

1 Dr. Tijl Vanneste

Curriculum Vitae

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Education:

2009 **PhD**, European University Institute (EUI), Florence (Italy), Department of History and Civilization

Thesis Title: *Commercial Culture and Merchant Networks: Eighteenth-Century Diamond Traders in Global History*

Supervisor: Prof. Diogo Ramada Curto

Examining Panel: Prof. Jan de Vries, Prof. Maxine Berg, Prof. Anthony Molho

2008 **Doctoral Exchange** Spring Term 2008 University of California at Berkeley

2006 **Master of Research**, EUI, Department of History and Civilization

Thesis Title: *Diamond trade in the first half of the eighteenth century through the eyes of an English merchant: the James Dormer network*

Supervisor: Prof. Diogo Ramada Curto

2004 **BA & MA in History**, University of Leuven (Belgium)

Degree Classification: *Magna cum Laude*

Thesis Title: *Between Tejuco and Lisbon: a century of diamond history in Minas Gerais (1729-1832)*

Supervisor: Prof. Eddy Stols

Examining Panel: Dr. Mathieu Zana Etambala, Prof. Werner Thomas

Professional Appointments:

- 2020- **Research Fellow**, Instituto Português de Relações Internacionais, Universidade Nova de Lisboa
- 2018-2020 **Lecturer**, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
- 2015-2017 **Postdoctoral Researcher**, ConfigMed Project, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne
- 2012-2014 **Associate Research Fellow** in History, Exeter University, College of Humanities
- 2011 **James M. Osborn Fellow**, Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Yale University
- 2011 **Advisor** for exhibition *Circuito dos Diamantes do Brasil*, Antwerp Diamond Museum/Europalia Brazil 2011
- 2009-2010 **Postdoctoral Scholar**, University of Utrecht, History Department
- 2009 **Research Assistant**, Oxford Brookes University, School of Arts and Humanities

Publications:

Books

Blood, Sweat & Earth – The Struggle for Control over the World’s Diamond Deposits throughout History (London: Reaktion Books, 2021), forthcoming.

Connecting the Aegean, Adriatic and North Seas: Commercial Litigation between Europeans & Ottomans at the Dutch Consular Court of Izmir (1744-1810) (Leiden: Brill, 2021), forthcoming.

Global Trade and Commercial Networks: Eighteenth-Century Diamond Merchants (London: Pickering & Chatto, 2011), reviewed in:

The Economic History Review (66:2, 2013):

http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/1468-0289.12015_21/abstract

The Historical Journal (56:1, 2013):

<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayAbstract?fromPage=online&aid=8827336>

Business History Review (87:4, 2013):

<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayAbstract?fromPage=online&aid=9128423>

Business History (54:5, 2012):

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/00076791.2012.675032#.Uwuvss6Bqrg>

Reviews in History (2012):

<http://www.history.ac.uk/reviews/review/1269>

Articles for Peer-Reviewed Journals

‘Unpaid Diamonds: Trust, Reputation and the Merchants’ Style in Eighteenth-Century Europe’, *Shofar. An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies*, 38:3 (2020), pp. 13-45.

‘Instruments of Trade, or Maritime Entrepreneurs? – The Economic Agency of Dutch Seamen in the Golden Age’, *Journal of Social History*, 52:4 (2019), pp. 1132-1164.

Contribution in and editing of the *Research Note* on 'Entrepreneurs at Sea: Trading Practices, Legal Opportunities and Early Modern Globalization', *International Journal of Maritime History*, 28:4 (2016), pp. 774-786.

'Money Borrowing, Gold Smuggling and Diamond Mining: An Englishman in Pombaline Circles', *e-Journal of Portuguese History*, 13:2 (December 2015), pp. 80-94.

'Women in the Colonial Economy – The Agency of Female Food Sellers in Brazil's Diamond District', *Tijdschrift voor Genderstudies/Journal of Gender Studies*, 18:3 (September 2015), pp. 255-272.

Book Chapters

'Globalization From Below', in Wherry, F.E. and Schor, J. (eds), *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Economics and Society*, 3 Vols. (London; Thousand Oaks: Sage, 2016), Vol. 2: pp. 797-800.

'Immigration Networks', in Wherry, F.E. and Schor, J. (eds), *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Economics and Society*, 3 Vols. (London; Thousand Oaks: Sage, 2016), Vol. 2: pp. 918-920.

'Les privilèges de l'industrie du diamant brésilien au dix-huitième siècle', in Garner, G. (ed), *Die Ökonomie des Privilegs, Westeuropa 16.-19. Jahrhundert* (Frankfurt: Klostermann, 2016), pp. 465-483.

