



# OMAR V. ROSAS

RESEARCHER & LECTURER

## Profile

I'm a researcher and lecturer in media, technology, and society. Most of my research deals with emotions, ICT, and news media, with a particular emphasis on ethical issues. My research interests include the philosophy, psychology, and sociology of emotions; psychological and sociological approaches to ICT; the role of affect in the production and reception of online news media; and Critical Theory (particularly Walter Benjamin's work)

## Informations



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## EDUCATION

**UNIVERSITY CERTIFICATE IN PSYCHOLOGY** 2006  
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF LOUVAIN, BELGIUM

- One year training in theory and research methods in psychology.

**Ph.D. IN PHILOSOPHY** 2005  
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF LOUVAIN, BELGIUM

- Dissertation: «*Affective Underpinnings of Moral Action: Why Moral Agency Cannot Do Without Emotions*». Supervisor: André Berten. Grade: Highest Distinction.

**M.A. IN PHILOSOPHY** 2001  
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF LOUVAIN, BELGIUM

- Dissertation: «*Charles S. Peirce et Ruth Millikan: De la sémiotique à la biosémantique. Une lecture sémiotique du problème de la représentation*». Supervisor: André Berten. Grade: High distinction

**B.A. IN PHILOSOPHY** 1998  
NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBIA

- Monograph: «*El concepto de acción en Walter Benjamin*». Supervisor: Guillermo Hoyos Vásquez. Grade: Meritoria (High Distinction)



## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**LECTURER** September 2016 - August 2017  
UNIVERSITÉ SAINT-LOUIS, Brussels, Belgium

- Lecturer in *Psychoanthropology of Social Media* (30 h)
- Cours belonging to the Master's 120 in Strategy and Analysis of Interactive Communication

**PROJECT EVALUATOR** October 2015 - December 2015  
CENTRE DE RÉFÉRENCE EN SANTÉ MENTALE (CReSaM), Namur, Belgium

- Projet: *Psychological Suffering among Young Walloons*
- My work consisted in evaluating the conceptual and methodological design of the research, and to provide advice for future orientations of the project.

**POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW** September 2013 - August 2015  
UNIVERSITY OF NAVARRA, Pamplona, Spain

- Projet: *Affective Storytelling in Spanish Online News Media*
- I conducted interviews with journalists, focus groups with news consumers, and content analyses of the mediatization of emotions in online news media.
- I also organized two international conferences resulting in publications in two top-ranked journals.

**POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW** November 2011 - July 2013  
UNIVERSITY OF NAMUR, Belgium

- Projet BELSPO: *Compulsive Computer Use and Knowledge Needs in Belgium: A Multimethod Approach*

My work for this project consisted in:

- Designing, applying and statistically analyzing a survey on compulsive internet/computer use among secondary school students
- Designing, applying and statistically analyzing an online survey on compulsive internet/computer use among adults
- Conducting life story interviews with compulsive gamers
- Organizing and presenting the results of the research in a national press conference

**POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW** October 2008 - October 2011  
UNIVERSITY OF NAMUR, Belgium

- Projet ARC: *Transformation du rapport à l'information en communication multimédia*

My work for this project consisted in:

- Carrying out a qualitative, ethnographic research focused on audiences's trust in online news in French-Speaking Belgium
- Organizing an international conference on Neo-Journalism
- Co-editing a bilingual issue of the journal *Recherches en Communication*
- Occasional supply lecturer for the cours «Communication d'entreprise» (Professor Annabelle Klein)

**ASSOCIATE RESEARCHER** September 2006 - September 2009  
UNIVERSITY OF TWENTE, The Netherlands

- Projet: *Evaluating the Cultural Quality of New Media*
- Within this project, I carried out interdisciplinary research combining ethical and psychological methods and frameworks to investigate the impact of ICT on users' quality of life and well-being. Supervisor: Professor Philip Brey.

**LECTURER** January 1998 - June 1999  
UNIVERSITY EL BOSQUE, Bogotá, Colombia

- Lecturer-researcher in ethics and epistemology

**PHILOSOPHY TEACHER** June 1996 - December 1997  
COLEGIO MAYOR DE SAN BARTOLOMÉ, Bogotá, Colombia

- Philosophy teacher - secondary school



## FIELDS OF EXPERTISE

- Media, technology, and society
- Online news media
- Philosophy and psychology of emotions
- Critical Theory (Walter Benjamin)
- Mixed methods research
- Computer-mediated content and discourse analysis (Nvivo, Leximancer, Atlas.ti)



## LANGUAGES

- **Spanish:** Native speaker
- **French:** Fluent
- **English:** Fluent
- **German:** Basic communication skills



## EXTERNAL EXPERTISE

**SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR** January 2012 - December 2014  
UNIVERSITY OF SEVILLE, Spain

- Projet: «*Ethical Challenges of Online Journalism: A Comparative Study among Italy, Belgium, and Spain*».
- My role in this project consisted in supervising the methodological design and set-up of an online survey and a series of qualitative interviews with journalists of the three countries.

