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EMPLOYMENT

Present 16/12/2024	Researcher , Department of Communication & Economics, University of Modena & Reggio Emilia, Italy
30/09/2025 01/10/2024	Lecturer (“maître de conférence invité”), Faculty of Economic, Social and Political Sciences, University of Louvain, Belgium
30/09/2024 01/10/2021	Marie Skłodowska-Curie Global Fellow Columbia University, USA Università degli Studi di Modena e Reggio Emilia, Italy
30/09/2021 01/10/2020	Lecturer (“maître de conférence invité”), Faculty of Economic, Social and Political Sciences, University of Louvain, Belgium
30/09/2021 01/10/2019	Research fellow , funded by the Action Concertée de Recherche (ARC) of Belgian’s French speaking Community. University of Louvain (Girsef- IACCHOS), Belgium
30/09/2019 01/10/2015	Research fellow , funded by the Fonds Spéciaux de la Recherche (FSR), University of Louvain (Girsef- IACCHOS), Belgium
31/03/2013 01/04/2011	Teaching assistant (“vrij assistent”), Faculty of Law, Hogeschool Universiteit Brussel, Belgium
31/03/2011 01/04/2005	Teaching assistant (“mandaatassistent”), Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, KUBrussel, Belgium

EDUCATION

30/04/2020 18/12/2015	Doctor in Political and Social Sciences , University of Louvain (UCL), Belgium Dissertation: <i>Observing transnational education. Steps towards a morphology of world society.</i>
03/07/2004 01/10/2003	Postgraduate master in Cultures and Development Studies , University of Leuven (KUL), Belgium
02/07/2003 01/10/2001	Master (“Licenciaat”) in Sociology , University of Leuven (KUL), Belgium Erasmus exchange, Universidad Complutense de Madrid (Spain), September 2002-February 2003.
29/06/2001 01/10/1999	Bachelor (“Kandidaat”) in Political and Social Sciences , University of Leuven (KUL), Belgium

OBTAINED RESEARCH FUNDING

15/10/2025	<i>Impact des outils numériques sur le climat scolaire en Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles</i> Public contract awarded by Belgium's Ministry of Education (FWB), with Eric Mangez, app. 80.000 €.
07/05/2025	<i>Learning Machines: Platforms, School, and the Algorithmic Management of Learning</i> (LEARNING MACHINES) Follow-up MSCA, three-year research grant awarded by Italy's Ministry for University and Research (Grant ID MSCA2024_0000031), app. €300.000.
08/02/2021	<i>EdTech and the birth of platform education: An ethnographic account of a start-up in the age of global education</i> (Morphogenesis) MSCA Global Fellowship, three-year research grant awarded by the Research Executive Agency of the European Commission (Grant ID 101032759), app. € 269 000.

FELLOWSHIPS AND VISITING POSITIONS

Present 01/10/2023	Affiliate, Center on Organizational Sociology, Department of Sociology, Columbia University, New York, USA.
Present 01/10/2021	External collaborator, Groupe interdisciplinaire de Recherche sur la Socialisation, l'Éducation et la Formation (Girsef), UCLouvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium.
30/09/2026 01/07/2026	Visiting scholar, Gakuin Kwansai University, Japan
30/09/2023 01/10/2021	Visiting scholar, Department of Sociology and Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, USA.
30/09/2023 01/10/2021	Visiting scholar, Department of Sociology, Columbia University, United States.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer

2025-present	<i>Sociologia dell'attenzione</i> (4 ECTS - MSc Management & Business Communication, UNIMORE)
2024-2025	<i>Histoire des débats en sociologie et en anthropologie</i> (8 ECTS - BSc Social Sciences UCLouvain)
2020-2021	<i>Sociologie et anthropologie des mondes contemporains</i> (5 ECTS/45h, BSc Engineering & BSc Economic Sciences, UCLouvain)

Guest lecturer (selection)

2021-present	Summer School in European Education Studies (SUSEES)
2024-2025	<i>Sociologia Generale</i> (BSc Education, UNIMORE)
2022-2023	<i>Politiques, Acteurs, Décisions</i> (MSc Social Sciences, UCLouvain)
2021-2022	<i>Platform Economy, Society & Culture</i> (MSc Interdisciplinary Methodologies, University of Warwick)

Teaching assistant

2005-2013	<i>Sociologie</i> (3 ECTS, BSc Social Sciences & BSc Law, KUBrussel)
	<i>Sociologisch atelier</i> (2 ECTS, BSc Social Sciences, KUBrussel)
	<i>Sociologische theorieën</i> (5 ECTS, BSc Social Sciences, KUBrussel)
	<i>Sociologisch leeronderzoek</i> (5 ECTS, BSc Social Sciences, KUBrussel)
	<i>Methodologisch atelier</i> (5 ECTS, BSc Social Sciences, KUBrussel)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

