

## CURRICULUM VITAE

Caecilia van Peski is a Dutch national, youngest daughter of a Remonstrant Vicar and granddaughter of a Shipbroker of Port of Rotterdam whose family lineage dates back to the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Russian town of Pyski. She holds a degree (MSc) in Educational & Cultural Psychology from Tilburg University (licensed PSYCHOLOG-NIP, with minors in Psychotraumatology and Women Studies) and a postgraduate degree (MA) in Civil-Military Interaction from the German Military Staff College in Hamburg. She is a Lieutenant Commander in the Royal Netherlands Navy and an authority in the field of Peace and Conflict, Security Sector Governance and Civil-Military Interaction whose achievements have received national and international recognition. Recipient of the 'Ambassador for Peace' Award granted by the Universal Peace Federation (2010), Caecilia van Peski is regarded as being among the most influential women of her generation in the Netherlands - listed as one of the 'Viva' top 400 (2009) and among the top 100 of 'Opzij' (2010). In October 2010, she was appointed United Nations Special Representative for her country, addressing the 65th United Nations General Assembly in New York with her statement 'Women, Peace, Security'. Caecilia van Peski has worked for (inter-)governmental, multilateral organizations, amongst which the Netherlands Foreign Office, the United Nations (UNDP, DPKO), the European Union (EEAS), the European Commission (EIDHR), the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE/ODIHR), the North-Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), and DCAF-ISSAT Geneva. She holds a number of governing positions, amongst which for EuroDéfense Netherlands (Secretary General), the Dutch United Nations Association (Chair UNA Netherlands Advisory Council) and - after receiving critical injuries whilst on mission - emerged a champion for the interests of (wounded) military personnel through her involvement in several associations of military veterans (Member of the Board of Advice). Caecilia van Peski is a sought-after (university) lecturer/teacher, with appointments at Juniata College (US), Fordham University (US), Sungkyunkwan University (Republic of Korea), Bergen University (Norway), the NATO CIMIC Centre of Excellence in The Hague and the Netherlands School for Peace Operations in Harskamp. For the academic years 2019-2022, she is appointed Fellow at the Baker Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies in Huntingdon, PA, US. Since 1990, Caecilia van Peski has worked in over thirty (post-)conflict countries. Her geographical area of operations lies mainly in the Balkans, the Russian Federation, the Caucasus and Central Asia. She holds an academic interest in the politico-social history of the Russian Federation and its near abroad, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century European History (incl. the emergence and further development of the European Union) and EU/NATO (Transatlantic) relations. From the inception of the UN Millennium Development Goals in 2000 to the subsequent formulation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the UN 2030 Agenda in 2015, Caecilia van Peski has been stimulating action in support of a more safe, secure and equitable world. Through her work on SDG 16 'Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions', she actively contributes to the building of peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development.

## EDUCATION

2020 > Maastricht University, The Netherlands: Ph.D Candidate in Political Sciences and Electoral Studies: 'Conflict and the Process of Borderization in the Russian Federation and its near abroad'  
2017 – 2020 Helmut-Schmidt-Universität (HSU/UniBw H)/Führungsakademie der Bundeswehr (FüAkBw) - Military Staff College of the German Federal Armed Forces, Hamburg, Germany: Postgraduate Master of Arts (MA) of Civil-Military Interaction (M-CMI)  
2009 – 2009 Pushkin State Russian Language Institute, Moscow, Russian Federation: Russian Language & Culture Studies  
2005 – 2006 Radboud University Nijmegen, The Netherlands / Centre for International Development Issues (CIDIN), Nijmegen, The Netherlands: Postgraduate Degree 'Public Support and International Development'  
2004 – 2005 Utrecht University, The Netherlands / National Commission for International Cooperation and Sustainable Development (NCDO), The Netherlands: Postgraduate Degree 'Global Citizenship and Development'  
1997 – 2001 University of Tilburg, The Netherlands: Master of Science (MSc) in Educational and Cultural Psychology (*With Merits*)  
1996 – 1997 University of Tilburg, The Netherlands: Examen Propaedeuticum in Social Sciences (*With Honors*)  
1989 – 1990 Teachers College Tilburg, The Netherlands, first year completed successfully  
1983 – 1989 Theresia Lyceum Tilburg, The Netherlands: Atheneum  $\alpha$  (Grammar School)

