Private and Public International Law par Verónica Ruiz Abou-nigm, Kasey Mccall-Smith and Duncan French (ed.) », *Rev. crit. DIP*, 2019/1, p. 283-290.
- **Blog Posts:**
 - S. Brachotte, “PIL and (De)coloniality: For a Case-by-Case Approach of the Application of Postcolonial Law in European States”, *Blog Conflict of Laws*, 28 January 2024 (www.conflictoflaws.net) ;
 - S. Brachotte, “Private International Law and Conflict of Worldviews”, *EAPIL Blog*, 15 May 2023 (<https://eapil.org/blog/>).
- **Organiser of Conferences:**
 - Co-organizer of the seminar series 'Migration and Decolonial Approaches to Law' at UCLouvain, in collaboration with Prof. Sylvie Sarolea (since January 2024);
 - SPLS 2021-2022 Globinar ‘The Legal Economy of Capitalism’;
 - SPLS 2020-2021 Globinar ‘Law, Capitalism, and Global Crisis: Revisi(ti)ng the Canons’;
 - SPLS 2019-2020 Pilagg seminars ‘Heterodox approaches to global governance’;

- SPLS 2018-2019 Pilagg seminars ‘Language and Boundaries’;
 - 2018 LSA (Law & Society Association) Toronto Meeting ‘Law at the Crossroads’ (University of Toronto and York University);
 - 2017 SPLS 6th’s Graduate Conference ‘Conflicts in Law: Rethinking the Legal Order’.
- **Speaker at Conferences:**
 - December 2024 : Conférence « Les savoirs juridiques en acte » in Rabat, IRN of the CNRS on the positivisation of law et the Dutch Institute in Marocco (presentation of “pour une approche décoloniale du droit international privé”);
 - November 2024: Book Launch of “Leading Work in Law and Anthropology” (Routledge, 2024), Law & Society Institute (Law Faculty, Humboldt University, Germany) – presentation of the article “A Private International Law Perspective of “Alterity” with Horatia Muir Watt’s *Discours sur les Méthodes du Droit International Privé*”;
 - September 2024; Doctoral Week « Conception de la recherche en droit et approche interdisciplinaire », École doctorale Droit — Économie of UCB and UCLouvain (presentation of « Les interdisciplinarités » and « Approches décoloniales en droit ») ;
 - May 2024 : Workshop « Transnational Legal and Political Theory », Buffalo University (presentation of « When Western States Authorities Face Travelling Normativities: A Decolonial Approach »);
 - May 2024 : SIEJ Conference, UCLouvain (Saint-Louis), « Mémoire et oubli: quand le droit contribue à la construction de la vérité » (presentation of « Pour une approche décoloniale du temps juridique: Analyse de la temporalité des revendications autochtones ») ;
 - April 2024 : PAX Moot Court Half-Day Conference on Dispute Resolution in Private International Law organised by the Centre for Private International Law, University of Aberdeen (Q&A of panel « Decolonial Perspectives on Private International Law ») ;
 - February 2024 : Seminar Series « Migration et Approches décoloniales du droit », UCLouvain, Faculty of Law (presentation of « Pour une approche décoloniale du droit : enjeux épistémologiques à l’ère globale ») ;
 - October 2023 : Les Rendez-vous Européens de droit international privé et comparé, Université de Lyon (presentation of « Private International Law and Conflicts of Worldviews : A Decolonial Approach ») ;
 - « Law & Religion Prospective Seminar » of the Chaire Droit et Religion (May 2023, UCL, Louvain) – presentation entitled « *Law and Religion : A Private International Law Perspective* »;

- Departmental Seminar of the Max Planck Institute of Law and Anthropology (April 2023, Halle) – presentation entitled “*For a Decolonial Approach to the Conflict of Laws*”;
- Workshop “Decolonial comparative legal history: indigenous and global South law prior to colonialism” of the “Decolonial Comparative Law project” (Oxford School of Global and Area Studies and Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, Oxford, September 2022) - presentation entitled “*Studying Pre-colonial Indigenous Ontologies to Decolonize Law: A Contradiction in Terms? The Example of Indigenous Peoples in Canada*”;
- LSA (Law and Society Association) 2022 Lisbon Meeting “Rage, Reckoning & Remedy” (July 2022) - presentation entitled “*When Postcolonial Normativities Come Before Western State Courts: Decolonizing Private International Law*”;
- Private International Law Festival, Edinburgh University (May 2022) – presentation entitled ‘*Decolonising Private International Law with Non-secular Worldviews*’;
- Weekly Research Gatherings of *DISSECT* (Evidence in Human Rights Adjudication), Ghent University, Faculty of Law (November 2021) – presentation entitled ‘*Private International Law, Legal Diversity, and Proof of Foreign Law*’;
- Weekly Research Gatherings of *METAJURIDICA*, Law Faculty, VUB (November 2021) – presentation entitled ‘*Legalising Indigenous Land and Ecology: The Potential of Private International Law*’;
- 10th Annual Cambridge International Law Conference ‘National Sovereignty and International Co-operation: The Challenges of Navigating Global Crises’ (March 2021) – presentation entitled ‘*State Sovereignty and International Jurisdiction: A Pluralist Perspective on Transnational Human Rights Litigation*’;
- Sciences Po Law School 2020-2021 Pilagge Webinar Series ‘law, Capitalism, and Global Crisis: Revisi(ti)ng the Canons’ - Session on Capitalism Bodies (March 2021) – presentation entitled ‘*Private International Law and Capitalism’s Bodies: The Phenomenon of Evangelical Propaganda*’;
- Seminar of the Perelman Centre of Philosophy of Law, Law Faculty, ULB (February 2021) – presentation entitled ‘*Une approche culturaliste de l’arbitrage en droit anglais. Le cas de l’arbitrage ismaélien en matière commerciale*’;
- Seminar of the Institute for Comparative Law, Conflicts of Law, and International Business Law (Heidelberg University, November 2020) – presentation entitled ‘*Private International Law and Epistemological Conflicts before State Courts: The example of the Jivraj case*’;
- SPLS 2019 Intensive Doctoral Week – TAU (Tel Aviv University) Workshop on ‘Law and Political Economy’ – presentation entitled ‘*US 2018 SMUG v. Lively: A Law and Political Economy Perspective*’;
- LSA 2018 Toronto Meeting ‘Law at the Crossroads’ – presentation with Carey Demichelis and Patrick Garon-Sayegh, entitled ‘*Understanding Law Among Other*’;

