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Summary Statement

I am a moral psychologist, statistician and philosopher at the Social Psychology Lab in Ghent University. My primary research focus is the study of moral psychology. I am particularly interested in exploring how people react to real-life moral dilemmas. Additionally, I study the nature of blaming and praising. I am a big proponent of transparency in science and aim to make my research and data as accessible as possible. As such all data and statistical code for my studies are made available through Open Science Framework (individual links available on dhbostyn.com).

Education

Doctor of Science in Psychology (2019)
Ghent University

MSc in Statistical Data-analysis (2021)
Ghent University | Great Distinction

MSc in Psychology (2013)
Ghent University | Great Distinction

MA in Philosophy (2009)
Ghent University | Distinction

Scientific Publications

Dierckx K., Van Hiel, A., Valcke, B., Boularbeh, T., Depauw, H., **Bostyn, D.H.**, Van Assche, J. (In Press). Intercultural Apathy: An Empirical Examination of Its Attitudinal, Behavioral, and Physiological Correlates. *British Journal of Social Psychology.*

Van Hiel, A., Dierckx, K., **Bostyn, D.H.**, Haesevoets, T., Johnson, J., Jacobs, K., Constandt, B., Van Hal., G. (In Press). The multilevel effects of political orientation and political climate on substance use among adolescents. *Substance Use and Misuse*.

Xu X., **Bostyn, D.H.**, & Roets A. (2026), The roots of omission bias: cross-cultural evidence for an attributional asymmetry account. *Thinking & Reasoning,* 1–13. https://doi.org/10.1080/13546783.2026.2622091

Bostyn, D. H., Gouwy, M.-C., De Craene, E., Vanmechelen, C., Scheirlinckx, J., Tissot, T. T., Van Severen, R., van den Bogaard, D., Waterschoot, M., Geenen, F., Depauw, H., Coenye, J., Taquet, J., Xu, X., Dierckx, K., Van Damme, S., Van Hiel, A., & Roets, A. (2025). Beyond Hypothetical Trolleys: Moral Choices and Motivations in a Real-life Sacrificial Dilemma. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 129(5), 834.

Bostyn, D. H., & Knobe, J. (2025). The shape of blame: The relationship between statistical norms and judgments of blame and praise. *Cognitive Science*, 49(9), e70114.

Bostyn, D. H., Dierckx, K., Van Assche, J., Haesevoets, T., Valcke, B., De Souter, L., ... & Roets, A. (2025). Hypothetical Judgment and Real-Life Decision-Making in Sacrificial Dilemmas: A Replication of "of Mice, Men and Trolleys". *Collabra: Psychology*, 11(1), 143715.

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Chandrashekar, S. P., **Bostyn, D. H.**, De Clercq, J., & Roets, A. (2025). In Similarity We Trust: Like-Mindedness, Rather Than Just the Type of Moral Judgment, Drives Inferences of Trustworthiness. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, 19485506251348958

Gouwy, M. C., **Bostyn, D. H.**, De Clercq, B., & Roets, A. (2025). The Development of a Moral Compass: Exploring Age and Gender Differences in Moral Foundations In Early and Mid-Adolescence. *Journal of Adolescence*. https://doi.org/10.1002/jad.12500

Van Den Bossche, T., **Bostyn, D. H.**, De Backere, F., & Bex, S. (2025). Creating a supportive academic culture by preventing and responding to transgressive behavior. Nature Mental Health, 1-2. https://doi.org/10.1038/s44220-025-00409-3

Tissot, T. T., Van Hiel, A., **Bostyn, D. H.,** Haerens, L., Willem, A., & Constandt, B. (2025). The Multidimensionality of moral identity-toward a broad characterization of the moral self. *Ethics & Behavior*, 1-23. https://doi.org/10.1080/10508422.2025.2449989

Giner-Sorolla, R., Montoya, A., Reifman, A., Aberson, C., Carpenter, T., Lewis Jr., N., **Bostyn, D. H.**, Conrique, B., Ng, B., Schoemann, A., Soderberg, C. (2024). Power to Detect What? Considerations for Planning and Evaluating Sample Size, *Personality and Social Psychology Review, 28(3), 276-301.* https://doi.org/10.1177/10888683241228328

