



CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

- 2014-2018 **PhD in Development Studies** (University of Antwerp (UA) & Institute of Tropical Medicine (Antwerp) (ITM))
- Thesis title: Opening the 'black box' of performance-based financing in the healthcare sector of western Uganda
- Supervisors: Prof. Nathalie Holvoet (UA), Prof. Bart Criel (ITM), Prof. Christopher Garimoi Orach (Makerere University Uganda)
- 2011-2013 **Master en sciences de la Santé Publique** (ULB)
- 2011-2012 **Certificate of Advanced Studies of Health, Discrimination and Human Rights** (Université de Genève)
- 2009-2010 **Master of Comparative and International Politics** (KU Leuven)
- 2006-2009 **Bachelor of Political and Social Sciences** (KU Leuven)

Work experience

- Oct. '22 – Present **École de Santé Publique, Université Libre de Bruxelles**
Assistant professor
- Oct. '19 – Sep. '22 **Institute of Development Policy, University of Antwerp**
FWO Postdoctoral Research Fellow
- Oct. '18 – Sep. '19 **Institute of Development Policy, University of Antwerp**
Postdoctoral researcher
- Apr. '14 - Sep. '14 **Memisa**
Belgian NGO working on health care in LMIC (especially DRC)
Project co-manager of the project 'Hospitals for hospitals'
- Jul. '13 - Dec. '13 **École de Santé Publique, Université Libre de Bruxelles**
On freelance basis with Prof. Bruno Dujardin
- 2010-2013 **KU Leuven (Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence)**
Research assistant of Prof. Keukeleire

Projects

2025 – 2029 PRD ARES : Mise en place d'un système sentinelle pour la riposte aux maladies infectieuses émergentes en milieu communautaire de la République Démocratique de Congo
2024 – 2027 DGD Policy Support Program: Social Protection and inclusive growth (SPRING)
2022 – 2027 PRD ARES : Appui à l'opérationnalisation des Centres de Médecine Traditionnelle au Burkina Faso, par une recherche multidisciplinaire coordonnée sur la qualité et la sécurité des remèdes à base de plantes.

PhD projects

« Digitalisation des activités des agents de santé communautaire au Burundi, quels apprentissages pour leur motivation dans le contexte du financement basé sur la performance » (Olivier Nijimbere)

« Extending social health protection to the informal sector in Uganda: mechanisms, contextual factors, and implications for advancing universal health coverage » (Noel Namuhani)

« AI resilience in health care systems : a multilevel, systems thinking perspective » (Alizée Morias)

« Engaging vulnerable people in health interventions in fragile settings » (Houssynatou Sy)

Publications (Last 5 years)

2026

[Development policy in Belgium](#)

Klimis, E., Paul, E., & Renmans, D.

In M. Reuchamps, M. Brans, P. Meier, & E. Van Haute (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Belgian Politics* (pp. 646-662). Oxford: Oxford University Press.

[Conversational agents and equity in health care systems: a scoping review](#)

Morias, A., & Renmans, D.

Journal of Health equity, 3(1), 2606723.

2025

[Performance-based financing is not on the path towards universal health coverage and equity](#)

E Paul, GW Brown, D Renmans, V Ridde

BMC global and public health 3 (1), 10

2024

[Stakeholder involvement in realist evaluation: A scoping review and best fit framework synthesis](#)

S Malengreaux, M Martens, V Castellano Pleguezuelo, I Olujuwon, S Van Belle, D Renmans, Z Belrhiti
Evaluation, 13563890241279562

[Feasibility and desirability of a realist CMOC database: Lessons learned](#)

D Renmans, G Westhorp, B Astbury, Z Belrhiti, R Hardwick, F Leeuw, ...

Evaluation 30 (4), 550-567

How do urban green spaces influence heat-related mortality in elderly? A realist synthesis

Tom Cornu, Bruno Marchal, Dimitri Renmans

BMC Public Health, 24(1)

2023

Guest editorial: Payment for performance: comparing policy making, design and implementation in health, social care and education

Fabiana da Cunha Saddi, Stephen Peckham, Garrett Wallace Brown, Dimitri Renmans, Allan Nuno Alves de Sousa

International Journal of Public Sector Management, 36 (6/7), 481-491

Methods in realist evaluation: a mapping review

D Renmans, VC Pleguezuelo

Evaluation and Program Planning, 102209

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.evalprogplan.2022.102209>

The ResQ approach: theory building across disciplines using realist evaluation science and QCA

D Renmans

International Journal of Social Research Methodology, 26(4), 469-482

<https://doi.org/10.1080/13645579.2022.2052695>

2022

Realist evaluation in times of decolonising global health

D Renmans, N Sarkar, S Van Belle, C Affun-Adegbulu, B Marchal, FC Mukumbang

The International Journal of Health Planning and Management 37, 37-44

<https://doi.org/10.1002/hpm.3530>

Using causal loop analysis to explore pathways for zoonosis control in low-income setting: The case of dog rabies vaccination in Burkina Faso