Rationalities: Worlds of Meanings at Conflict. An Interdisciplinary Study of Truths and Beliefs in Law, Science, Religion, and Indigenous Ways of Being’;

- Harvard 2018 IGLP (Institute for Global Law and Policy) Conference ‘Law in Global Political Economy: Heterodoxy Now’ - presentation entitled “*Private-international-law Reasoning to Deal with the Intermingled Rationalities of a Globalized World? Indigenous Ontologies, State Interest and Business Ethos Unpacked*”;
 - uOttawa 2018 GLSEDD (Graduate Students in Law Association) ‘Law: From Crisis to Opportunity’ - presentation entitled “*The Canadian Case Ktunaxa: Using A Conflicts Approach to Show Indigenous Ontologies and Business Ethos in Law*”;
 - McGill University 2018 Graduate Law Conference ‘Hard Cases: The Limits of Law’ - presentation entitled ‘*Using Private International Law to Deal with “Unsolvable” Cases? The example of the UK case Jivraj: An imbroglio of state law, Ismaili ethos, and arbitration principles*’;
 - 11th Annual Toronto Group Conference ‘Boundaries, Conflicts and Alliances: Interactions between International, Transnational and Comparative Law’, Osgoode Law School (York University) and U of T Faculty of Law (April 2018) - presentation entitled ‘*When law faces the encounter of business and religious traditions: Using private international law to deal with ‘unsolvable’ cases?*’;
 - LSE (London School of Economics) 2017 International Graduate Legal Research Conference ‘Law and Crisis’ - presentation entitled ‘*The Role of Private International Law in the Management of Competing Normative Regimes*’;
 - 2014 Book Conference ‘Coherence in EU Internet Law’, Copenhagen Business School (CBS) – presentation entitled ‘*EU Private International Law and Digitalisation*’.
- **Peer Reviewer:**
 - 2024: Revue interdisciplinaire d’études juridiques ;
 - 2023 : American Comparative Law Journal ;
 - 2022: Droit et Culture;
 - 2021: Transnational Legal Theory Journal.
 - **Panel Moderator/Discussant:**
 - Max Planck Institute of Law and Anthropology Annual Retreat 2023;
 - Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law 2021 Workshop ‘Gender & Private International Law (GaP)’ (panel ‘*PIL and Islamic Family Law*’);
 - SPLS 2019 Intensive Doctoral Week – Pilag seminar ‘The World Order and Global Legitimacy’ - P.G. Monateri’s book ‘*Dominus Mundi : Political Sublime and the World Order*’;

- Harvard IGLP 2018 Conference ‘Law in Global Political Economy: Heterodoxy Now’ - panel ‘*Global Perspectives on Gender Justice*’.

Awards and Scholarships

- December 2020: **Laura Bassi Scholarship** (Canada) for junior academics, awarded to provide editorial assistance to postgraduates and junior academics whose research focuses on neglected topics of study, broadly construed, within their disciplines;
- September 2017 : **Zellidja Scholarship** (France) aimed at funding research stays in foreign universities;
- August 2017: **The Hague Academy of International Law Scholarship** to take the Summer Course on Private International Law;
- 2016-2019: **Doctoral Scholarship of the *Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques*** (FNSP), Paris, France;
- 2012: **Ganshof Van der Meersch Prize**, awarded to the best student of Bachelor and Master’s studies in public law who graduated in 2011 from the Masters in Law of ULB.

Para-academic Experience and Awards

- 2016-2017 and 2018-2019: **Doctoral Candidates’ Representative** at SPLS;
- 2009 **Audience’s Prize** for the Plea Contest and 2008 **Winner Prize** of the Oratory Contest organised by Elsa Brussels (European Law Students’ Association in Brussels);
- 2008-2010: **Chief editor** of the ULB Law Faculty magazine.

Volunteering Experience

- 2016 : Brussels Short Film Festival
- 2016: NGO ‘Chacras de Buenos Aires’, Buenos Aires, Argentina (Eco-social project);
- 2015: NGO ‘CYA’ (Cambodian Youth Action), Siem Reap Province, Cambodia (educational project);
- 2008: NGO ‘CWIN’ (Child Workers in Nepal), Pastali, Nepal (children’s rights project).