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PREFACE

This doctoral thesis is part of an international and multi-disciplinary research programme called Cross Border Welfare State. The Cross Border Welfare State programme investigates the relationship between immigration, social security and integration. It is clustered around six topics. The first two topics deal with access to social security for two different groups of migrants: asylum seekers and irregular migrant workers. The other four topics are: income requirements in immigration law; integration, social security and fundamental rights; integration, enhanced participation and return migration; and perceptions of social security and immigration. These issues are being dealt with by legal researchers from the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, as well as by sociological researchers from the institutes Regioplan Beleidonderzoek Amsterdam and ITS Nijmegen. The research of the four legal researchers is being carried out as doctoral research projects, whereas the sociological research is being carried out by postdoctoral investigators. The programme is financed by the Dutch Stichting Instituut GAK. The aim is to assist national and European legislators in making informed choices concerning the legal position of migrants in social security systems.

I have striven to state the law as it stood on 1 December 2010. Exceptionally, I have also referred to legal developments that have occurred after this date. On 1 December 2010, I also accessed all internet links referred to in this research for the last time.

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ABBREVIATIONS

| | |
|--------------|---|
| Admin L.R. | Administrative Law Reports (Canada) |
| AKW | Algemene Kinderbijslagwet (General Child Benefits Act) (The Netherlands) |
| All E.R. | All England Law Reports (England) |
| Alta. L.R. | Alberta Law Reports |
| Anw | Algemene Nabestaandenwet (General Survivor's Benefits Act) (The Netherlands) |
| AOW | Algemene Ouderdomswet (General Old Age Pension Act) (The Netherlands) |
| AP | Additional Protocol |
| Arr. Cass. | Arresten Hof van Cassatie (Judgments of the Court of Cassation) (Belgium) |
| Arr. R.v.S. | Arresten Raad van State (Judgments of the Council of State) (Belgium) |
| AWBZ | Algemene Wet Bijzondere Ziektekosten (General Exceptional Medical Expenses Act) (The Netherlands) |
| BCLI Report | British Columbia Law Institute Report |
| B.L.R. | Business Law Reports (Canada) |
| B.S. | Belgisch Staatsblad (Belgian State Gazette) |
| BSN | Burgerservicenummer (Citizen Service Number) (The Netherlands) |
| B.Z. | Buitengewone zitting (Extraordinary session) (Belgium) |
| c. | chapter |
| C97 | Migration for Employment Convention |
| C102 | Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention |
| C121 | Employment Injury Benefits Convention |
| C128 | Invalidity, Old-Age and Survivors' Benefits Convention |
| C130 | Medical Care and Sickness Benefits Convention |
| C143 | Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention |
| C168 | Employment Promotion and Protection against Unemployment Convention |
| C183 | Maternity Protection Convention |
| CAD | Canadian Dollar |
| CarswellAlta | Carswell Alberta Cases |

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| CarswellNat | Carswell National Law Reports (Canada) |
| CarswellOnt | Carswell Ontario Cases |
| CarswellQue | Carswell Quebec Cases |
| CAT | Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment |
| C.C.E.L. | Canadian Cases on Employment Law |
| CCTB | Canada Child Tax Benefit |
| CDB | Child Disability Benefit (Canada) |
| C.E.B. & P.G.R. | Canadian Employment Benefits and Pension Guide Reports |
| CEDAW | Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women |
| CHC | Community Health Centre (Canada) |
| C.L.L.C. | Canadian Labour Law Cases |
| COA | Centraal Orgaan opvang asielzoekers (Central Agency for the Reception of Asylum-Seekers) (The Netherlands) |
| CoE | Council of Europe |
| COM | Commissievergadering (Meeting of the Commission) (Belgium) |
| Cowp. | Cowper's King's Bench Reports (England) |
| CPP | Canada Pension Plan |
| C.R. | Criminal Reports (Canada) |
| CRC | Convention on the Rights of the Child |
| C.R.C. | Consolidated Regulations of Canada, 1978 |
| CRIV | Voorlopige versie van het Integraal Verslag (Provisional version of the integral protocol) (Belgium) |
| CRPD | Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities |
| CSA | Children's Special Allowance (Canada) |
| C.T.C. | Canada Tax Cases |
| CTHB | Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings |
| CTOC | Convention against Transnational Organized Crime |
| CTOC-P1 | Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime |
| CUB | Canadian Umpire Benefit (decision of the Umpire under the EI Act) |
| CVZ | College voor Zorgverzekeringen (Health Care Insurance Board) (The Netherlands) |
| DIMONA | Déclaration immédiate/onmiddellijke aangifte (Immediate declaration system) (Belgium) |
| D.L.R. | Dominion Law Reports (Canada) |
| Dmfa | Déclaration multifonctionnelle/multifunctionele Aangifte (multifunctional declaration system) (Belgium) |
| D.T.C. | Dominion Tax Cases (Canada) |
| EC | European Community |
| ECHR | European Convention on Human Rights |
| ECJ | European Court of Justice |
| ECMW | European Convention on the Legal Status of Migrant Workers |

