

# Marius van Hoogstraten – Curriculum Vitae

Philosopher and Preacher

interreligious studies, deconstruction, and theology

## Current Position

- Since 5/2020*      **Research Associate (Postdoc)**, Mennonite Seminary, VU Amsterdam, the Netherlands
- Research project: *Restaging the Ecclesiopolitical: Anabaptist Inventive Theology*
  - Assistance to Prof. Chris Doude van Troostwijk
  - Co-Teaching in 2023: *Classics I: Augustine's Confessions and Liberal Theology*
- Since 2022*      **Affiliate Researcher** Luxembourg School of Religion & Society.

## Academic Education

- 7/6/2019*      **PhD** Theology, VU Amsterdam, the Netherlands
- Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Willie van der Merwe, Prof. Dr. Marianne Moyaert
  - Dissertation: *Unruly Difference: Richard Kearney, John D. Caputo, and Catherine Keller and a Theopoetics of the Interreligious* (Published Mohr Siebeck 2020)
- 14/7/2009*      **MA** Philosophy, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands
- 31/1/2007*      **BA** Philosophy, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands
- Minor: Arabic Language and Culture

## Academic Experience

- 2016 – 2018*      **Research Associate** BMBF research project "Religion and Dialogue in Contemporary Societies" / Academy of World Religions, University of Hamburg, Germany

## Further Experience

- 2020 – 2022*      **Pastor** / Hamburg Mennonite Congregation
- 2018 – 2019*      **Pastor in training (Vikar)** / Hamburg Mennonite Congregation and Ecumenical Forum HafenCity
- Training in Clinical Pastoral Care (*Klinische Seelsorgeausbildung*)
- 2015 – 2017*      **Treasurer** / Ecumenical Research Forum
- 2011 – 2016*      **Peace Worker** / Berlin Mennonite Peace Center
- Established a long-running space for interreligious encounters
- 2013 – 2014*      **Europe Outreach Worker** / Community Peacemaker Teams
- Established a solidarity presence on Lesbos, Greece, starting 2014 and ongoing
- 2009 – 2011*      **Peace Worker** / German Mennonite Peace Office
- Two stints as human rights observer in Iraqi Kurdistan (2010 and 2011)
  - Led two-week group visit to Israel and the Palestinian Territories (2011)
- 2007 – 2008*      **Semesters abroad and personal formation**
- University of Damascus, Syria
  - Monastery of Mar Musa el-Habashi, Syria
  - Dutch-Flemish Institute in Cairo, Egypt
- 2006 – 2009*      **Bookseller** (intermittent) / International Bookshop *Het Fort van Sjakoo*, Amsterdam

## Languages and Skills

**Fluent** English | German | Dutch (native)  
**Intermediary** Arabic (Levantine/Egyptian/MSA) | French  
**Basic** Latin | Greek | Italian | Spanish | Hebrew  
**Software skills** LaTeX | WordPress | Office 365  
**Further skills** Pastoral Care | Moderation | My daughter sometimes eats the food I cook

## Publications

### Books (as Author)

van Hoogstraten, M. (2020). *Theopoetics and Religious Difference: The Unruliness of the Interreligious. A Dialogue with Richard Kearney, John D. Caputo, and Catherine Keller*. (Religion in Philosophy and Theology; Vol. 104). Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck.

**Reviewed by** Michael Oaks Takacs (2022). *Interreligious Studies* 34, 104-109. [\(PDF\)](#)  
Mark Novak (2022). *Reviews in Religion & Theology* 29:3, 101-108.  
Rick Benjamins (2022). *NTT Journal for Theology and the Study of Religion* 76:3, 295-297.

**Book launch** "Unsettling Otherness" (16 February 2021), with Catherine Keller, Paul Hedges, and Laura Schmidt Roberts [\(watch\)](#)

### Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

van Hoogstraten, M. (2022). "Doperse Biomacht. Balthasar Hubmaier, de Tucht en de Ban." *Doopsgezinde Bijdragen* 48, 13-30.

van Hoogstraten, M. (2021). "The Anabaptist Moment: Improper Beginnings, Ecclesiopolitical Decision, and A Nonviolent Sovereignty." *Mennonite Quarterly Review*, 94:4, 495-512. [\(PDF\)](#)

van Hoogstraten, M. (2018). "A Situation that Cannot be Found: Theorising the 'Inter' of the Interreligious." *Literature and Theology*, 32(2), 178-192. <https://doi.org/10.1093/litthe/fry011>

van Hoogstraten, M. (2018). "A disorder of identity: Religious difference 'without' 'Religion'." *Exchange*, 47(1), 25-38. <https://doi.org/10.1163/1572543x-12341472>

van Hoogstraten, M. (2015). "Restoring Difficulty: How Theology of Religions Seeks to Avoid the Fragility of Encounter and Why We Need to Reclaim It." *Anabaptist Witness*, 2:1, 11-30. [\(PDF\)](#)