Xu, X., **Bostyn, D.H.**, Ren, X., & Roets, A. (2024). An Eastern Look at a Western Dilemma: Cross-Cultural Differences in Action-Balanced Trolley Dilemmas. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, 19485506241289459. https://doi.org/10.1177/19485506241289459

Bostyn, D. H., Chandrashekar, S. P., & Roets, A. (2023). Deontologists are not always trusted over utilitarians: revisiting inferences of trustworthiness from moral judgments. *Scientific Reports*, 13(1), 1665. https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-023-27943-3

Paruzel-Czachura, M., Wojciechowska, D., & **Bostyn, D.H.** (2023). Online Moral Conformity: how powerful is a Group of Strangers when influencing an Individual's Moral Judgments during a video meeting?. *Current Psychology*, 1-11. https://doi.org/10.1007/s12144-023-04765-0

Drieghe, L., Roets, A., De keersmaecker, J., Van Hiel, A., & **Bostyn, D.H.** (2022). Support for freedom of speech and concern for political correctness: The effects of trait emotional intelligence and cognitive ability. *Journal of Individual Differences*, 44(2), https://doi.org/10.1027/1614-0001/a000385

Bostyn, D. H., & Roets, A. (2022). Sequential decision-making impacts moral judgment: How iterative dilemmas can expand our perspective on sacrificial harm. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, 98, 104244, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jesp.2021.104244

Bostyn, D. H., Roets, A., & Conway, P. (2021). Sensitivity to Moral Principles Predicts Both Deontological and Utilitarian Response Tendencies in Sacrificial Dilemmas. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*. 13(2), 436-445. https://doi.org/10.1177/19485506211027031

Van Hiel, A., Onraet, E., **Bostyn, D. H.**, Stadeus, J., Haesevoets, T., Van Assche, J., & Roets, A. (2020). A meta-analytic integration of research The Multidimensionality of moral identity–toward a broad characterization of the moral self on the relationship between right-wing ideological attitudes and aggressive tendencies. *European Review of Social Psychology*, 31(1), 183-221. https://doi.org/10.1080/10463283.2020.1778324

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Van Assche, J., Noor, M., Dierckx, K., Saleem, M., Bouchat, P., de Guissme, L., **Bostyn, D. H.**, Carew, M., Ernst-Vintila, A., & Chao, M. M. (2020). Can Psychological Interventions Improve Intergroup Attitudes Post Terror Attacks? *Social Psychological and Personality Science*. 11(8), 1101-1109. https://doi.org/10.1177/1948550619896139

Bostyn, D. H., & Roets, A. (2019). Should Trolleys Be Scared of Mice? Replies to Evans and Brandt (2019); Białek, Turpin, and Fugelsang (2019); Colman, Gold, and Pulford (2019); and Plunkett and Greene (2019). *Psychological science*, *30*(9), 1392-1396. https://doi.org/10.1177/0956797619865236

Haesevoets, T., Van Hiel, A., Van Assche, J., **Bostyn, D. H.**, & Reinders Folmer, C. (2019). An exploration of the motivational basis of take-some and give-some games. *Judgment and Decision Making, 14*(5), 534-546.

Roets, A., **Bostyn, D. H.**, Van Assche, J., De keersmaecker, J., & Van Hiel, A. (2019). Generalized ingroup-stereotyping as a response to perceived individual failure. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 145, 15-18. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.paid.2019.03.012

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Bostyn, D. H., Sevenhant, S., & Roets, A. (2018). Beyond physical harm: How preference for consequentialism and primary psychopathy relate to decisions on a monetary trolley dilemma. *Thinking & Reasoning*, 25(2), 192-206. https://doi.org/10.1080/13546783.2018.1497536

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Van Hiel A., Van Assche, J., De Cremer, D., Onraet E., **Bostyn, D. H.**, Haesevoets, T., & Roets, A. (2018). Can education change the world? Education amplifies differences in liberalization values and innovation between developed and developing countries. *PLOS One,* 13(6), e0199560. https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0199560

