

# Dr. Fred Deven

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He received his Masters Degree at the University of Ghent (Lic. Developmental Psychology) and got his PhD. at the University of Louvain (Family & Sexuality Sciences). During his work at the Population & Family Research Centre (CBGS - Brussels, 1971-2006) he was a Visiting Scholar at the Carolina Population Centre (Chapel Hill, USA) and at the Netherlands Institute for the Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences (NIAS, 1987). His research work as Scientific Director at CBGS mainly focused on family formation ('the value of children'), family diversity ('reconstituted families') family policies and on work-life balance issues. Fred Deven represented Belgium (Flemish Community) in the European Committee for Social Cohesion (CDCS, Council of Europe) ending his mandate as Vice-President of that Committee. He also was an Advisory Board member of the Families and Societies research program (EC, 2012-2016). At present, he acts as a private senior consultant on Family Policies & Social Cohesion with research and policy work, among others for the EC, EUROFOUNDATION (Dublin), COFACE (Brussels) and EIGE (Vilnius). In the 1990s, Fred Deven was the Belgian member of the European Commission Network on Childcare and other Measures to Reconcile Work and Family Life. Following that work he continued his cooperation with Professor Peter Moss (U London) founding in 2004 and coordinating together till 2016 the International Network on Leave Policies and Research ([www.leavenetwork.org](http://www.leavenetwork.org))

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