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CURRENT AFFILIATIONS

- 2024 – present University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research (AISSR)
PhD Candidate Political Sociology
Scope and malleability of anti-gender claims: an explorative analysis of gender contestation in the Netherlands.
Supervisors: Prof. Jan Willem Duyvendak (University of Amsterdam), Prof. Sarah Bracke (University of Amsterdam), Prof. Marta Bucholc (University of Warsaw).
- 2023 – present University of Warsaw
Research assistant
ERC research project [Abortion Figurations](#). Using human rights to change abortion law:
Involvement patterns and argumentative architectures in the global figurations of human rights.
- 2023 – present [Tijdschrift voor Genderstudies](#)
Board member

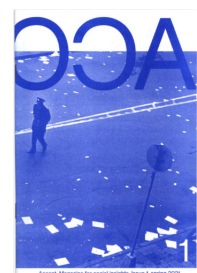
ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- [de Vries, Iskra](#). 2026. “Exploring (anti-) gender articulations around the Dutch Transgender Bill 2021: Liberal Cisnormativity through cautious policymaking and compassion,” *Critical Sociology*. Advance online publication.
- [de Vries, Iskra](#). 2026. “Reimagining Double Consciousness Beyond the Color Line: A Study on the Polish LGBT-Free Z*nes Using Online Semi-Structured Interviews and Mental Mapping,” *Studia Sociologiczne*, 260(1), 79–104.
- [Bucholc, Marta, Iskra de Vries and Bartek Cyran](#). 2026. “Abortion Lawfare and the Margin of Appreciation in the ECtHR Jurisprudence on Poland,” *Feminist Legal Studies*, 34(2), 227–247.
- [Bucholc, Marta and Iskra de Vries](#). 2025. “The back-and-forth of abortion debates in Poland: Towards a historical understanding of the misrecognition gambit by the national Catholic right,” *Österreichische Zeitschrift für Geschichtswissenschaften*, 36(1): 149–169.
- [de Vries, Iskra and Marta Gospodarczyk](#). 2025. “Polemics on Polish Progressiveness and Patriotism: a Fanonian Reading of National Consciousness,” *Eastern European Politics and Societies*. Advance online publication.

PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2021 – 2022 University of Amsterdam
Junior Lecturer, department Interdisciplinary Social Sciences
In this position I guided seminars for the courses:
• Doing Diversity
• Mens en Maatschappij
• Onderzoeksmethoden: Verdieping Kwalitatieve Technieken
• Introduction to Gender and Sexuality Studies
• Education and Work

Member diversity committee, ISS
- 2019 – 2022 Accent Magazine
Co-initiator and Editor
• *Issue 01. Diffracting the Dominant Lens, Spring 2021.*
The first issue of Accent discusses and proposes decolonial insights and alternatives to the academic canon and institutions that have been themselves created under coloniality. With contributions by Prof. dr. Gloria Wekker, and Prof. dr. Halleh Ghorashi.



• *Issue 02. Shattering Essentialisms, Spring 2022.*

The perpetuation of exclusion and absence of the marginalized and disenfranchised, seen and felt in feminist movements, is a tradition that has long prevailed. It would, however, be a mistake to conclude that this reiteration of exclusion is solely in male hands. The second issue of *Accent* invites readers to break with essentialist theories, along with Prof. dr. Oyèrónkẹ Oyěwùmí and Prof. dr. Silvia Federici.



SELECTION OF OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2025 Voor abortus zijn, zonder structurele ongelijkheden uit het oog te verliezen. [LOVER](#).
- 2025 “Is that Alright” — Renegotiating the Notion of Consent. [REPHRASE](#).
- 2025 Mijn tweede kutland. [HARD//HOOFD](#).

SELECTION OF ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

International Sociological Association, 2025. Rabat, Morocco: Knowing Justice in the Anthropocene.

Presentation: *Navigating ‘abortion work’ under restrictive law: abortion testimonies from Argentina and Poland* (with Carolina Mosquera Vera).

European Sociological Association, 2024. Porto, Portugal: Tension, Trust and Transformation.

Presentation: Toxic cocktail of compassion and transphobia: Dutch antagonism to the Transgender Bill 2021.

Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, 2024. Denver, USA: Unsettling Territories: Tradition and Revolution in Law and Society.

Presentation: *Polemics on Polish patriotisms and reproductive politics: a postcolonial reading of national consciousness and human rights vocabulary* (with Marta Gospodarczyk).

UGent Human Rights Research Network, 2023. Ghent University, Belgium: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 75: Rethinking and Constructing its Future Together.

Presentation: *Mold and malleability of human rights and reproductive equality: Scapegoating universalism in the name of (de)colonization practices.*

ATTENDED SUMMER/WINTER SCHOOLS

- 2026 OSL, The Netherlands Research School for Literary Studies
Ravensstein: Literature and Human Rights
- 2024 NIAS, Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study
Religion, the radical rights, and how to respond: analyzing for alternatives

EDUCATION

- 2020 – 2021 University of Amsterdam
MSc Sociology (72 ECTS), cum laude
Track (1) Gender, Sexuality and Society; Track (2) Cultural Sociology
Thesis (graded a 9/10): “Polish Hetero-Domination, State Violence and Queer Dissent: Deconstructing the Political Project of LGBT-Free Zones.”