'The Eurasian Diamond Trade in the Eighteenth Century: a Balanced Model of Complementary Markets', in Berg, M., Hodacs, H., Gottman, F. and Nierstrasz, C. (eds), *Goods from the East: Trading Eurasia 1600-1800* (Basingstoke: Palgrave MacMillan, 2015), pp. 139-153.

‘Sailing through the Straits: seamen’s professional trajectories from a segmented labour market in Holland into a fragmented Mediterranean’, in Fusaro, M., Allaire, B., Blakemore, R. & Vanneste, T. (eds), *Labour, Law, and Empire: Comparative Perspectives on Seafarers, c. 1500-1800* (Basingstoke: Palgrave MacMillan, 2015), pp. 123-140.

‘Antuérpia e os diamantes do Brasil’, in Stols, E., Mascaro, L., Bueno, C. (eds), *Brasil e Bélgica: Cinco Séculos de Conexões e Interação* (Florianópolis: Incentive Projetos e Eventos Ltda, 2015), p. 80.

‘Entre le monde et les sociétés locales: la mentalité cosmopolite des marchands des diasporas au 18^e siècle’, in Pelus-Kaplan, M.-L. et al. (eds), *Être Citoyen du Monde* (Paris: Université Paris Diderot – Sorbonne Paris Cité, 2014), pp. 81-92.

‘A vida de Benjamin Mary’, in Martins, C., Piccoli, V. and Stols, E. (eds), *O diplomata e desenhista Benjamin Mary e as relações da Bélgica com o Império do Brasil* (São Paulo: Editora Linha Aberta, 2006), pp. 93-122 (co-authored with Eddy Stols)

Book Reviews

Cleveland, T., *Diamonds in the Rough – Corporate Paternalism and African Professionalism on the Mines of Colonial Angola, 1917-1975* (Athens: Ohio University Press, 2015), *Itinerario*, 42:3 (2018), pp. 551-553.

Bruijn, J.R., *Zeegang. Zeevarend Nederland in de achttiende eeuw* (Zutphen: Walburg Pers, 2016), *The International Journal of Maritime History*, 29:2 (2017), pp. 434-436.

Scheltjens, W., *Dutch Deltas: Emergence, Functions and Structure of the Low Countries’ Maritime Transport System, ca. 1300-1850* (Leiden: Brill, 2015), *Renaissance Quarterly*, 70:2 (2017), pp. 745-747.

Phillips Jr., W.D., *Slavery in Medieval and Early Modern Iberia* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2014), *European Review of History/Revue européenne d'histoire*, 24:1 (2017), pp. 161-163.

Hiery, H. (ed.), *Lexikon zur Überseegeschichte* (Stuttgart: Franz Steiner Verlag, 2015), *International Journal of Maritime History*, 28:2 (2016), pp. 436-438.

Lindemann, M., *The Merchant Republics – Amsterdam, Antwerp, and Hamburg, 1648-1790* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2015), *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 46:4 (Spring 2016), pp. 587-588.

Malkin, I., *A Small Greek World – Networks in the Ancient Mediterranean* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011), *European Review of History/Revue européenne d'histoire*, 20:5 (2013), pp. 906-908.

Wiecker, N., *Der Iberische Atlantikhandel: Schiffsverkehr zwischen Spanien, Portugal und Iberoamerika, 1700-1800* (Stuttgart: Franz Steiner Verlag, 2012), *E-Journal of Portuguese History*, 11:1 (2013), pp. 120-125.

Takeda, J.T., *Between Crown and Commerce: Marseille and the Early Modern Mediterranean* (The Johns Hopkins University Studies in Historical and Political Science, Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2011), *European Review of History/Revue européenne d'histoire*, 20:1 (2013), pp. 161-163.

Martin, M., *Selling Beauty – Cosmetics, Commerce and French Society, 1750-1830* (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2009), *European Review of History/Revue européenne d'histoire*, 19:3 (2012), pp. 457-459.

Newitt, M., *Portugal in European and World History* (London: Reaktion Books, 2009), *European Review of History/Revue européenne d'histoire*, 18:5-6 (2011), pp. 865-867.

Review Article of Trivellato, F., *The Familiarity of Strangers – The Sephardic Diaspora, Livorno, and Cross-Cultural Trade in the Early Modern Period* (New Haven & London: Yale University Press, 2009) and Kagan, R.L. & Morgan, P.D. (eds), *Atlantic Diasporas – Jews, Conversos, and Crypto-Jews in the Age of Mercantilism, 1500-1800* (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2009), *Itinerario – International Journal on the History of European Expansion and Global Interaction*, 33:2 (2009), pp. 92-95.