Bostyn, D. H., Sevenhant, S., & Roets, A. (2018). Of mice, men, and trolleys: Hypothetical judgment versus real-life behavior in trolley-style moral dilemmas. *Psychological Science*, 29(7), 1084-1093. https://doi.org/10.1177/0956797617752640

Bostyn, D. H., & Roets, A. (2017). Trust, trolleys and social dilemmas: A replication study. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*, 146(5), e1. https://doi.org/10.1037/xge0000295

Bostyn, D. H., & Roets, A. (2017). An asymmetric moral conformity effect: Subjects conform to deontological but not consequentialist majorities. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, 8(3), 323-330. https://doi.org/10.1177/1948550616671999

De keersmaecker, J., **Bostyn, D. H.**, Fontaine, J.R.J., Van Hiel, A., & Roets, A. (2017). Towards an integrated cognition perspective on ethnic prejudice: An investigation into the role of intelligence and need for cognitive closure. *Social Psychology and Personality Science*, 9(6), 719-726. https://doi.org/10.1177/1948550617722201

Van Assche, J., **Bostyn, D. H.**, De keersmaecker, J., Dardenne, B., & Hansenne, M. (2017). Intergroup reconciliation between Flemmings and Walloons: The predictive value of cognitive style, authoritarian ideology, and intergroup emotions. *Psychologica Belgica,* 57(6), 132-155. https://doi.org/10.5334/pb.333

Haesevoets, T., Van Hiel, A., Pandelaere M., **Bostyn, D. H.**, & De Cremer, D. (2017). How much compensation is too much? An investigation of the effectiveness of financial overcompensation as a means to enhance customer loyalty. *Judgment and Decision Making*, 12(2), 183-197.

Bostyn, D. H., & Roets, A. (2016). The morality of action: The asymmetry between judgments of praise and blame in the action–omission effect. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, 63, 19-25. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jesp.2015.11.005

Bostyn, D. H., Roets, A., & Van Hiel, A. (2016). Right-wing attitudes and moral cognition: Are Right-Wing Authoritarianism and Social Dominance Orientation related to utilitarian judgment?. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 96, 164-171. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.paid.2016.03.006

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Academic Positions

Postdoctoral Assistant, Ghent University, 2025 – present
Department of General and Applied Psychology

BOF Senior Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Ghent University, 2022 – 2025
Department of Developmental, Personality and Social Psychology

Visiting Lecturer, KU Leuven, 2024 – 2025
Department of Social and Cultural Psychology

FWO Junior Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Ghent University, 2019 – 2022
Department of Developmental, Personality and Social Psychology

Visiting Lecturer, KU Leuven, 2021 – 2022
Department of Social and Cultural Psychology

Assisting Academic Staff, Ghent University, 2013 – 2019
Department of Developmental, Personality and Social Psychology
Advisor: Arne Roets

Fulbright Research Fellow, Yale University, 2018 –2019
Department of Philosophy
Advisor: Joshua Knobe

Academic Service

Representative of Other Academic Staff, Ghent University, 2022 - present
Board of Governors, Ghent University (elected position)

Representative of Other Academic Staff, Ghent University, 2022 – present
Committee of Finance and Staff at the Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences

Representative of Other Academic Staff, Ghent University, 2022 – present
Staff Policy Committee

Fulbright / BAEF coach, Ghent University, 2019 – present
Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences

Representative of Other Academic Staff for the alpha sciences, Ghent University, 2018 – 2024
Research Council

Representative of Other Academic Staff, Ghent University, 2013 - present
Board of the department of Developmental, Personality and Social Psychology

Representative of Other Academic Staff, Ghent University, 2017 - 2022
Faculty Board of the Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences (elected position)

Representative of Other Academic Staff, Ghent University, 2016 - 2021
Doctoral Schools Board for the Social and Behavioral Sciences

Representative of Other Academic Staff, Ghent University, 2016 - 2021
Doctoral Schools Steering Board for the Alpha Sciences

Teaching Experience

Visiting Lecturer, KU Leuven, 2024 – 2025
Courses: Introduction to Social Psychology