2025	Vice-chair for the <i>Research Executive Agency</i> of the European Commission, call MSCA, section doctoral networks
2021	Special Issue Editor for <i>European Educational Research Journal</i> Book Editor for a Collective Volume (Routledge)
2020	Special Issue Editor for <i>Educational Philosophy and Theory</i>
2018	Expert-evaluator for <i>Epos</i> , National Agency for the Erasmus+ programme in Flanders.
2015	Expert-evaluator for the <i>Research Executive Agency</i> of the European Commission, call Horizon2020, section Inclusive, Innovative and Reflective Societies
2013	Expert-evaluator for the <i>Research Executive Agency</i> of the European Commission, call FP7, section socio-economic sciences and humanities
Ongoing	Board Member of <i>European Educational Research Journal</i> Editorial Assistant for <i>Sociologica</i> Reviewer for <div><i>Big Data & Society</i> <i>Critical Studies in Education</i> <i>Educational Philosophy and Theory</i> <i>European Educational Research Journal</i> <i>Comparative Education</i></div> <div><i>Journal of Education Policy</i> <i>Learning, Media & Technology</i> <i>Scuola Democratica</i> <i>The American Sociologist</i> <i>EERA NW 28</i></div>

ORGANIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA

Organiser (with Mathieu Berger) of an international workshop “Bypassing Interaction” at the University of Modena & Reggio Emilia, on 28-29/07/2024, Reggio Emilia.

Organiser (with Tore Bernt Sørensen) of a symposium “Re-articulating the form of the political: Education governance in the European Union” held at the *European Conference on Educational Research* on 06/09/2019, Hamburg.

Organiser (with Mathias Decuyper) of a double symposium “Time for Change? For a Temporal Turn in the Sociological Study of Education and Europe” (Parts 1 and 2) held at the *European Conference on Educational Research* on 24/08/2017, Copenhagen.

PUBLICATIONS

Articles published in peer-reviewed journals

1. **Vanden Broeck, Pieter** & Stark, David (2026). Educational Expertise Testing Algorithmic Management. Forthcoming in *Globalisation, Societies, and Education*.
2. Stark, David & **Vanden Broeck, Pieter** (2024). Principles of Algorithmic Management. *Organization Theory*, 5(2). doi:10.1177/26317877241257213
 - a. French translation: Principes de l'organisation algorithmique. *Réseaux* (2026, forthcoming).
 - b. Spanish translation: Principios de la administración algorítmica (2024). *Revista MAD*, (51), 1–30. <https://doi.org/10.5354/0719-0527.2024.77112>
3. **Vanden Broeck, Pieter** & Mangez, Eric (2024). Apprendre indéfiniment? Expansion de l'éducation et précarité de l'avenir. *Diversité*, 204. doi: 10.35562/diversite.4408
4. Decuyper, M., **Vanden Broeck, Pieter** et al. (2022). Laws of Edu-Automation? Three Different Approaches to Deal with Processes of Automation and Artificial Intelligence in the Field of Education. *Postdigital Science and Education*. doi: 10.1007/s42438-022-00360-x
5. Mangez, Eric & **Vanden Broeck, Pieter** (2021). Worlds apart. An introduction to Niklas Luhmann's sociology of education. *European Educational Research Journal*, 20(6), 705-718. doi:10.1177/14749041211041867
6. **Vanden Broeck, Pieter** (2021). Education in world society: A matter of form. *European Educational Research Journal*, 20(6), 791-805. doi:10.1177/14749041211023054
7. **Vanden Broeck, Pieter** & Mangez, Eric (2020). Ambiguous Coexistence and Social Transaction: on a Sociology of Opacity and Institutionalized Discretion. *The American Sociologist*, 51(2), 172-187. doi :10.1007/s12108-020-09444-2
8. Decuyper, Mathias & **Vanden Broeck, Pieter** (2020). Time and educational (re-)forms— Inquiring the temporal dimension of education. *Educational Philosophy and Theory*, 52(6), 602-612. doi:10.1080/00131857.2020.1716449
9. **Vanden Broeck, Pieter** (2020). The problem of the present: On simultaneity, synchronisation and transnational education projects. *Educational Philosophy and Theory*, 52(6), 664-675. doi:10.1080/00131857.2019.1707662
10. Mangez, Eric & **Vanden Broeck, Pieter** (2020). The history of the future and the shifting forms of education. *Educational Philosophy and Theory*, 52(6), 676-687. doi:10.1080/00131857.2019.1708329
11. **Vanden Broeck, Pieter** (2020). Beyond school: Transnational differentiation and the shifting form of education in world society. *Journal of Education Policy*, 35(6), 836-855. doi:10.1080/02680939.2019.1652769