## PROFESSIONAL CAREER

2020 – 2020 NATO Resolute Support Mission: Senior Transition Officer (Train Advise Assist Command). Kabul HQ, Afghanistan  
2019 – 2019 DCAF-ISSAT The Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance – International Security Sector Advisory Team: Head Professional Development & Training. Geneva, Switzerland  
2019 – 2019 The Baker Institute for Peace & Conflict Studies / Oller Centre for Peace and International Programs at Juniata College: "Partnering for Peace" Scholar-in-Residence / Academic Fellow (2019-2022). Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, USA  
2016 – 2018 United Nations Development Programme / UN Volunteers: Chief, Peace Programming Section (P5). Bonn, Germany  
2014 – 2016 Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine: Monitoring Officer Donetsk/Kherson (P4), Deputy/Acting Patrol Hub Leader (P5) Mariupol. Ukraine  
2012 – 2013 UPEACE The Hague, Lecturer 'Transforming War Economies', International Public Management, Safety & Law Programme. The Hague, The Netherlands  
2011 – 2013 Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of The Netherlands: Senior Policy Officer Department for Human Rights, Gender, Good Governance and Humanitarian Aid (P4). The Hague, The Netherlands  
2010 – 2011 European Union Monitoring Mission to Georgia: Team Leader Human Rights and Humanitarian Assistance (P5). Tbilisi/Gori, Republic of Georgia  
2009 – 2010 European External Action Services, Democracy and Election Observation Unit: Project Leader 'Reform of the EU Election Observers' Evaluation System (P4). Brussels, Belgium  
2009 – 2009 IPCB-S International Police Coordination Board Afghanistan - Secretariat: Political Advisor (PolAd, P4). Kabul, Afghanistan  
2008 – 2010 BAZN Academy for Public Administration: Lecturer Governance, Democratization, Civil Admin. Tilburg, The Netherlands  
2004 – 2008 Fontys University of Applied Sciences, Fontys International Projects: Int. Project Manager. Eindhoven, The Netherlands  
2003 – 2004 Lysøen Museet (Museum on Norwegian violinist player and composer Ole Bull): Educational Consultant, Bergen, Norway  
1999 – 2004 Mundial Productions: Developer of educational material 'Mundial in the Classroom'. Tilburg, The Netherlands  
1997 – 2003 SOM DOBA (Fydes) Educational Consultancy: Psychologist / Counsellor. Tilburg, The Netherlands  
1993 – 1998 Fontys Broers (private educational institute): Teacher. Tilburg, The Netherlands  
1991 – 1991 Provinciale Ziekenhuisraad (National Council of Hospitals, Provincial Branch): Project Manager. Tilburg, The Netherlands

## **VISITING LECTURER (multi-annual)**

NATO Civil Military Centre of Excellence (NATO CIMIC CoE), The Hague, The Netherlands. Guest Lecturer / Subject Matter Expert  
ASCOPE/PMESII and Cross-Cultural Training  
Netherlands School for Peace Operations (School voor Vredesmissies (SVV), Opleidings- en Trainings Commando (OTCO), Opleidings- en Trainingscentrum Manoeuvre (OTCMAN). General-Major Winkelman Military Barracks, Harskamp, The Netherlands. UNMEoM Course (UN Military Experts on Mission) and UNPOL Training Course  
Fordham University, Rose Hill Campus, The Bronx, NYC, USA, Women's Faculty, Gender Studies  
Juniata College, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, USA. Baker Institute for Peace & Conflict Studies (Scholar-in-Residence)  
Bergen University, Norway, Dep. of Comparative Politics, Course on Human Rights, Human Rights Monitoring & Election Observation  
Sungkyunkwan University (SKKU), Seoul, Republic of Korea, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Summer Intensive Programme  
Tilburg University, Tilburg, The Netherlands, School for Social and Behavioural Sciences, Department of Social Psychology  
University of London, Birkbeck College, UK, School of Education, Communication & Language Sciences (ECLS)