Grants & Awards:

- 2020- Grant ‘Scientific Employment Stimulus’, Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (6 years – Level ‘Investigador Auxiliar’)
- 2020 Erasmus+ Grant Staff Mobility for Teaching and Training at Higher School of Economics St Petersburg
- 2011 James M. Osborn Fellowship, Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Yale University
- 2008 Grant for Doctoral Exchange at University of California at Berkeley, EUI
- 2005-2009 PhD Grant European University Institute, Belgian Ministry of Science
- 2003 IRO Travel Grant, Interdepartmental Council for Development University of Leuven
- 2002-2003 Erasmus scholarship Universidade de Lisboa, Belgian Ministry of Education

Teaching Experience:

Higher School of Economics St Petersburg

‘Themes in Dutch Economic History from a Global Perspective’ (January 2020)

Amsterdam University College

‘Democracy in Modern History’ (Fall 2019-2020)

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

‘Atlantic Ocean’ (Fall 2019-2020) – Second Year BA Course

‘Transatlantic Connections’ (Fall 2019-2020 & Fall 2018-2019) – Course for minors in ‘American Studies’ and ‘Amsterdam Urban History’

‘From Source to Public: Tension of Empire’ (Fall 2019-2020 & Fall 2018-2019) – MA Course

‘Academic Skills for Historians’ (Fall 2019-2020 & Fall 2018-2019) – First Year BA Course

‘Imagining the Dutch: Themes in Dutch History’ (Fall 2019-2020, Fall 2018-2019, Spring 2018-2019 & Spring 2017-2018) – International Students Class

‘Current Debates in Global History’ (Winter 2018-2019) – First Year BA Course

‘History of Water & Environment’ (Winter 2018-2019) – Second Year BA Course

‘De Atlantische Wereld, 1500-1850’ (Spring 2017-2018) – Second Year BA Course

University of Exeter

‘Empires: Europe's Expansion Overseas 1450-1800’ (Spring Term 2013-2014 & 2012-2013) – MA Class

‘A Culture of Commerce: Eighteenth-century Diamonds and the Development of Modern Trade’ (Spring Term 2013-2014) – BA Class

Université Paris-VII Diderot

‘Histoire politique & culturelle de l’Europe de la première modernité: les Renaissances’
(Fall Term 2015-2016) – Second Year BA Class

‘Les villes en Europe au siècle des Lumières’ (Spring Term 2012-2013) – Second Year BA Class

- Student evaluations available on request

Thesis Supervision

- Amsterdam University College: Bachelor’s thesis on the big history of colonialism and colonization (completed 2020)
- Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam: Bachelor’s thesis on musical exchange across the Atlantic (completed 2019)
- University of Exeter: MA dissertation on Dutch – English interaction in the early modern Mediterranean (completed 2014)

Additional Activities

- Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam: Coordinator for the first-year BA courses ‘Academic Skills for Historians’ & the Dutch-language equivalent ‘Academische Vaardigheden voor Historici’ (Fall 2019-2020)
- Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam: Mentor for first year students ‘History and International Studies’ (2019-2020 & 2018-2019)
- Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam: Providing information for prospective new students ‘History and International Studies’ (2018-2019)

Invited Talks:

17 December 2018 Keynote lecture 'At the centre of a periphery? Analysing commercial agency in the eighteenth-century Portuguese world', Workshop *Instituições mercantis e vida económica no império português: Uma aproximação à economia a partir dos agentes*, Instituto de Ciências Sociais – Universidade de Lisboa

6 May 2018 'Antwerpen in de wereld van de achttiende-eeuwse diamant: het internationale handelsnetwerk van James Dormer', Opening DIVA Diamond Museum Antwerp

27 February 2017 'De Impact van Braziliaanse Diamant op de Wereldhandel', Gemmologisch Gilde Nederland

20 February 2017 'La présence des Schabracq dans les Archives Néerlandaises', Université Paris VII Diderot

5 May 2016 'De Gildemeesters. De geschiedenis van Frankendael', Freedom Lecture 4th and 5th of May Committee, Huis Frankendael

18 May 2015 'Jewish expertise in the seventeenth-century diamond industry: traces from the notarial archives in Amsterdam', Workshop *Gems in Transit: Materials, Techniques and Trade, 1400-1800*, University of Warwick and Victoria and Albert Museum, 18-19 May 2015

