

BIOGRAPHY – DR GEORGIA DU PLESSIS

Dr Georgia du Plessis is a South African legal scholar currently residing in Belgium. She completed her Master's in Law at the UFS and obtained a joint PhD (in law) in 2017 from the University of Antwerp and the Free University of Brussels, Belgium. She first worked as a lecturer at the Faculty of Law, University of the Free State and then obtained a scholarship to complete her PhD in Belgium. After completing her PhD, she lectured and conducted postdoctoral research at KU Leuven, Belgium. Her passion for law and human rights was sparked by her father's work as an anti-apartheid activist during the 1990s in South Africa. As a result, her research mainly focuses on human rights and, more specifically, the right to freedom of religion or belief, issues concerning religion and state, the regulation of religion by governments, the rights of religious minorities, and religious and cultural identity, diversity and equality. She has also published on pressing issues relevant to the South African context, such as dealing with historical diversity during #RhodesMustFall. Dr Du Plessis is a NRF category Y-rated researcher (as of 2021).