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Date of birth: 09/11/1983
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- Work experience**
- Associate professor in Globalization, International Development and Poverty Institute of Development Policy (IOB), University of Antwerp: 2021-now
 - Co-director of Centre d'Expertise en Gestion Minière (CEGEMI) Université Catholique de Bukavu : 2014-now
 - Assistant professor in Globalization, International Development and Poverty Institute of Development Policy (IOB), University of Antwerp: 2016-2021
 - Post-doctoral fellowship Research Foundation- Flanders (FWO) Institute of Development Policy (IOB), University of Antwerp: 2014-2016
 - Research and teaching assistant Institute of Development Policy (IOB), University of Antwerp: 2007-2014
- Education**
- PhD in development studies
Dissertation: "Qui cherche, trouve. The political economy of access to gold mining and trade in South Kivu, DRC". IOB, University of Antwerp, 2014
 - Master in conflict and development, option conflict, with great distinction
Dissertation: "Struggling without arms: the demobilization and reintegration of former combatants in Ruyigi (Burundi) and Kinshasa (DRC)". University of Ghent, 2007
 - Master in contemporary history, with great distinction
Dissertation: "Memories of the Congo: the image of colonizers and colonized in Belgian literature published after 1960". University of Ghent, 2005
- Management and organization**
- Principal investigator for FWO project Driving change. Putting small scale producers in the driver's seat of battery mineral supply chain regulation: 2022-2025
 - Principal investigator VLIR-Global Minds Health and Environment in South Kivus artisanal gold mines: 2021
 - Project leader for VLIR-SI Engaging workforce and water. Towards more sustainable engagements around small-scale gold production in southern Peru: 2020-2022
 - Principal investigator for FWO project InForMining. An in-depth study of informalization processes in global gold production: 2018-2021

Co-PI for FWO-EOS project Winners and losers from globalization and market integration: 2018-2022

Director of E-CA CRE-AC (Expertise for Central Africa): 2016-now

Project leader for VLIR-UOS sponsored Institutional University Cooperation project (IUS) with the Université Catholique de Bukavu: 'Centre d'Expertise en Gestion minière': 2014-2021

Member of IOB Bureau : 2012-2015

Member of IOB Board : 2011-now

Member of IOB PhD commission : 2010-2012

Member of IOB Education and Research Commission : 2007-2010

**Teaching
experience**

At University of Antwerp

Global value chains: since AY 2016-2017

Access to markets and value chain: since AY 2013-14

Qualitative data analysis: since AY 2014-2015

Participatory methods and action research in development: since AY 2018-2019

Simulation game Mining in Maba: AY 2012-13

Simulation game Development Monopoly: AY 2008-09 until 2012-13

Simulation game Conflict and peace in the Great Lakes Region: AY 2008-09 until 2011-12

At Université Catholique de Bukavu

Qualitative research methods: since AY 2011-12

Governance of mineral resources: Global Value Chain approach: since AY 2021-2022

Guest lectures at Université catholique de Louvain, University of Surrey, Deep Springs College

**Conference
talks**

(selection) CERES/ EADI 2008; ECAS 2009, 2011, 2013, 2017, 2019; ASA 2009, 2010; ASA UK 2012; AfricaMuseum 2008, 2010; IOB Great Lakes Conference 2010; Conference on legal pluralism, 2011; UCB 2011, 2014; EADI 2011; ASA UK 2012; CAS Mining and Political Transformations 2014; Mining Research Network 2009, 2014; Egmont Institute 2014; UCL Chair Singleton 2015; IOB 50/15 2015; LandAC 2015; Nordic Africa Institut Uppsala 2016; Extractives and Exclusion Oxford 2018; Development Policies and Practices Kinshasa 2018; WorkInMining Liège 2019; Sustainability Conference Amsterdam 2021

Prizes

EADI/DSA Prize for excellence in Development Studies 2011 for the paper "Constraints, opportunities and hope. Artisanal gold mining and trade in Kamituga, South-Kivu" awarded at the EADI conference in York, September 2011

Grants

FWO project Driving change. Putting small scale producers in the driver's seat of battery mineral supply chain regulation: 2022-2015

VLIR-Global Minds Health and Environment in South Kivus artisanal gold mines: 2021

VLIR-SI Engaging workforce and water. Towards more sustainable engagements around small-scale gold production in southern Peru: 2020-2021

FWO-EOS project Winners and losers from globalization and market integration: 2018-2021

FWO project InForMining. An in-depth study of informalization processes in global gold production: 2018-2020

FWO KAN (Krediet aan Navorsers) "Towards a new theoretical framework for linkages from large-scale mining: bringing in power and the production of access and exclusion", 1 January-31 December 2017

University of Antwerp BOF "Exploratory field research on hybrid governance in Ghana", 1 February-31 December 2015

FWO postdoctoral fellowship "Transnational companies and local politics. Hybrid governance in mining concessions in the Democratic Republic of Congo and in Ghana", 1 October 2014-30 September 2018

Publications (selection, for full list, see [academic bibliography](#))

2021

Radley, B. and Geenen, S. (2021) [Struggles over value: corporate–state suppression of locally led mining mechanisation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo](#).

Review of African Political Economy.