Special issues

12. Mangez, Eric & **Vanden Broeck, Pieter** (2021). Niklas Luhmann and education: Observing world society. *European Educational Research Journal*, 20 (6).
13. Decuyper, Mathias & **Vanden Broeck, Pieter** (2020). Time and educational (re-)forms. *Educational Philosophy and Theory*, 52 (6)

Books

14. Decuypere, Mathias, & **Vanden Broeck, Pieter** (Eds.; 2022). *Education in flux: Studies on time, forms and reform*. London: Routledge.

Chapters in edited volumes

15. **Vanden Broeck, Pieter**. (2022). Europe ou la projectification de l'éducation. Forthcoming in Mangez, E. et al. (Ed.), *Faire société dans un monde incertain*. Bruxelles: De Boeck
16. **Vanden Broeck, Pieter**. (2022). The rats under the rug: The morphogenesis of education in a global context. Forthcoming in Mattei, P, Dumay, X., Mangez, E. & J. Behrend (Eds.), *Oxford Handbook on Education and Globalization*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
17. Mangez, Eric & **Vanden Broeck, Pieter**. (2021). The construction of worlds. On the function and fiction of quantified data in education policy. In Sotiria Grek, Christian Maroy & Antoni Verger (Eds.), *World Yearbook of Education 2021. Accountability and Datafication in the Governance of Education* (pp. 3-20). London: Routledge.
18. Mangez, Eric & **Vanden Broeck, Pieter**. (2016). Au-delà des inégalités. Pour une autre perspective sociologique. In Pierre-Joseph Laurent (Ed.), *Tolérances et radicalismes: que n'avons-nous pas compris ? Le terrorisme islamiste en Europe* (p. 121-137). Mons: Couleur Livres.
19. Mangez, Eric & **Vanden Broeck, Pieter**. (2014). Meeting expectations. On the challenges of collaborative research through European funding. In M. Lawn and R. Normand (Eds.), *Shaping of European Education. Interdisciplinary Approach*. London: Routledge.

Book reviews

20. **Vanden Broeck, Pieter** (2025). Time in Education Policy Transfer. *British Journal for Sociology of Education*. doi:10.1080/01425692.2025.2602255

Working papers

21. **Vanden Broeck, Pieter**. (2021). Au-delà de l'école. La mondialisation de l'éducation comme morphogénèse d'une différence transnationale. *Cahiers du Girsef*, issue 125.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited presentations

1. "Formes sans limites. Paradoxes, valeurs infinies et expansion", presentation at *Société, justice et normativité* on 11/12/2025, University of Louvain.
2. "How do we participate in algorithmic management?", keynote presentation for the winter school *Walking Through the Platform* (Department of Social Sciences) on 28/11/2025, University of Naples.
3. "Algorithmic Management and the Governing of Education", presentation at *Agentic citizens, stakeholders and social accountability in the era of e-governance* on 03/06/2025, Humboldt University Berlin.
4. "La gestion algorithmique de l'apprentissage", presentation for the *Groupe interdisciplinaire de Recherche sur la Socialisation, l'Éducation et la Formation* (Girsef), on 29/11/2024, University of Louvain.
5. "The Algorithmic Management of Learning", presentation at the *Digital Futures Institute* on 08/11/2024, Columbia University.
6. "The Algorithmic Management of Learning", keynote presentation for the *European Conference on Educational Research* (NW28 Sociologies of Education) on 05/08/2024, University of Cyprus.

7. "The Value of Platform Education", discussant for the online seminar *Policy futures: Digital assets and value in higher education*, on 26/09/2022, Aarhus University.
8. "Beyond school", discussant for the seminar *Policy futures: Blending education. digitalization, neoliberalization and the re-making of the school form*, on 03/10/2020, Aarhus University (webinar due to COVID-19 pandemic).