Visiting Lecturer, KU Leuven, 2021 – 2022
Courses: Introduction to Social Psychology

Co-instructor, Ghent University, 2019 – present
Courses: Advanced issues in Cognition related Processes (Partim Social Psychology), Exercises Experimental Social Psychology, Social Psychology

Teaching Assistant, Ghent University, 2013-2019
Courses: Social Psychology, Advanced Issues in Cognition-related Processes (Partim Social Psychology), Exercises Experimental Social Psychology

Guest Lecturer, University of Kent, 2017-2018
Course: Groups, Teams, and Organisations

Guest Lecturer, University of Kent, 2016-2017
Course: Advanced Topics in Group Processes

Doctoral Supervision:
Drs. Sarah Allahvirdie Rezaieh. Ethics of Loneliness and Social Skill.

Drs. Xinyi Xu. Cross-cultural Research into Moral Judgement in Sacrificial Trolley-like Dilemmas: A Comparison between Chinese and Western Cultures.

Doctoral Guidance Committee:
Drs. Marie-Céline Gouwy. Little liars in the dark trait spectrum and their moral compass: Developmental considerations.

Supervision of Research Internships:

Caro Van Mechelen (2024). Gender dynamics in Real-life Moral decision-making.

Elias De Craene (2023). What is the role of “moral desert” in moral decision making?

Jolien De Praet (2022). Judgment of Moral Character in Sacrificial Dilemmas: A Person-Centered and Iterative Approach.

Xinyi Xu (2022). Cross-cultural Research into Moral Judgement in Sacrificial Trolley-like Dilemmas: A Comparison between Chinese and Western Cultures.

Sybren Sevenhant (2018). Hypothetical and Real-Life Moral Decisions in Trolley-Like Dilemmas.

Supervision of Masters’ Theses, Ghent University

Spruyt S. (2026). De limieten van vergiffenis: vergeving op de snijvlakken van fysiek geweld en empathie.

Warreyn E. (2026). Persuasieve symmetrie in mens-AI-interactie: Onderzoek naar verschuivingen in opvattingen over morele dilemma's na blootstelling aan argumenten van mensen en artificiële intelligentie

Nees K. (2026). Wraak is van alle tijden? Cancel culture en morele aanvaardbaarheid van vergelding door generaties heen.

Andries M. (2025). Wat Trolleys & Footbridges Ons Niet Vertellen: een Analyse van Alledaagse Morele Dilemma’s

Cuylaerts I. (2025). Attitudes en stigma over het therapeutisch gebruik van psychedelica onder vlaamse psychologen.

Van Welden L. (2025). The moral acceptability of forgiveness in aggression dilemmas.

De Blaeij S. (2024). A moral journey in time: a quantitative study exploring the relationship between attitudes towards longtermism and political ideology

Van Hyfte M. (2024). Understanding Retribution: A Moral-Psychological perspective on Revenge

Van Den Branden I. (2023). The Impact of Compulsive Traits on Ethical Decision Making.

Moerman E. (2023). Memento Mori. What is a good death worth?

Lambrechts L. (2023). A chemical romance – Is de normatieve visie op het gebruik van een liefdesdrug situatie-afhankelijk?

Perquy C. (2022). Het morele vacuüm. Hoe worden morele oordelen beïnvloed door context?

Van der Sande M. (2022). GIving well, giving fairly, giving efficiently. How convincing is effective altruism?

Van Hooste P. (2022). What comes to the mind of people with psychopathic traits. About immorality and the decision-making process.

Coucke, F. (2021). Alcohol, een goed excuus?: Onderzoek naar het moreel beoordelen van personen onder invloed en hun gedrag.

Krammerhoffer, I. (2021). De moraliteit van spermadonatie.

Malot, I. (2021). The shape of gendered blame. Are we quicker to blame men or women?

De Baere, J. (2021). Vertrouwen en morele dilemma's: De rol van fairheid.

De Ketele, S. (2021). Morele intuïties omtrent artificiële liefde en seksrobots.