8 December 2014 'Traces de diamantaires juifs aux archives urbaines d'Amsterdam (XVIIe-XVIIIe siècles)', Université Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne/EHESS/Université Paris VII Diderot/Rothschild Foundation Europe

16 June 2014 'The Eurasian Diamond Trade in the Eighteenth Century: A Balanced Model of Complementary Markets', Department of Policy Analysis and Public Management, Bocconi University

5 November 2013 'The Dutch in the "Northern Invasion": Some New Perspectives', University of Hull, Maritime Historical Studies Centre

31 May 2013 'Expatriates of Holland's Golden Age: Dutch sailors making a living in the Mediterranean', University College London, Institute of Historical Research

4 June 2012 'Entre le monde et les sociétés locales: la mentalité cosmopolite des marchands des diasporas séfarade et huguenote au 18^e siècle', Université Paris VII-Diderot, Laboratoire Identités-Cultures-Territoires

10 May 2012 'Een schitterende opportuniteit: James Dormer en de rol van Braziliaanse diamant in achttiende-eeuws Antwerpen', Yearly Bergeyck Lecture, Bergeyck Archive, Castle Cortewalle, Beveren

9 January 2012 'Commerce Global et Réseaux Commerciales: Marchands de Diamants au 18^{ème} siècle', Université Paris VII-Diderot, Département d'Histoire

3 November 2011 'Long-Distance Business Correspondence: A Historian's Tool or an Early Modern Commercial Institution? – The Letters of Jean Chardin (1643-1713)', Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Yale University

10 November 2009 'Crédit et Confiance dans les Relations Commerciales: Un Programme', École Normale Supérieure (ENS), Paris

Conference Activity/Participation:

30 June 2016 ‘The Hybrid Legal World of European and Ottoman Traders: The Dutch Consular Court of Izmir in the Second Half of the Eighteenth Century’, Workshop *The institutional foundations of long-distance trade: diversity and change*, Valencia, 29/06-01/07/2016

28 June 2016 ‘A Resistant Society: Diamond Smuggling & the Rise of a Brazilian Sentiment’, *Resistance and Empire. New Approaches and Comparisons*, Lisbon, 27-29/06/2016

23 October 2015 ‘A life in Brazilian bushes: runaway slaves & the clandestine diamond economy of the eighteenth century’, *Runaways: Desertion and Mobility in Global Labor History, c. 1650-1850*, Internationaal Instituut voor Sociale Geschiedenis (IISH), 22-23/10/2015

6 August 2015 ‘Resolving Cross-Cultural Conflict in Early Modern Europe: A Case of Unpaid Diamonds’, *XVIIth World Economic History Congress*, Kyoto, 03-07/08/2015 (also co-organizer panel)

4 August 2015 ‘Maritime Entrepreneurship between an Old Sea & a New Republic: Commercial Activities by Dutch Seafarers in the Early Modern Mediterranean’, *XVIIth World Economic History Congress*, Kyoto, 03-07/08/2015 (also co-organizer panel)

24 July 2015 ‘On whose authority? Negotiating maritime legislation in the United Provinces, 1580–1680’, Conference *The Emergence of a Maritime Nation: Britain in the Tudor and Stuart Age, 1485–1714*, National Maritime Museum Greenwich, 24-25/07/2015

16 October 2014 'Armenian and Jewish Merchants and the Diamond Trade with Mughal India', Conference *Networks of Circulation and Exchange*, Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation Lisbon, 15-17/10/2014

29 August 2014 'The *História Chronológica*: An Anonymous History of Diamond Mining in Brazil', Workshop *Locating Voices of Marginalised 'Others'. Strategies for Engaging Textual, Visual and Material Sources*, Radboud University Nijmegen

21 August 2014 'Slaves and Diamonds: Mining for a Brazilian Identity', *BRASA (Brazilian Studies Association) XII Congress*, King's College London, 20-23/08/2014

11 September 2013 'Sailing through the Straits: seamen's professional trajectories from a segmented labour market in Holland into a fragmented Mediterranean', Conference *Working Lives between the Deck and the Dock*, Exeter University, 10-12/09/2013

10-12 September 2013 Co-organization conference *Working lives between the Deck and the Dock – Comparative Perspectives on Sailors as International Labourers (16th-18th Centuries)*, Exeter University

3 June 2013 'Vers une analyse intégrative des sources historiques: le cas des marchands juifs à l'époque pré-moderne', Workshop *Quelles sources pour l'histoire économique des juifs? Approches méthodologiques et lectures de textes*, Université Paris VII-Diderot, Laboratoire 'Identités-Cultures-Territoires'