Oral presentations during conferences with scientific selection committee

9. David Stark & Vanden Broeck, Pieter (2024). "Algorithmic Management and New Class Relations". Paper presented at *EGOS*, on 05/07/2024, Milan.
10. Vanden Broeck, Pieter & David Stark (2023). "Class, Code & Control. Algorithmic Management in the Classroom". Paper accepted for presentation at *Data (Re)Makes the World* (Yale Law School), on 31/03/2023, New Haven.
11. Vanden Broeck, Pieter (2022). "The Rats under the Rug. The morphogenesis of education in a global context". Paper accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the *European Conference on Educational Research* on 05/09/2022, Yerevan.
12. Vanden Broeck, Pieter (2022). "The Rats under the Rug. The morphogenesis of education in a global context". Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE)* on 09/07/2022, Amsterdam.
13. Vanden Broeck, Pieter & Giancarlo Corsi (2022). "Platforms, teachers and their territory". Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE)* on 11/07/2022, Amsterdam.
14. Vanden Broeck, Pieter & Eric Mangez & (2021). "The Construction of Worlds. On the Function and Fiction of quantified data in education policy". *European Conference on Educational Research*, Geneva on 7 September 2021.
15. Vanden Broeck, Pieter (2020). "When Nation-states Speak Europese. On Consensus, Epistemic Subsidiarity and Double Binds Inside Europe's Education Committee". Paper accepted for presentation at the *ISA Forum of Sociology*, Porto Alegre (delayed to 23/02/2021 due to COVID-19 pandemic).
16. Vanden Broeck, Pieter (2020). "The Problem of the Present. Simultaneity, Synchronisation and Transnational Education Projects". Paper accepted for presentation at the *ISA Forum of Sociology*, Porto Alegre (delayed to 23/02/2021 due to COVID-19 pandemic).
17. Vanden Broeck, Pieter & Eric Mangez (2020). "The Construction of Worlds. On the Function and Fiction of quantified data in education policy". Paper accepted for presentation at the *European Conference on Educational Research*, Glasgow (cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic).
18. Vanden Broeck, Pieter (2020). "Bousculer les murs de l'école. Quand l'espace public devient un lieu de déviation de la forme scolaire". Paper accepted for presentation at *Rencontres du RIED*, Brussels on 1 July 2020 (delayed to 2022 due to COVID-19 pandemic).
19. Vanden Broeck, Pieter (2019). "When Nation-states Speak Europese. On Consensus, Epistemic Subsidiarity and Double Binds Inside Europe's Education Committee". Paper presented at the *European Conference on Educational Research* on 06/09/2019, Hamburg.
20. Vanden Broeck, Pieter (2018). "Mirroring school. A systems theoretical outline of the differentiation of transnational education in Europe". Paper presented at the *European Conference on Educational Research* on 04/09/2018, Bolzano.
21. Vanden Broeck, Pieter (2017). "The Problem of the present. Simultaneity and conflict potential in transnational education projects". Paper presented at the *European Conference on Educational Research* on 24/08/2017, Copenhagen.
22. Vanden Broeck, Pieter (2016). "Learning as a norm". Paper presented at the *European Conference on Educational Research* on 24/08/2016, Dublin.

23. Vanden Broeck, Pieter & Eric Mangez (2015). "Between Semantic and Structure: Making Sense of Europe's Governance of Education". Paper presented at the *European Conference on Educational Research* on 10/09/2015, Budapest.
24. Mangez, Eric, & Vanden Broeck, Pieter (2014). "Speaking Truth to Power? On the Challenges of Collaborative Research through European Funding". Paper presented at the *European Conference on Educational Research* on 03/09/2014, Porto.
25. Vanden Broeck, Pieter (2013). "On Luhmann's Political System. Lessons for and from Bourdieu's Theory of Fields". Paper presented at the *General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research* on 0/09/2013, Bordeaux.
26. Vanden Broeck, Pieter (2011). "De functionele differentiatie van kennis? De mogelijksvoorwaarden voor de kennismaatschappij binnen de politiek verkend" (Translation: The functional differentiation of knowledge? Exploring the conditions for a knowledge society within the political system), paper presented at *Dag van de Sociologie* on 26/05/2011, Gent.
27. Vanden Broeck, Pieter (2008). "Maatschappij in revolutie? Over de kennismaatschappij en andere evoluties" (Translation: Society in revolution? On the knowledge society and other evolutions), paper presented at *Dag van de Sociologie* on 29/05/2008, Leuven.

Public outreach

28. "Technopédagogie: (en)jeux d'expertise". Presented at the *Colloque du Girsef* on 28/01/2026, Louvain-la-Neuve.
29. "L'école au miroir. La différenciation de l'éducation transnationale en Europe". Presented at the *Colloque du Girsef* on 13/05/2019, Louvain-la-Neuve.
30. "Européanisation: quelles leçons de/pour *Demain?*" Presented at *Move for Tomorrow* on 16/11/2017, Louvain-la-Neuve.