Geenen, Sara and Gleiberman, Mollie (2021) Superfluous jobs in extractive industries. The usefulness/uselessness of job creation after dispossession. *Work, Employment and Society*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/09500170211008721>

Postma, Hester, Geenen, Sara and Partzsch, Lena (2021) Digging for due diligence: The case of non-state mineral supply chain regulation by ITSCI in Rwanda. *The Extractive Industries and Society*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.exis.2021.100920>

O’Leary Simpson, F. and Geenen, S. (2021) Batwa return to their Eden? Intricacies of violence and resistance in eastern DR Congo’s Kahuzi-Biega National Park. *The Journal of Peasant Studies* <https://doi.org/10.1080/03066150.2021.1970539>

2020

Verbrugge, B. and Geenen, S. (2020) 'Goedkope arbeid is een cruciale grondstof voor de wereldeconomie'. *Opinie Knack.be*, 09/02/2020.

https://www.knack.be/nieuws/belgie/goedkope-arbeid-is-een-cruciale-grondstof-voor-de-wereldeconomie/article-opinion-1562683.html?cookie_check=1581246947

Alidou, S. ; Nyenyezi Bisoka, A. et Geenen, S. (eds.) (2020) *Conjonctures de l’Afrique centrale 2020*. Cahiers Africains n. 95. Musée royal de l’Afrique centrale et l’Harmattan, Paris.

Nyenyezi Bisoka, A. ; Alidou, S. et Geenen, S. (2020) "Introduction". Dans : Alidou, S. ; Nyenyezi Bisoka, A. et Geenen, S. (eds.) *Conjonctures de l’Afrique centrale 2020*. Cahiers Africains n. 95. Musée royal de l’Afrique centrale et l’Harmattan, Paris : 7-18.

Verbrugge, B. and Geenen, S. (2020) *Global gold production touching ground. Expansion, informalization, and technological innovation*. Basingstoke: Palgrave.

2019

Geenen, S. and Cuvelier, J. (2019) Local elites' extraversion and repositioning: Continuities and changes in Congo's mineral production networks. *The Extractive Industries and Society. An international journal*, 6 (2): 390-398.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.exis.2018.10.013>

Verbrugge, B. and Geenen, S. (2019) The gold commodity frontier: A fresh perspective on change and diversity in the global gold mining economy. *The Extractive Industries and Society. An international journal*, 6 (2): 413-423.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.exis.2018.10.014>

Mulonda, Salambô Bulambo ; Radley, Ben & Geenen, Sara (2019) "Arrêtez les concasseurs ! Transformation, quasi-dépossession et répression autour de la production d'or à Kamituga". Dans Geenen, S. ; Nyenyezi, A. et Ansoms, A. *Conjonctures de l'Afrique centrale 2019*. Cahiers africains 93. Paris, L'Harmattan: 158-186.

Geenen, Sara; Nyenyezi Bisoka, Aymar and Ansoms, An. "Introduction" dans Geenen, S.; Nyenyezi Bisoka, A. and Ansoms, A. (eds) (2019) *Conjonctures de l'Afrique centrale 2019*. Cahiers africains 93. Paris, L'Harmattan : 7-22.

Geenen, Sara; Nyenyezi Bisoka, Aymar and Ansoms, An (eds) (2019) *Conjonctures de l'Afrique centrale 2019*. Cahiers africains 93. Paris, L'Harmattan.

Nkuba, Bossissi; Bervoets, Lieven and Geenen, Sara (2019) Invisible and ignored? Local perspectives on mercury in Congolese gold mining. *Journal of Cleaner Production* 221: 796-804. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jclepro.2019.01.174>

De Herdt, Tom and Geenen, Sara (2019) Het ingewikkelde schaakspel van de Congolese oppositie. *Ignis Webmagazine*,
<https://igniswebmagazine.nl/afrika/martin-fayulu-oppositie-in-congo/>.

Geenen, Sara (2019) Gold and godfathers: local content, politics, and capitalism in extractive industries. *World Development* 123.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2019.06.028>

Geenen, S. and Claessens, K. (2019) Different faces of access control in a Congolese gold mine. In: Huggins, C. (ed.) *Property Rights and Governance in Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining*. Routledge, Abingdon.

2018

Geenen, S. 2018. Underground dreams. Uncertainty, risk and anticipation in the gold production network. *Geoforum* 91: 30-38.

Geenen, S. and Titeca, K. (2018) Ook politiek theater heeft spelregels. *De Standaard* 02/05/2018 : http://www.standaard.be/cnt/dmf20180501_03492508

Geenen, S. and Titeca, K. (2018) Les dégâts d'un incroyable 'faux tribunal' en RDC (OPINION). *La Libre Belgique* 04/05/2018:
<http://www.lalibre.be/debats/opinions/les-degats-d-un-incroyable-faux-tribunal-en-rdc-opinion-5aeb267ecd70c60ea6c6660a>

Geenen, S.; Titeca, K.; Musamba, J. and Vogel, C. 2018. The ethics of political art. *Africa is a country*. 14/09/2018. <https://africasacountry.com/2018/09/the-ethics-of-political-art>

Muheki, S. and Geenen, S. (2018) Women in (and out of) artisanal mining: apposing policy and women's lived experiences in Lujinji B and Wakayiba mines, Mubende, Uganda. IOB Discussion Paper. Institute of Development Policy, University of Antwerp. <https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/research-groups/iob/publications/discussion-papers/dp-2018/>.