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## BOOKS

2017 *De nieuwe politiek van Europa* (Historische Uitgeverij).

2015 *After the Storm. How to save democracy in Europe* (Lannoo), LvM & Philippe Van Parijs eds., with contributions by Jürgen Habermas, Ivan Krastev, Koen Lenaerts, David Miller, Pierre Rosanvallon, Larry Siedentop, and others.

2013 *The Passage to Europe. How a Continent Became a Union* (Yale University Press). Original edition *De passage naar Europa* (2009), also translated into French (Gallimard), German (Suhrkamp Verlag), Chinese, and seven other languages; awarded various prizes.

2003 *Utopie. Utopisch denken, doen en bouwen* (Walburgers), LvM ed.

1999 *Politicide. De moord op de politiek in de Franse filosofie* (Van Genneep/Historische Uitgeverij); awarded 'Prix de Paris'.

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2015-present Holder of the part-time chair "Foundations and practice of the European Union and its institutions", Law Faculty, Leiden University.

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2007-2008 Researcher Germany Institute (DIA), University of Amsterdam

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## POLITICAL EXPERIENCE

2014-2015 Transitional member of cabinet of incoming European Council President Donald Tusk.

2010-2014 Chief speechwriter of European Council President Herman Van Rompuy.

2004-2006 Political secretary of liberal VVD group leader Jozias van Aartsen, Dutch Parliament.

2002-2004 Private office of European Commissioner Frits Bolkestein, Brussels.

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2009 PhD Political philosophy University of Amsterdam ('cum laude').

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