12 January 2013 'Competition or complementarity? – market communication in the early modern Indian diamond trade', *Goods from the East: Trading Eurasia 1600-1830*, 11-13/01/2013, Palazzo Pesaro-Papafava, Venice, University of Warwick

26 September 2012 'Sociabilité et solidarités dans l'industrie mondiale du diamant au XVIIIe siècle', *Workshop Pratiques et défis de l'entreprise sociale et de l'économie sociale et solidaire*, 26-27/09/2012, Université Paris-VII Diderot

2 July 2011 'The Brazilian Diamond Monopoly in the Eighteenth Century: an International Privilege', *Die Ökonomie des Privilegs*, Institut Français/Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt, 30/06/2011-02/07/2011

10 June 2011 'Networks of Credit and Commercial Society: An Empirical Analysis', *Merchant Accounting and Profits in Europe and the Americas, 1750-1800*, CNRS & Paris-I Panthéon-Sorbonne, 08-10/06/2011

19 April 2011 'English Merchants in Eighteenth-Century Portugal: Smuggling, Diplomacy and *Laissez-Faire*', *2nd International Conference On Anglo-Portuguese Studies*, Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian, Lisbon, 18-20/04/2011

15 April 2010 Chair and Discussant Session 'Rethinking Global-Local: The Role of Overseas Organizations (and Networks) in Early Modern Global Encounters', *Eighth European Social Science History Conference*, Ghent, 13-16/04/2010

13 April 2010 'The Mechanics of Cross-Cultural Trade: Evidence from the 18th-Century Diamond Trade', *Eighth European Social Science History Conference*, Ghent, 13-16/04/2010

7 August 2009 'A Cross-Cultural Network of Diamond Traders: James Dormer (1708-1758) and his Correspondents', *XVth World Economy History Congress*, Utrecht, 03-07/08/2009

6 August 2009 'The Binding Mechanisms of Trade Networks: Business Correspondence and Webs of Credit', *XVth World Economy History Congress*, Utrecht, 03-07/08/2009

16 November 2007 'The Salvador Business Firm: Networks in the Construction of the Global', *XXVII Encontro da Associação Portuguesa de História Económica e Social*, Universidade Nova de Lisboa, 16-17/11/2007

9 December 2006 'Structures, Possibilities and Interaction: the Imagination of the World', Workshop *Perspectives on World History*, EUI, Dept. of History and Civilization, Florence

18 November 2006 'The Role of Lisbon in Diamond Trade Networks (1747-1758)', *XXVI Encontro da Associação Portuguesa de História Económica e Social*, Universidade dos Açores, Ponta Delgada, 17-18/11/2006

18 March 2006 'Brilliant Opportunities: An Analysis of a Diamond Trade Network (1737-1758)', Workshop *Agency in Colonialism*, EUI, Dept. of History and Civilization, Florence, 17-18/03/2006

Campus Talks:

29 March 2018 'Linking the Aegean and the North Seas: Commercial Litigation between Europeans & Ottomans at the Dutch Consular Court of Smyrna (1744-1810)', *Global History Seminar*, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

12 March 2014 'Sailors from the Dutch Republic between law, custom and the court', *Seminar series of the Centre for Early Modern Studies*, University of Exeter

25 January 2014 'Slaves and garimpeiros: the role of outsiders in societal formation in the Brazilian diamond district', *Nautical Lives – a one day seminar*, Centre for Maritime Historical Studies, University of Exeter

Service to Profession:

- Journal Manuscript Reviewer for *Law and History Review*, *Business History* and *Journal of Global History*
- Peer-review for Routledge

Other Affiliations:

- 2015- **Honorary Research Fellow** at College of Humanities (University of Exeter)
- 2012- **Associated Researcher** at CesNova (Centro de Estudos de Sociologia da Universidade Nova de Lisboa)
- 2012- **Associated Researcher** at Laboratoire 'Identités, Cultures, Territoires' (Université Paris-VII Diderot)
- 2005 **Advisor and Researcher** on project on artist-diplomat Benjamin Mary and nineteenth century Belgian-Brazilian relations, Pinacoteca do Estado, São Paulo, Brazil
- 2001-2002 **Member Research Group** political personnel nineteenth century, KADOC Center, Leuven University

Languages:

Dutch – native speaker

English – fluent in conversation, reading & writing

French – fluent in conversation, reading & writing

Portuguese – fluent in conversation, reading & writing

Italian – fluent in conversation & reading

Spanish – average in conversation, good in reading

German – good passive understanding & reading