**MEMBER OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE** 2008 - 2010  
BELGIAN SCIENCE POLICY (BELSPO), Brussels, Belgium

- Projet: «*The Second Order Digital Divide*».
- As a scientific member of this committee, I supervised the theoretical and methodological design of this project and contributed to formulating political recommendations for better detection and assessment of unequal uses of ICT and their social consequences in Belgium.

**MEMBER OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE** 2008 - 2009  
INSTITUT WALLON POUR LA SANTÉ MENTALE, Namur, Belgium

- Projet: «*L'usage problématique d'Internet et des jeux vidéo en Wallonie*» (Problematic use of internet and video games in Wallonia).
- My role in this committee consisted in providing advice on the methodological design of the research.



## ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES

- Organizer and academic director of the Experts Meeting: *Technology and the Good Society*. February 4-6, 2016. Social Trends Institute, Barcelona. <http://www.socialtrendsinstitute.org/experts/experts-meetings/culture-lifestyles/technology-and-the-good-society>
- Organizer and academic director of the International Workshop: *News Media and the Emotional Public Sphere*. October 29-30, 2015. University of Navarra, Spain. <http://www.unav.edu/en/web/instituto-cultura-y-sociedad/cultura-emocional-e-identidad/news-media-emotions>
- Co-organizer of the International Conference: *Towards Neojournalism? Redefining, Extending, or Reconfiguring a Profession*. Octobre 3-4, 2012. Université Catholique de Louvain & Université de Namur. <http://www.neo-journalism.org/>



## JOURNAL REVIEWER - EDITOR

- Co-editor with Dr. Javier Serrano (University of Navarra) of a Special Section on 'News Media and the Emotional Public Sphere' for the *International Journal of Communication*.
- Co-editor with Brian D. Earp (University of Yale & Oxford) of a Special Issue on 'Technology and the Good Society' for the journal *Technology in Society* (Elsevier)
- Co-editor of a double bilingual issue (39-40) of the journal *Recherches en Communication* (UCLouvain).
- Reviewer for the journal *Ethics and Information Technology* (Springer).
- Reviewer for the journal *Philosophical Psychology* (Routledge).
- Reviewer for the journal *Ideas & Valores* (National University of Colombia).



## OTHER PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Associate researcher in the Institute for Culture and Society (University of Navarra).



## PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES

- 2016 (4-6 February) Organizer and academic director of the Experts Meeting: *Technology and the Good Society*. Social Trends Institute, Barcelona.
- 2015 (29-30 November). Organizer and academic director of the International Workshop: *News Media and the Emotional Public Sphere*. University of Navarra, Spain. Paper delivered: *Emotions in Online News: From Production to Reception and Back Again*.
- 2014 (21-22 November). International Workshop Taking the Pulse of Our Times: Media, Therapy, and Emotions. University of Navarra, Spain. Discussant of the paper: « *Therapy Cultures in Society. A Polycontextual Approach* » (by Robin Kurilla).
- 2014 (21-23 October). I Jornadas sobre cine y derechos humanos. University of Seville. Invited Speaker. Paper delivered: *Libertad, igualdad y fraternidad en la sociedad contemporánea. Kieslowski y la fragilidad de los derechos humanos*.
- 2013 (25-26 October). International Workshop on Identity and Emotions in Contemporary TV Series. University of Navarra, Spain. Discussant of the paper: *Sympathy for the Devil. Adorable Antiheroes in Contemporary TV Series* (by Alberto García).
- 2013 (15-16 July). Social Networking in Cyberspace Conference. University of Wolverhampton, UK. Papers delivered: 1) *Inventory of initiatives aimed at prevention and treatment of problems related to compulsive social networking site use in Belgium*, 2) *Compulsive social networking site use among adults in Belgium. Income, education level and attitude towards work in a predictive model* (with Rozane De Cock, Jolien Vangeel, Pascal Minotte, Annabelle Klein et Gert-Jan Meerkerk).
- 2013 (25-29 June). IAMCR 2013, Dublin City University. Paper delivered: *Compulsive internet use among adolescents in Belgium. Attention for specific applications and the role of attitude towards school* (with Rozane De Cock, Jolien Vangeel, Pascal Minotte, Annabelle Klein et Gert-Jan Meerkerk).
- 2013 (3-5 April). II International Conference on Media Ethics. University of Seville. Invited Speaker. Paper delivered: *Online Journalism: From Technology to Ethics and Back Again*.
- 2013 (7-8 February). Etmaal van de communicatiewetenschap. Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam. Paper delivered: *Profiel van compulsieve SNS-gebruikers en gamers in België Surveyonderzoek bij volwassenen in Vlaanderen en Wallonië* (with Rozane de Cock, Jolien Vangeel, Pascal Minotte, Annabelle Klein et Gert-Jan Meerkerk).
- 2012 (3-4 October). Towards Neojournalism Conference. Université Catholique de Louvain & Université de Namur. Paper delivered: *Public Engagement with, and Trust in, Online News Media in French-speaking Belgium*.
- 2011 (8-9 September). The Future of Journalism Conference. Cardiff University. Paper delivered: *News You Can Trust: A Look into French-Speaking Belgian Audiences' Heuristics for Building Trust in Online News Media*.
- 2011 (29-31 March). I Congreso Internacional de Ética de la Comunicación. Papers delivered: (1) *La ética de la confianza en el periodismo digital*; (2) *Tecnología y valores periodísticos: Implicaciones de la ética informática para el periodismo digital*.
- 2010 (18-22 July). IAMCR 2010 Conference. Universidad de Minho, Braga, Portugal. Paper delivered: *Communicating on Climate Negotiations: A Content Analysis of French Traditional and Participatory Online News Media during the Copenhagen Summit*. (with Mathieu Simonson).
- 2010 (18-22 July). IAMCR 2010 Conference. Universidad de Minho, Braga, Portugal. Paper delivered: *Communicating in the Age of Participatory Media: Benjaminian Reflections on Computer-Mediated Communication and the Digitalization of Public Space*;
- 2009 (9-10 September). The Future of Journalism Conference. Cardiff University. Paper delivered: *Online Journalism and Computer Ethics: Disclosing Value-Sensitive Issues in Computer-Mediated Journalistic Practices*.
- 2009 (2-4 July). European Computing and Philosophy Conference. Universitat autònoma de Barcelona. Titre de la communication: *From ICT to Digital Niche Construction: Evolutionary Reflections on the Cultural Underpinnings of Computer-Mediated Practices*.
- 2009 (8-10 June). 16th Biennial Conference of the Society for Philosophy and Technology (SPT). University of Twente, The Netherlands. Paper delivered: *Technologies that Make Us Happy? Psychological Implications of ICT for the Pleasant Life, the Engaged Life and the Meaningful Life*.
- 2008 (16-18 June) European Computing and Philosophy Conference. University of Montpellier. Paper delivered: *Representations and the Ecology of Virtual Perception and Virtual Action*.
- 2008 (12-14 June). International Workshop: The Good Life in a Technological Age. University of Twente, The Netherlands. Paper delivered: *Information Technology and Well-Being: Ethical Views from Prudential Psychology*.
- 2007 (June) European Computing and Philosophy Conference. University of Twente, The Netherlands. Paper delivered: *On the Ecological/ Representational Structure of Virtual Environments*.
- 2006 (May) Second European Conference on Emotions. Catholic University of Louvain. Belgium. Paper delivered: *Emotion Regulation and Ecological Rationality*.
- 2002 (March). European Consortium for Political Research, Turin. Paper delivered: *"Metaphor, Immigration, and European Security Discourse"*, (en collaboration avec Thierry Braspenning (Cambridge) and Sarah Léonard (Aberystwyth)).
- 2001 (June). Sixth Manchester Graduate Conference in Political Theory. Paper delivered: *The Metaphorical Structure of Political Discourse*.



## PUBLICATIONS

### Forthcoming

- Rosas, O. & Serrano-Puche, J. (forthcoming). Special Section «News Media and the Emotional Public Sphere.» *International Journal of Communication*.
- Rosas, O. & Earp, B. (forthcoming). Special Issue «Technology and the Good Society.» *Technology in Society*.

### Articles submitted for publication

- Rosas, O. (submitted). Journalists' attitudes toward, and public perceptions of, emotions in online news media. *International Journal of Communication*.