Van Holsbeke, L. (2019). Sinful sloths, Heinous gluttons and malicious smokers. Ideological differences in the moralization of health behavior.

Vanhoutte, L. (2019). The good, the bad and the robot – Exploring the normative opinion on robot rights and obligations.

Becue, V. (2019). To kill or not to kill, een kwantitatief onderzoek naar impliciet moreel regelgebruik in trolley dilemma's bij politieagenten, gedetineerden, en de doorsnee populatie.

De Cleyn, D. (2019). De morele waarden van conservatieven en liberalen in Vlaanderen.

Vanderplaetse C. (2018). Atheïsme in vlaanderen: een sociaal-cognitieve visie op dogmatism bij niet-gelovigen.

Dewulf T. (2018). De moraliteit van virtueel geluk: een empirische studie van Robert Nozick's ervaringsmachine.

Noclain, M. (2018). In deontologists we trust! The effect of gender and harm-type on inferences of trustworthiness based on other's moral judgements.

Ooms, H. (2017). De aarde als kleine stip: kan macro-perspectiefinname sociale tolerantie verhogen?

Mullaert, B. (2016). Does belief in science make you happy? An explorative study on the effects of belief in science

Vanhille R. (2016). Oordelen in morele dilemma's: de rol van morele regels en verantwoording

Thiryn K. (2016). Hoe wordt er moreel geredeneerd in een machtssituatie?

Verselder, K. (2016). Nothing is true, everything is permitted – Video gaming en morele cognitie: Heeft het spelen van video games een invloed op het moreel redeneren? Een cross-culturele studie

Jansen, H. (2016). Het effect van morele oordeelsvorming op vertrouwen en coöperatie in trust games

Rottiers, A. (2015). Het effect van sociaal ideologische attitudes op morele processen: een studie aan de hand van de process dissociation approach

Invited Talks

Bostyn, D.H. (2022). Sequential decision making impacts moral judgment. University of Kent, Canterbury, United Kingdom.

Bostyn, D.H. (2021). The Shape of Blame. International Moral Psychology (IMP) Seminar Series. Digital, Online. (cancelled due to personal reasons)

Bostyn, D.H. (2020). The Shape of Blame. Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland.

Bostyn, D.H. (2019). Of Mice and Men: real-life trolley dilemmas and person-centered moral judgment. Tilburg University, Tilburg, The Netherlands.

Bostyn, D.H. (2018). Of Mice and Men: real-life trolley dilemmas and person-centered moral judgment. Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, USA.

Bostyn, D.H. (2017). The Morality of Action: The asymmetry Between Judgments of Praise and Blame in the Action-Omission Effect. Columbia University, NY, USA.

Bostyn, D.H. (2017). A Person-Centered Approach to the Trolley Problem: On Conformity and Trust. University of Kent, Canterbury, United Kingdom.

Conference Presentations

Bostyn, D.H., Gouwy, M.C. , De Craene, E., Scheirlinckx, J. Tissot, T., Van Severen, R., van den Bogaard, D., Waterschoot, M., Geenen, F., DePauw, H., Coenye, J., Taquet, J., Dierckx, K., Van Damme, S., Van Hiel, A., Roets, A. (2026). Beyond Hypotheticals: Exploring Moral Judgment Through Real-life Sacrificial Dilemma Paradigms. *General Meeting of The European Association of Social Psychology.* Strasbourg, France.

Bostyn, D.H., Gouwy, M.C. , De Craene, E., Scheirlinckx, J. Tissot, T., Van Severen, R., van den Bogaard, D., Waterschoot, M., Geenen, F., DePauw, H., Coenye, J., Taquet, J., Dierckx, K., Van Damme, S., Van Hiel, A., Roets, A. (2025). Beyond Hypotheticals: Exploring Moral Judgment Through Real-life Sacrificial Dilemma Paradigms. *Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology.* Denver, USA.

Bostyn, D.H. (2024). Beyond Hypotheticals: Exploring Moral Judgment Through Real-life Sacrificial Dilemma Paradigms. *International Conference on Thinking*. Milan, Italy.