### Book Chapters

van Hoogstraten, M. (t.a. 2023). "The Root of Sovereignty: Anabaptist Refusal of the Oath." In Anne Hege Grung, Yaser Ellethy, Henry Jansen, and Matthew Ryan Robinson (Eds.), *Sacred Protest*. Leiden: Brill. Forthcoming.

van Hoogstraten, M. (t.a. 2023). "Anabaptist Biopolitics: Balthasar Hubmaier on Religious Noncoercion and Church Discipline." In Nina Schroeder, Silke Muylaert, and Francesco Quatrini (Eds.), *Free Speech in Early Modern Europe (St. Andrews Studies in Reformation History)*. Leiden: Brill. Forthcoming.

van Hoogstraten, M. (t.a. 2023). "Das Reich Gottes als Ver- und Entortung. Mennonitisches Denken in der Krise." In Matthias-W. Engelke, Stefan Federbusch OFM, Gottfried Orth, Michael Schober, Stefan Silber (Eds.), *Jahrbuch Friedenstheologie 2023*. Forthcoming.

van Hoogstraten, M. (2019). "Solidarität im Werden: Christentum, Gender und interreligiöser Dialog." In C. Roloff, K. Drechsler, M. van Hoogstraten, & A. Markowsky (Eds.), *Interreligiöser Dialog, Gender und dialogische Theologie* (pp. 69-104). (Religionen im Dialog; Vol. 16). Münster: Waxmann.

Roloff, C., Drechsler, K., van Hoogstraten, M., & Markowsky, A. (2019). "Einleitung: Was hat dialogische Theologie mit Geschlecht zu tun?" In C. Roloff, K. Drechsler, M. van Hoogstraten, & A. Markowsky (Eds.), *Interreligiöser Dialog, Gender und dialogische Theologie* (pp. 11-21). (Religionen im Dialog; Vol. 16). Münster: Waxmann.

Roloff, C., Drechsler, K., van Hoogstraten, M., & Markowsky, A. (2019). "Resümee." In C. Roloff, K. Drechsler, M. van Hoogstraten, & A. Markowsky (Eds.), *Interreligiöser Dialog, Gender und dialogische Theologie* (pp. 187-201). (Religionen im Dialog; Vol. 16). Münster: Waxmann.

van Hoogstraten, M. (2018). "Haunted Encounters: Openness to the Other, Deconstruction, and Religious Difference." In U. Winkler, & H. Jansen (Eds.), *Shifting Locations and Reshaping Methods: Methodological Challenges Arising from New Fields of Research in Intercultural Theology and Interreligious Studies* (pp. 171-188). (Interreligious Studies; Vol. 12). Zürich: LIT Verlag.

van Hoogstraten, M. (2016). "Offenheit gegenüber dem Anderen und religiöse Differenz: Philosophische Perspektiven." In K. Amirpur, T. Knauth, C. Roloff & W. Weiße (Eds.), *Perspektiven Dialogischer Theologie: Offenheit in den Religionen und eine Hermeneutik des Interreligiösen Dialogs* (pp. 177-194). Münster: Waxmann.

#### Books (as Editor)

Knauth, T., Vieregge, D., Roloff, C. & van Hoogstraten, M. (Eds.). (t.a. 2024). *Jugendtheologie – Dialogisch und Interreligiös*. Münster: Waxmann. Forthcoming.

Roloff, C., Drechsler, K., van Hoogstraten, M., & Markowsky, A. (Eds.) (2019). *Interreligiöser Dialog, Gender und dialogische Theologie*. (Religionen im Dialog; Vol. 16). Münster: Waxmann.

#### Book Reviews in Peer-Reviewed Journals

van Hoogstraten, M. (2023). [Review of the book *Versöhnung Erzählen: Eine prozesstheologische Untersuchung ökumenischer Versöhnungsbegegnungen mit den Mennonit\*innen*], by Knut Wormstädt]. *Theologische Literaturzeitung*, forthcoming.

van Hoogstraten, M. (2022). [Review of the book *The Force of Nonviolence: An Ethico-Political Bind*, by Judith Butler]. *The Conrad Grebel Review* 39(2), pp. 172-174. [\(PDF\)](#)