

Curriculum Vitae

Wouter Thiebou

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Profile

- Academic education in Human Rights, International Public Law, Development Studies and Conflict Studies,
- Related policy and practical field experience
- Wide worldview with experience in 50+ countries with a specific interest in developing and post-conflict countries
- Experience with networking and communicating with different stakeholders such as governments, UN agencies, NGOs and other organisations.
- Excellent level of English, good level of Spanish and French speaking
- High level of communicative and social skills

Education

2009 – 2010
Sep. – Aug.

Master of Law '**International Law and Law of International Organisations**', Specialization: Human Rights Law, University of Groningen. Master Thesis: 'Universal Jurisdiction of Gross Human Rights Violations' (grade: 8). Graduated: Aug. 2010

2006 – 2009
Jan. – Dec.

Master of Science '**International Development studies**', Specialization: Disaster studies, Wageningen University & Research Centre (WUR). Master Thesis: 'Natural Resources, Conflict and Development: Youth and Alluvial Diamond Mining in Sierra Leone' (grade: 8). Graduated: December 2009

2006 – 2007
Sep. – Aug.

Master of Arts '**Conflict studies and Human rights**', Utrecht University. Master Thesis: 'The Twa Indigenous of Rwanda: A Marginalized People in a Post-Conflict Society seen from a Cultural and Human Rights Perspective' (grade: 8). Graduated: August 2007

2003 – 2006
Sep. – Jan.

Bachelor of Science '**International Development Studies**', Specialization: development sociology (WUR) with minor conflict management at Radboud University Nijmegen and Utrecht University. Bachelor Thesis: 'El Salvador and the Struggle for Peace: from Guerrilla and Civil War to New Forms of Violence' (grade: 8). Graduated: January 2006

1996 – 2002
Sep. - May

VWO, Atheneum, Christelijk Lyceum Delft, Profile: Economics & Society, with Management & Organisation as additional subject. Graduated: May 2002

Trainings

2005 – present

International trainings in Intercultural communication, Culture of peace, North-South relations, Human Rights education and MDG awareness in Lithuania, Georgia, Sweden and Portugal. In possession of a certificate of UN in Basic and Advanced Field Security, and of the Basic Delegate Training certificate of the International Federation of the Red Cross.

Work Experience

2010 – present
Sep.

Duette Process Operator at Hunter Douglas Europe. Multinational specialized in window architecture and treatment. Responsible for Duette® process operations and quality control in Leek, Groningen. Information: www.hunterdouglas.nl

- 2008 – present
Sep. **Editorial Staff member of *VN Forum***. A magazine of the Dutch UN Federation (NVVN) on UN related issues, as public law and human rights. Info www.nvvn.nl. Experience in writing (legal) articles on international co-operation.
- 2007 – 2009
Oct. – Oct. **Youth Representative of the Netherlands to the General Assembly of the United Nations**. As a youth delegate I lobbied as an official delegate of the Dutch Permanent Representation for youth (issues) at the highest level in New York. As the first Youth Representative I have also been to the Human Right Council in Geneva and the World Bank in Washington. I worked with youth and diplomats from various countries and gained a lot of media experience. I managed several short and long-term projects as debates, Model UN conferences, events (e.g. a Side-event at UNHQ on Youth and MDGs), festivals, study visits and the UN Youth Group. I have given many lectures and participated in debates for youth in the Netherlands on International Cooperation. Information: www.wouterbaardevn.nl / www.vnjongeren.nl / www.unyouthdelegates.org
- 2009
May – Aug. **Researcher at Network Movement for Justice and Development (NMJD)**. The research was on the livelihood situation of the many young diamond miners in the eastern part of Sierra Leone. It is this part where the war left its scars the most and where the opportunities for youth are small. The research data was used for my Master thesis of 'International Development Studies'. Information: www.nmjd.org
- 2009
Jan. – March. **Researcher in a multi-disciplinary research-group in Uzbekistan** on the transboundary issues of the Armu Darya River Basin. Conducted in cooperation with UNESCO and Tashkent Institute of Irrigation.
- 2007 – 2009
Oct. - June **Volunteer at 'Cross Your Borders'** Teaching high school students about development problems, the United Nations, human rights and what they can do themselves to make a difference. Information: www.crossyourborders.nl
- 2007
March - June **Researcher at *Communauté des Autochtones Rwandais (CAURWA, nowadays COPORWA)***. Fieldtrips into Rwanda and neighbouring countries of the Great Lakes region were conducted to research the Human Rights situation of the Twa pygmies and in specific on their (ancestral) land rights. The research data was used for my Master thesis of 'Conflict studies and Human Rights'. Information: www.coporwa.org
- 2006
Jan. - May **Intern at *Centro Educativo y Comunitario de Pokomchi (CeCEP)***. CeCEP is a NGO working on community development for the Pokomchi (an indigenous people group) in San Cristóbal Verapaz in Guatemala. They work on educational, cultural and livelihood development and human rights. I assisted in a project in which they documented the Pokomchi culture and the social impact of the civil war on the population in the region. Some of the data was used for a minor thesis "Que fue lo que pasó" in Spanish on the social impact of the civil war in the district of San Cristóbal Verapaz.
- 2005
July – Aug. **AIESEC ambassador** in Malaysia. I assisted with the coordination of internship programmes and student recruitment for two months in seven different universities throughout Malaysia. Information: www.aiesec.org
- 2004 – 2005
March – Oct. **Volunteer Serbia & Kosovo project IKV (Interchurch Peace Council)**. This programme for which I visited Serbia and Kosovo several times had as main goal to reconcile the youth of these two nations. My role was as an observer and as active participant in debates concerning the status of Kosovo and the process of integration with the EU.

Languages

- English; speaking, writing en reading - really good/ excellent
- Spanish; speaking, writing en reading - good
- French; speaking, writing and reading - sufficient
- German speaking, writing and reading - sufficient

Skills

- Motor en car driving license since 2002
- Computer experience Windows XP & Macintosh Apple, Word, Excel, Power Point, Web design and Photo & Video editing programmes

- Strong characteristics: ambitious, positive mentality, down-to-earth and social

Other activities, hobby's

- Sports: squash, tennis, running, climbing, sailing and diving (Dive Master Certificate)
- Photography: Always very keen on taking photos with different SLR cameras
- The keeping of koi-carps; Japanese carps famous for their size and colours.

References

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