Marie-Laure Mulayi

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Education

PHD SOCIAL SCIENCES | 2021-2025 | KU LEUVEN

- Thesis title: "*Reforming the Welfare State in the 21st century: Public support and the Political Feasibility of Basic Income proposals*"

VISITING DOCTORAL RESEARCHER | 2024 | STANFORD UNIVERSITY

- Three months research stay at the Basic Income Lab, Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SOCIOLOGY | 2019-2021 | UNIVERSITY OF GHENT

- Major in Policy and Management

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SOCIOLOGY | 2016-2019 | UNIVERSITY OF GHENT

- Erasmus at Université Paris Nanterre

Skills

LANGUAGES

- Native speaker in French, Dutch and Lingala
- Fluent in English

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- SPSS, R, MLwiN and NVivo

SOFT SKILLS

- Strong organizational and time-management skills
- Effective communicator and collaborative team player
- Resilient under pressure and solution-oriented

Work History

POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCHER | UNIVERSITY OF ANTWERP | 15/03/205- ...

- Supervising doctoral researchers
- Providing support for research, organizational and administrative tasks
- Independently developing research proposals

DOCTORAL RESEARCHER | KU LEUVEN | 14/03/2021- 14/03/2025

- Conducting qualitative (in-depth interviews) and quantitative studies (opinion surveys)
- Supervising Master and Bachelor theses
- Collaborating with interdisciplinary team in the context of the Basic Income in Belgium Project
- Developing Vignette Experiments

ENGAGEMENT OFFICER | DIASPORA VOTE | 01/09/2022- 30/06/2023

- Volunteered for Diaspora Vote, a non-profit promoting representation and inclusion of racialized communities in European policy-making
- Secured six official sponsorships from Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) for the European Youth Event (EYE) 2023
- Liaised with MEP staff to ensure the participation of the Diaspora Vote delegation at EYE
- Organized policy dialogue meetings between MEPs and Diaspora Vote members

Accomplishments

FOUNDER STUDENT ASSOCIATION UMOJA GHENT | 2019-...|

- Developed the mission and vision statements for the first African student association at Ghent University
- Built and sustained strong relationships with students, academic staff, and strategic partners
- Organized cultural events and awareness campaigns focused on African heritage and social inequalities
- Established a lasting structural and cultural framework for future generations of students

FELLOW AT BELGIUM 40 UNDER 40 | 2022-2023 |

- Selected for the third cohort of the Belgium 40 under 40 leadership network
- Developed leadership skills focused on societal transformation and impact
- Co-organized a workshop on micro-aggressions in collaboration with C-level executives across industries
- Participated in conversation circles to strengthen soft skills and personal reflection

MCKINSEY ETHNIC DIVERSITY AND SOCIAL MOBILITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD | 2021|

- Recognized for founding Umoja Ghent and contributing to the promotion of diversity, inclusion, and student empowerment at Ghent University

Publications

- Mulayi, M.L. & Geels, F. (2025). A methodological framework for analyzing organized interest groups positioning toward Universal Basic Income. (Book chapter, Forthcoming)
- Mulayi, M.L. (2025). Quid pro quo? A cross-national analysis of European citizens' opinions toward the universality and conditionality of a basic income. (Journal of European Social Policy, Forthcoming)
- Geels, F., Mulayi, M. L., & Laenen, T. (2025). What's not to loathe? A qualitative study of the factors influencing Belgian trade unions' positioning toward a universal basic income. Journal of Industrial Relations, 00221856251314134.
- Mulayi, M.L. (2023, 12 Mei). De discussie over een basisinkomen is meer dan een discussie over centjes. Mondiaal Nieuws. https://www.mo.be/column/it-s-not-only-economy-stupid
- Mulayi, M.L. (2023, 26 Mei). Weten politici wel wat de "Vlaming" denkt? Mondiaal Nieuws. https://www.mo.be/column/over-het-belang-van-opinieonderzoek-het-publieke-

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- Laenen, T., Mulayi, M.L., Francisco, C., & Van Lancker, W. (2023). Quels sont les types de revenu de base soutenus? Et par qui? Une analyse basée sur le Basic Income in Belgium Survey. Louvain. Centre de Recherche Sociologique.
- Mulayi, M. L., Laenen, T., Van Lancker, W., & Meuleman, B. (2023). New directions in research on public support for universal basic income. *A Research Agenda for Public Attitudes to Welfare*, 81-100.
- Laenen, T., Mulayi, M. L., Francisco, C., & Van Lancker, W. (2023). Basic Income in Belgium survey: experimental data on citizens' attitudes toward a variety of basic income policies. *Data in Brief*, *49*, 109376.
- Laenen, T., Mulayi, M.L., Francisco, C., & Van Lancker, W. (2021). Basic Income in Belgium Survey (BABELS) Codebook V1. Leuven: Centre for Sociological Research, KU Leuven.