Madi Savadogo, Dimitri Renmans, Rianatou Bada Alambéji, Zékiba Tarnagda, Nicolas Antoine-Moussiaux

Preventive veterinary medicine, 203, 105623

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.prevetmed.2022.105623>

Presentations (last 5 years)

2026

The Realist Hub Seminars

On 'mechanism concepts' in realist evaluation: from philosophy to practice

2025

Introduction to Qualitative Causal Inference (Presentation to the GENder Accelerator)

International Conference on Realist Evaluation, Research and Review (Atlanta, USA)

- Plenary session moderator: Contextualizing Realist Methodologies around the Globe: Decolonizing Realist Enquiry
- Closing Remarks: Consolidating the International Realist Community
- Workshop: Introduction to realist evaluation
- Workshop: Decolonization and realist evaluation
- Roundtable: Generalization: when, why, how, for whom and in which circumstances?
- Presentation: A realist interpretation of Normalization Process Theory
- Presentation: On mechanisms, concepts and mechanisms concepts

MethodsNET conference (Louvain-La-Neuve, Belgium)

- Methods lab: 'Realist evaluation and the use of (social science) theories'

2024

Health Systems Global Conference (Nagasaki, Japan)

- Artificial intelligence and the health care system: A conceptual framework to assess the future
- SHAPES session: Non-Western theories

European Evaluation Society Conference (Rimini, Italy)

- On Realist Generative Mechanisms In Evaluation: A (Novel) Conceptualization And (very) Short Proof Of Concept

MethodsNET conference (Louvain-La-Neuve, Belgium)

- On Realist Generative Mechanisms In Evaluation: A (Novel) Conceptualization And (very) Short Proof Of Concept

2023

6th International Conference on Public Policy (Toronto, Canada)

- Methods in realist evaluation: a mapping review

European Congress on Tropical Medicine and International Health (ECTMIH) (Utrecht; The Netherlands)

- Applying the ReSQ approach to performance-based financing: a theory-based approach to further our understanding of how health care systems function

2022

14th European Evaluation Society Biennial Conference (Copenhagen, Denmark)

- The ResQ approach: theory building across disciplines using realist evaluation science and QCA

CARES 2022 Realist Methodology Training Conference (Online)

- On Mechanisms, their Concepts and Mechanism Concepts within the Realist ResQ Approach

2021

International Conference for Realist Research, Evaluation and Synthesis (Online)

- From CMOC to Theory Building: Combining Realist Evaluation Science with Qualitative Comparative Analysis (ResQ Approach)
Panel: 'Troubleshooting in realist evaluation'

5th International Conference on Public Policy (Barcelona, Spain)

- Learning across disciplines, contexts and interventions: Developing a theory on P4P

12th European Congress on Tropical Medicine and International Health (Bergen, Norway)

- The role of self-efficacy in performance-based financing: findings from the ResQ study

14th European Evaluation Society Biennial Conference (Online edition)

- 'The Best Of Two Worlds? Scoping Review Of Method(ologie)s Combined With Realist Evaluation.' 'No mechanism without context: strengthening the analysis of context in realist evaluations using causal loop diagramming'

Teaching

Mandates

- President 'Bureau du Jury du Master en Sciences de la Santé Publique', ESP ULB
- Coordinator 'Master en Sciences de la Santé Publique, finalité politiques, systèmes et promotion de la santé', ESP ULB
- Secretary 'Commission Facultaire des Doctorats', ESP ULB

Courses

2022 - ...

- 'Construction des politiques
Master en santé publique
Université Libre de Bruxelles
- 'Conception et planification des projet/programmes de santé'
Master en santé publique
Université Libre de Bruxelles
- 'Concepts et approches de l'évaluation'
Master en santé publique
Université Libre de Bruxelles
- 'Politiques et système de santé'
Master en santé publique
Université Libre de Bruxelles

2019-...

- Monitoring and evaluation (3 ECTS)
Interuniversity master of Global Health
University of Antwerp, Ghent university, KUL, VUB, UHasselt

Supervision of master's dissertations

About 50 students supervised

Expert missions

2021-2024

External academic expert for an evaluation of a pilot phase PBF in Ivory Coast

Reviewer of multiple research proposals for the UK Medical Research Council

Other

Languages

Dutch: Native proficiency
English: Full professional proficiency
French: Professional working proficiency

Peer reviews

Plos One, Globalization and Health, Health Policy and Planning, Human Resources for Health, Social Science and Medicine, Archives of Public Health, International Journal of Health Policy and Management, Health Systems & Reform, BMJ Global Health, European Journal of Development Research, UK MRC, ...

Non-academic Board memberships

- General Assembly Memisa
- Board of directors Memisa
- Member Steering group Be-Cause Health

Other

- Program chair and co-organizer 'International Conference on Realist research evaluation and review', Atlanta, USA, 22-25/9/2025
- Since 2020: Founder and coordinator of the 'All Realists Group' (ARG)
- Outreach: Short intervention on Radio 1 show 'De wereld vandaag' about 'Brain drain of the health workforce from Africa'