Bostyn, D.H. (2024). Beyond Hypotheticals: Exploring Moral Judgment Through Real-life Sacrificial Dilemma Paradigms. *4th European Experimental Philosophy Conference*. Krakow, Poland.

Bostyn, D.H., Dierckx, K., Haesevoets, T., Van Assche, J., Valcke, B., De Souter, L., Van Damme, S., & Roets, A. (2023). Hypothetical judgment and real-life behavior in trolley style sacrificial moral dilemmas. *General Meeting of The European Association of Social Psychology*. Krakow, Poland.

Bostyn, D.H., & Roets, A. (2023) Moral judgments are not independent. Why that might matter. *Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology.* Atlanta, USA.

Bostyn, D.H., & Knobe, J. (2022). The Shape of Blame. *Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology*. San Francisco, USA.

Bostyn, D.H., & Knobe, J. (2021). The Shape of Blame. *Annual meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology*. Online, USA.

Bostyn, D.H. (2021). Trolleys in the dark: enlightening moral cognition through sacrificial dilemmas. Award-lecture for winning the BAPS Best PhD Thesis Award. *Belgian Association of Psychological Science.* Online, Belgium.

Bostyn, D.H., Sevenhant S. & Roets, A. (2020). Of mice, men, and trolleys: Hypothetical judgment versus real-life behavior in trolley-style moral dilemmas. *International Conference on Thinking.* Paris, France. (Cancelled due to COVID-19).

Bostyn, D.H., & Knobe, J. (2020). The Shape of Blame. *Annual meeting of the Society for Philosphy and Psychology*. Princeton, USA. (Cancelled due to COVID-19).

Bostyn, D.H., & Knobe, J. (2020). The Shape of Blame. *Pan-Asian Summit on Wisdow, Morality and Character in the Polarized World*. Colombo, Sri Lanka. (Cancelled due to COVID-19).

Bostyn, D.H., & Knobe, J. (2019). The Shape of Blame. *Meeting of Minds @HKU Forum for Outstanding Young Scholars*. Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China.

Bostyn, D.H., & Knobe, J. (2019). The Shape of Blame. *21st conference of the European Society for Cognitive Psychology*. Tenerife, Canary Islands.

Bostyn, D.H., Conway P. & Roets, A. (2019). Does Sensitivity to moral principles indicate moral maturity? Poster presented at the *Association for Psychological Science Annual Convention*. San Francisco, USA.

Bostyn, D.H., & Knobe, J. (2019). The Shape of Blame. *Winter Seminar on Social Cognition and Intergroup Relations*. Poronin, Poland.

Bostyn, D.H., Conway P. & Roets, A. (2019). Does Sensitivity to moral principles indicate moral maturity? Poster presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology*. Portland, USA.

Bostyn, D.H., Sevenhant S. & Roets, A. (2018). Of mice, men, and trolleys: Hypothetical judgment versus real-life behavior in trolley-style moral dilemmas. Poster presented at the *Association for Psychological Science Annual Convention*. San Francisco, USA.

Bostyn, D.H., Sevenhant S. & Roets, A. (2018). Of mice, men, and trolleys: Hypothetical judgment versus real-life behavior in trolley-style moral dilemmas. Poster presented at the *Annual meeting of the Belgian Association for Psychological Science*. Ghent, Belgium.

Bostyn, D.H., & Knobe, J. (2018). Of mice, men, and trolleys: Hypothetical judgment versus real-life behavior in trolley-style moral dilemmas. *Winter Seminar on Social Cognition and Intergroup Relations*. Poronin, Poland.

Bostyn, D.H., & Roets, A. (2017). Asymmetrical Conformity Effects in Moral Cognition. *General Meeting of The European Association of Social Psychology*. Granada, Spain.

Bostyn, D.H. & Roets, A. (2015). An Asymmetric Moral Conformity Effect: Subjects Conform to Deontological but not Utilitarian majorities. *Political Psychology Conference Amsterdam*. Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Bostyn, D.H., Van Hiel, A., & Roets A. (2015). Political Ideology and Moral Reasoning: Are conservatives more utilitarian? *Annual Scientific Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology*. San Diego, CA, USA.