## **GOVERNING POSITIONS (non-remunerated)**

Chair of the Board of Advice of the Netherlands United Nations Association – UNA Netherlands (2019)  
Member of the CISV Alumni Association Advisory Committee (2019)  
Secretary General EuroDéfense The Netherlands (2018)  
Neve Shalom / Wahat al-Salam: intentional community jointly est. by Jewish and Palestinian Arab citizens of Israel (2018)  
Board of Advice Stichting Veteranen Brabant Zuidoost (Veteran Organisation) (2017)  
Board Member of the International Table (diplomats table) of 'Nieuwe of Littéraire Sociëteit de Witte' (2017)  
Board of Advice Stichting Veteranen Hart van Brabant (Veteran Organisation) (2016)  
Executive Committee Remonstrant Brotherhood (Commissie tot de Zaken) (2016-2017)  
Board of Recommendation United Netherlands – International Relations & Diplomacy Radboud University Nijmegen (2014)  
Board of Recommendation 'Building Bridges' (UN 'He for She Campaign') (2014)  
Board of Recommendation Eindhoven Peace Centre Foundation (2013)  
Advisory Committee Wounded Warriors The Netherlands (Veteran Organization) (2013)  
Advisor to the Board of PortAgora - Centre for European Co-operation (2013)  
Board Member Netherlands Society for International Affairs (NGIZ-Zuid) (2011)  
Committee of Recommendation United Nations Student Association Groningen (SIB) (2011)  
Board Member PAX (Interchurch Peace Council) (2009-2018)  
Board of Advice Foundation for Peace Sciences (SVW) (2005)  
Board Member Dutch United Nations Association (UNA/NVVN) (2004-2018)  
Board of Recommendation 'Break down the Wall' (Israel & Occupied Palestinian Territories Peace Initiative) (2009)  
Expanded Executive Committee CISV International (2005-2009)  
Trustee CISV The Netherlands (2002-2005)  
General Board Member CISV The Netherlands (1998-2002)

## **MEMBERSHIPS OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES (non-remunerated)**

The Netherlands Peacekeeping Network (at VU Amsterdam) (2020)  
FINABEL – European Interoperability Centre: European Army Innovation Platform (2020)  
Royal Netherlands Association of Naval Officers (KVMO) (2019)  
Royal Netherlands Association of Military Reservist Officers (KVNRO) (2019)  
Dutch Business Round Table (DBRT) – Geneva (2019)  
NATO/CCOE Civil-Military Co-operation Community of Interest (2018)  
Vrienden van Cobbenhagen (Tilburg University Exclusive Alumni Association) (2017)  
Convention of Christian Approaches to Defence and Disarmament (CCADD) (2016)  
Common Effort Community – For a Safer and more Secure World (2015)  
Netherlands Atlantic Association (2015)  
International Association for Religious Freedom (IARF) (2014)  
'Nieuwe of Littéraire Sociëteit De Witte' - International Table (2014)  
International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) (2013)  
EuroDéfense (2013)  
Knowledge Platform Security and Rule of Law (2012)  
European Movement The Netherlands (EBN) (2012)  
ALDE Party - The Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (D66) (2009)  
Member Netherlands Society for International Affairs (NGIZ) (2008)  
Society for International Development (SID) (2007-2019)  
Society for Intercultural Education, Training and Research (SIETAR) (2006-2012)  
Amnesty International The Netherlands (2005-2019)  
International Crisis Response Network (ICRN) (2004)  
Vereniging Afgestudeerde Psychologen Tilburg – V.A.P.T. (Tilburg University Psychologists' Alumni Association) (2001)  
Psychological Association The Netherlands (NIP) (2001)

## **RECOGNITION**

Nominated 'Women in the Media Award' by Media Platform VIDM – Vrouwen in de Media (2017)  
Holder 'International Missions / OSCE International Operations' Medal, Ministry of Defence of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (2016)  
Ambassador Breath Foundation 'Care for Kids'; Creating opportunities for Children in Georgia (2012)  
Holder 'Pro Pace Unum' Medal; European Union External Action Services - Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability (2011)  
Holder 'Ambassador for Peace' Award; Universal Peace Federation (2010)  
Top-100 most influential Dutch women, 'Opzij' ranking (2010)  
United Nations Special Representative on Women; appointment by Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of The Netherlands (2010)

Top-400 most influential Dutch women; 'Viva' ranking (2009)  
Recognition of outstanding contribution to CISV International's Global Development (2009)  
Holder 'Talent in International Development' Award; Dutch Society for International Affairs (2008)  
Jury Member for the 'Night of the United Nations' Dutch UN Representative Elections (Annual Event; 2006-2010, 2018-2019)  
Holder 'Schokland UN Millennium Development Goals Accord # 47' (Access to Higher Education); 'Pact of Schokland' (2007)