### Books

- Klein, A., De Cock, R., **Rosas, O.**, Vangeel, J., Minotte, P., & Meerkerk, G-J. (2014). *Compulsive Computer Use and Knowledge Needs in Belgium. A Multimethod Approach*. Ghent: Academia Press. ISBN: 9789038222875

### Articles in peer-reviewed journals

- De Cock, R., Vangeel, J., **Rosas, O.**, Minotte, P. and Klein, A. (2014). « Compulsive Use of Social Networking Sites among adults in Belgium: Prevalence, profile and the role of attitude towards work and school ». *CyberPsychology, Behavior and Social Networking*, 17(3), pp. 166-171.
- Rosas, O. (2013). « Public Engagement with, and Trust in, Online News Media in French-speaking Belgium ». *Recherches en Communication*, 40, pp. 169-187.
- Rosas, O. (2011). « La estructura disposicional de los sentimientos ». *Ideas y Valores*, 60(145): 5-31.
- Rosas, O. (2007). « De ecologische dimensie van dans ». *Wijsgerig Perspectief*, 47(3), pp. 39-50. ISSN: 0043-5414.
- Rosas, O. (2003). « Evolución y Cultura ». *Al Margen*, 7-8, pp. 5-27. ISSN: 1657-7310.
- Rosas, O. (1999). « Walter Benjamin: Historia de la experiencia y Experiencia de la historia ». *Argumentos*, 35-36, pp. 169-185. ISSN: 0120-4971.

### Book chapters

- Minotte, P. & **Rosas, O.** (2016). « Un Nouveau Monde, une 'nouvelle donne' sociotechnique ». In A. Klein (Ed). *Nos jeunes à l'ère numérique*. Louvain-la-Neuve: Academia-L'Harmattan, pp. 21-36.
- Minotte, P. & **Rosas, O.** (2016). « Les usages excessifs d'Internet et des jeux vidéo ». In A. Klein (Ed). *Nos jeunes à l'ère numérique*. Louvain-la-Neuve: Academia-L'Harmattan, pp. 165-188.
- Rosas, O. (2016). « Emociones en la prensa digital española: Actitudes profesionales y reflexiones éticas ». In Juan Carlos Suárez Villegas & Jesús Cruz Álvarez (Eds), *Desafíos éticos en el periodismo digital*. Madrid: Dykinson, pp. 117-132.
- Vangeel, J., De Cock, R., Klein, A., Minotte, P., **Rosas, O.** and Meerkerk, G-J. (2016). « Compulsive Use of Social Networking Sites among Secondary School Adolescents in Belgium ». In Walrave, M., Ponnet, K., Vanderhoven, E., Haers, J. and Segaert, B. (Eds). *Youth 2.0: Social Media and Adolescence*. New York: Springer, pp. 179-191. ISBN 978-3-319-27893-3
- Rosas, O. (2015). « The Emotional Framing of Terrorism in Online Media: The Case of Charlie Hebdo » in C. Wassmann (Ed), *Therapy and Emotions in Film and Television: The Pulse of Our Times* (Palgrave Macmillan). pp. 134-152. ISBN: 9781137546814.
- Rosas, O. (2012). « La réception de l'information en ligne via les réseaux sociaux : Vers une approche ethnographique virtuelle », In A. Degand et B. Grevisse (Eds). *Journalisme en ligne: Pratiques et recherches*. Bruxelles: De Boeck. pp. 266-269. ISBN: 9782804170684.
- Rosas, O. & Dhen, G. (2012). One Self to Rule Them All: A Critical Discourse Analysis of French-Speaking Players' Identity Construction in World of Warcraft" in N. Zagalo, L. Morgado & A. Boa-Ventura (Eds). *Virtual Worlds, Second Life and Metaverse Platforms: New Communication and Identity Paradigms*. IGI Global Publishing. pp. 337-366. ISBN: 9781609608545.
- Rosas, O. (2012). Types of Internet Use, Well-Being, and the Good Life: Ethical Views from Prudential Psychology", in A. Briggle, P. Brey, and E. Spence (Eds). *The Good Life in a Technological Age*, London: Routledge. pp. 215-224. ISBN: 978-0415891264.
- Rosas, O. (2011). La ética de la confianza en el periodismo digital. In Juan Carlos Suárez (Ed), *Libro de Actas del I Congreso Internacional de Ética de la Comunicación*. Sevilla: Editorial MAD, pp. 1082-1092. ISBN: 978-84-6765-833-0.
- Rosas, O. (2011). Tecnología y Valores Periodísticos: Implicaciones de la Ética Informática para el Periodismo Digital. In Juan Carlos Suárez (Ed), *Libro de Actas del I Congreso Internacional de Ética de la Comunicación*. Sevilla: Editorial MAD, pp. 1170-1181. ISBN: 978-84-6765-833-0.
- Rosas, O. (2008). "On The Ecological/Representational Structure of Virtual Environments", in A. Briggle, K. Waelbers, and P.A.E. Brey (Eds). *Current Issues in Computing and Philosophy*, IOS Press, pp. 13-23. ISBN: 978-1586038762.

○ Newsletters

- Rosas, O. (2011). Quelle liberté pour la presse postcommuniste? *Newsletter de l'ORM*, n° 17, 11 Janvier 2011.