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EDUCATION

- LL.D** Kyoto University, International Law & Politics 2020
Thesis: "States of Exclusion: A Critical Systems Theory Reading of International Law"
Supervisor: Prof. Shotaro Hamamoto
- LL.M** Leiden University, Public International Law 2014
Dissertation: "Power and International Law: Towards an Autopoietic Framework"
- LL.M** University of Pretoria, Legal Theory 2012
Dissertation: "Rethinking Time, Ethics and Justice: A Jurisprudential Perspective"
Graduated *Cum Laude*
Supervisor: Prof. Karin van Marle
- LL.B** University of Pretoria (South Africa) 2010

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & AWARDS

- Japanese Government MEXT Scholarship** 2015—2018
Full scholarship for doctoral studies at Kyoto University.
- Conference Travel Bursary, Kyoto University** 2017
- Golden Key Academic Honours Society** 2012
- Highest Achievement: Law & Literature** 2008

RESEARCH & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Research fellow**, Niklas Luhmann-Archiv, Bielefeld Universität 2019—2020
- Researcher**, Centre for International Law, University of Johannesburg 2014-2015
- Researcher**, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria 2012
- Teaching Assistant**, Legal Theory, University of Pretoria 2008

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapter

- Rossouw S.H., Buitendag, N. (2012). Steve Biko's death: The role of the medicine, law and their organised professions. In 1st Edition, *Beyond the Law: Multi-disciplinary Perspectives on Human Rights*, South Africa, Pretoria: Pretoria University Law Press, pp. 277–293.
https://www.academia.edu/9011225/Steve_Biko_s_death_the_role_of_medicine_law_and_their organised_professions

Peer Reviewed Journal Publications

- Buitendag, N. & Coetzer, N. (2015), 'History as a system of wrongs - examining South Africa's Marikana tragedy in a temporal legal context, *Strategic review for Southern Africa*, vol. 37, no. 2, pp. 94-117.
<http://www.up.ac.za/en/political-sciences/article/19718/strategic-review-for-southern-africa>
- Buitendag, N. (2014). Power and International Law: Towards an Autopoietic Framework, *The Westminster Law & Theory Centre Online Working Papers*, 1/2014, pp. 1-26.
<https://www.westminster.ac.uk/sites/default/public-files/general-documents/NB-Power-and-Int-Law.pdf>
- Buitendag, N. & van Marle, K. (2014). Afriforum v Malema: The limits of law and complexity. *PER: Potchefstroomse Elektroniese Regsblad*, 17(6), 2893-2914. <https://dx.doi.org/10.4314/pelj.v17i6.20>
- Buitendag, N. (2013). Contrasting differences in identity and agency between narrative and autopoietic systems. *HTS Teologiese Studies / Theological Studies*, 69(1), 7 pages.
doi:<https://doi.org/10.4102/hts.v69i1.1966>

Translations

- *Causality in the South* in *Soziale Systeme*, Vol. 20, 2020. Translation from German of "Kausalität im Süden" by Niklas Luhmann.
- *Systems Theory and Postmodernism* in the Niklas Luhmann-Archiv Online Papers.
- *The Healthcare Code* in *Journal for Medical Sociology*. Translation from German of "Die Medizinische Code" by Niklas Luhmann. (under review).
- *The Paradox of Human Rights and Three Methods toward their Unfolding* in *Law & Critique*. Translation from German of "Das Paradox der Menschenrechte und drei Formen seiner Entfaltung" by Niklas Luhmann. (under review).

Conference & Workshop Presentations

- Harvard University Institute for Global Law & Policy Workshop 2020: "Cartography and international law."
- Critical Legal Conference 2019, University of Perugia, Italy: "A big history of the state and law."
- Harvard University Institute for Global Law & Policy Workshop 2019: "The Berlin Conference of 1884."
- Critical Legal Conference 2017, Warwick University, England: "Is law dependent on crisis & catastrophe?"
- Kyoto / National Chengchi University Joint Seminar in International Law 2018, Japan: "The African Union Boundaries Programme, its practice & theory."
- Kokusaiho Kenkyukai (Study Group for International Law), Kyoto University 2018: "Legal paradoxes in the work of Carl Schmitt."
- Kyoto / Seoul National University Joint Seminar in International Law 2017, Korea: "Comparing Spatiality in Carl Schmitt and Niklas Luhmann, and its implications for international law."
- Kyoto / Seoul National University Joint Seminar in International Law 2016, Japan: "International law and crisis."
- Chinese University of Hong Kong–Kyoto Seminar in International Law 2016, Hong Kong: "Constructing power in international law and politics."
- Kokusaiho Kenkyukai (Study Group for International Law), Kyoto University 2017: "Power and International Law."

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Advocate of the High Court of South Africa, 2014.

Kansai Kokusai-ho Kenkyuukai, 2015.

Japan Niklas Luhmann Kenkyuukai, 2019.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Peer-Reviewed Articles for Web of Science (ISI) journals:

HTS Theological Studies.

https://hts.org.za/index.php/hts/pages/view/journal-information#part_1

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Volunteer

Kyoto Baptist Hospital, Japan, 2018-2019

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

English: Native

Afrikaans: Native

German: Intermediate

Dutch: Intermediate

Japanese: Basic

OTHER

- Citizenship: South African, The Netherlands
- I am the author and host of an academic podcast series titled *Undisciplined*, in which I interview scholars about their research in fields as diverse as law, politics, philosophy and geography. <https://soundcloud.com/undisciplinedpod>
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