## PUBLICATIONS

- Peski, C.J. van (2018). Where different Streams with different Sources mingle in One Sea: Maritime Security in The Black Sea Region (European Counter-Balance in the Aftermath of the NATO Summit 2018). Helmut-Schmidt-University, University of the Deutsche Bundeswehr, Interdisciplinary Research Network Maritime Security (iFMS), Hamburg, Germany, 4 September 2018.
- Peski, C.J. van (2014). United Nations Peacebuilding; constructing an Architecture of Peace. In: VN Forum, Volume 20, no. 2 (April).
- Peski, C.J. van (2014). One-hundred Years of Peace and Justice at Peace Palace The Hague. In: VN Forum, Volume 20, no. 2 (April).
- Peski, C.J. van (2013). Good Cop, Bad Cop. Georgia's One Hundred Days of a New Democratic Dream. In: Security and Human Rights (former Helsinki Monitor). Netherlands Helsinki Committee. Volume 23, No. 1, July 2013, pp. 49-100.
- Peski, C.J. van (2012). International Education and Global Citizenship. In: Participation, Facilitation, and Mediation. Children and Young People in Their Social Contexts. Routledge Research in Education. Ed: C. Baraldi & V. Iervese, pp. 219-237. ISBN-13: 978-0415893145 / ISBN-10: 0415893143
- Peski, C.J. (2012). Diplomacy and Life on Georgia's Boundary Line. In: Security and Human Rights (former Helsinki Monitor). Netherlands Helsinki Committee. Volume 22, No. 11, December 2011, pp. 357-372.
- Peski, C.J. van (2011). International Election Observation and Democratisation. In: International Election Observation and the Assessment of Elections, Chapter 7, pp. 115-135. Statistics Netherlands & Maastricht University. ISBN: 978-90-357-1782-4
- Peski, C.J. van, & Schmeets, H. (2011). The 'C-factor': impact of the nationality of observers on observing elections. In: International Election Observation and Assessment of Elections, Chapter 9, pp. 167-185. Statistics Netherlands & Maastricht University. ISBN: 978-90-357-1782-4
- Peski, C.J. et al (2010). Afghanistan. Naar een begin van vrede in een onbegonnen oorlog. IKV Pax Christi (July 2010). Afghanistan; A beginning for peace in an impossible war.
- Peski, C.J. van (2010). Gelijkheidswalhallen. In: Tijdschrift Instituut voor Publiek en Politiek, Volume 2010-5 (May 2010), 09-10. Equity Walhalla, Journal of the Institute for Public and Politics.
- Peski, C.J. van (2009). Van Verzoening naar Vrede. In: VN Forum, Volume 2009-4 (December 2009), pp.47-54. From Reconciliation to Peace, United Nations Forum.
- Peski, C.J. van (2005). Vernieuwingen in het bekostigingssysteem voor school en schoolbegeleidingsdienst. In: Talent, Tijdschrift over Hoogbegaafdheid, Volume 6, No. 3 (April), pp. 19-22. New financing systems in educational consultancy, Journal on Highly Giftedness.
- Peski, C.J. van (2005). Willen weten om te adviseren. In: De Psycholoog, Maandblad Nederlands Instituut van Psychologen. Volume 40, nr. 2 (February), pp. 83-84. Action-oriented models for the diagnosis of learning difficulties, Journal of Dutch Psychological Association.
- Peski, C.J. van (2005). Onderwijs in Scandinavië. Egalitaire onderwijsystemen; hetzelfde behandelen of gelijke mogelijkheden bieden? In: Talent, Tijdschrift over Hoogbegaafdheid, Volume 7, No. 2 (March), pp. 09-11. Egalitarian educational systems in Scandinavia, Journal on Highly Giftedness.
- Peski, C.J. van & Zundert, A. van (2004). Mundial-Novib in de Klas: hoe groot is jouw wereld? In: Jeugd in School en Wereld (JSW), Maandblad voor het basisonderwijs, speciaal onderwijs en opleiding, Volume 88, No. 9 (May), pp. 32-35. Global Awareness Education, Journal for Teachers and Educators.
- Peski, C.J. van (2004). Gedompeld in cultuur. Diagnostiek bij allochtone leerlingen in het onderwijs. In: De Psycholoog, Volume 39, No. 4 (April), pp. 218-220. Diagnostic assessment of immigrant children. Journal of Dutch Psychological Association.
- Peski, C.J. van (2002). Meervoudige Intelligentie. Intelligentie als persoonlijke vingerafdruk. In: Talent, Tijdschrift over Hoogbegaafdheid, Volume 4, No. 2 (March), pp. 27-28. Multiple Intelligence as a personal competence profile, Journal on Highly Giftedness.
- Lansu, T. & Peski, C.J. van (2001). Meervoudige Intelligentie en samenwerkend leren. Onderwijs toegesneden op de veelzijdigheid van leerlingen. In: Jeugd in School en Wereld (JSW), maandblad voor het basisonderwijs, speciaal onderwijs en opleiding, Volume 85, No. 9 (February), pp. 16-19. Multiple Intelligence & Cooperative Learning, Journal for Teachers and Educators.