Bostyn, D.H., Van Hiel, A., & Roets A. (2015). Political Ideology and Moral Reasoning: Are conservatives more utilitarian? *Annual meeting of the Belgian Association for Psychological Science*. Brussels, Belgium.

Reviewing Experience

Psychological Science
Journal of Personality and Social Psychology
Nature Human Behavior
Perspectives in Psychological Sciences
Cognition
Cognitive Science
Journal of Personality
AI & Society
Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin
Social Psychological and Personality Science
Journal of Experimental Social Psychology
European Journal of Social Psychology
British Journal of Social Psychology
Philosophical Psychology
PLOS ONE
Group Processes & Intergroup Relations
Journal of Trust Research
Personality and Individual Differences
The International Journal of Psychology
Current Psychology
Comprehensive Results in Social Psychology
Social Justice Research
Social and Personality Psychology Compass

Transportation Research Part F: Traffic Psychology and Behaviour
Violence against Women
Journal of Business Ethics
Behavior Research Methods
Consciousness and Cognition
Death Studies
Scientific Advances
The Journal of Social Psychology
Psychologica Belgica
Review of Philosophy and Psychology
Journal of Medical Ethics
Journal of Social Psychology
Psychology, Crime, Law
Decision
Economics & Philosophy
PsyCh
Law and Criminology Journal
CRSP

Awards & Honors

Association for Psychological Science, Rising Star, 2024

Selection of first-authored manuscript: "Of Mice, Men, and Trolleys: Hypothetical Judgment Versus Real-Life Behavior in Trolley-Style Moral Dilemmas" as Highly-Cited Paper (top 1% of the academic field of Psychiatry/Psychology) by Web of Science.

Best PhD Thesis award for the Belgian Association of Psychological Sciences, 2021.

"Kannjer" award, 2020. Dean's award for service to the Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences.

Laureate of 'Best Poster Award', *Research Day*, Ghent University, Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences 2014.

Grants

2023:

Research Foundation Flanders (FWO) & Ghent University Departmental Fund for Mobility: Travel and expenses grant to attend the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta. (1750€)

Research Foundation Flanders (FWO): Travel grant to attend the meeting of the European Association of Social Psychology, Krakow. (300€)

Co-supervisor: Research Foundation Flanders (FWO) predoctoral Grant to Drs. Xinyi Xu (240.000€)

2022:

Bijzonder Onderzoeksfonds (BOF): Senior postdoctoral fellowship (220000€)

2020:

University of Kent and Ghent University: special call for collaboration. (3000£).

2019:

Research Foundation Flanders (FWO): Junior postdoctoral fellowship (200000€).

Research Foundation Flanders (FWO) & Ghent University Departmental Fund for Mobility: Travel and expenses grant to attend the 21st conference of the European Society for Cognitive Psychology. (1400€)

2018:

Fulbright Commission & Education USA, Fulbright Belgium: Grant for graduate study & (pre) doctoral research. ($10000)

2017:

Research Foundation Flanders (FWO) & Ghent University Departmental Fund for Mobility: Travel and expenses grant to attend the annual meeting of the European Association for Social Psychology. (1143€)

2015:

Ghent University Departmental Fund for Mobility: Travel and expenses grant to attend the Annual meeting of Belgian Association for Psychological Science. (40€)

Research Foundation Flanders (FWO) & Ghent University Departmental Fund for Mobility: Travel and expenses grant to attend the annual meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology. (1450€)

Ghent University Departmental Fund for Mobility: Travel and expenses grant to attend the Political Psychology Meeting Amsterdam. (408€)

Selected Media Coverage

Interview on Moral Psychology and Covid-19. *De Morgen.* December 11th, 2021.

Why hypothetical thinking is only a pale imitation of real life. *The Guardian.* June 22th, 2018.

Does the trolley problem have a problem? *Slate Magazine.* June 18th, 2018.

Wat als een zelfrijdende auto moet kiezen tussen vijf voetgangers doden of zijn passagier. *Knack Magazine.* June 11th, 2018

Trolley problem tested in real life for first time with mice. *New Scientist.* May 11th, 2018.