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| ECR | European Court Reports |
| EEA | European Economic Area |
| EI | Employment Insurance (Canada) |
| E.R. | English Reports (England) |
| EU | European Union |
| EUCFR | The Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union |
| EUR | Euro (European currency) |
| FAO | Fonds voor Arbeidsongevallen (Labour Accident Fund) (Belgium) |
| FBZ | Fonds voor de Beroepsziekten (Occupational Diseases Fund) (Belgium) |
| FC | Federal Court (for neutral citation) (Canada) |
| F.C. | Canada Federal Court Reports |
| FCA | Federal Court of Appeal (for neutral citation) (Canada) |
| FEDASIL | Federaal Agentschap voor de opvang van asielzoekers (Federal Agency for the Reception of Asylum-Seekers) (Belgium) |
| FOD | Federale Overheidsdienst (Federal Public Service) (Belgium) |
| F.T.R. | Federal Trial Reports (Canada) |
| GAINS | Guaranteed Annual Income System (Canada) |
| GBA | Gemeentelijke basisadministratie (municipal database) (The Netherlands) |
| GIS | Guaranteed Income Supplement (Canada) |
| ICCPR | International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights |
| ICERD | International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination |
| ICESCR | International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights |
| ICMW | International Convention on the Protection of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families |
| I.C.R. | Industrial cases reports (England) |
| IFH | Interim Federal Health (Canada) |
| ILO | International Labour Organization |
| INSZ | Identificatienummer van de Belgische sociale zekerheid (Social Security Number) (Belgium) |
| IOAW | Inkomensvoorziening Oudere en gedeeltelijk Arbeidsongeschikte werkloze Werknemers (Act on Income Provisions for Older, Partially Disabled Unemployed Persons) (The Netherlands) |
| IOAZ | Inkomensvoorziening Oudere en gedeeltelijk Arbeidsongeschikte gewezen Zelfstandigen (Act on Income Provisions for Older, Partially Disabled Formerly Self-Employed Persons) (The Netherlands) |
| I.R.L.R. | Industrial Relations Law Reports (England) |
| IRPA/R | Immigration and Refugee Protection Act/Regulations (Canada) |
| IVA | Inkomensvoorziening Volledig Arbeidsongeschikten (Benefit for Permanently and Fully Disabled Employees Scheme) (The Netherlands) |
| JTT | Journal des tribunaux du travail (Belgian law journal) |

Abbreviations

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| KSZ | Kruispuntbank van de Sociale Zekerheid (Crossroads Bank for Social Security) (Belgium) |
| LJN | Landelijk Jurisprudentie Nummer (National Case Law Number) (The Netherlands) |
| LMR | Labour Market Re-entry (service) (Canada) |
| LOE | Loss of Earnings (benefit) (Canada) |
| LRI | Loss of Retirement Income (benefit) (Canada) |
| N.B.R. | New Brunswick Reports |
| NCBS | National Child Benefit Supplement (Canada) |
| NEL | Non-Economic Loss (benefit) (Canada) |
| Nfld. & P.E.I.R. | Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island Reports |
| N.R. | National Reporter (Canada) |
| O.A.C. | Ontario Appeal Cases |
| OAS | Old Age Security (Canada) |
| OCCS | Ontario Child Care Supplement for Working Families |
| OCMW | Openbare Centra voor Maatschappelijk Welzijn (Public Centres for Social Welfare) (Belgium) |
| ODSB | Ontario Disability Support Program |
| OHIP | Ontario Health Insurance Plan |
| OJ | Official Journal of the European Union |
| ONWSIAT | Ontario Workplace Safety and Insurance Appeals Tribunal |
| O.R. | Ontario Reports |
| Q.B.D. | Queen's Bench Division (England), Law Reports |
| QPIP | Quebec's Parental Insurance Plan |
| QPP | Quebec Pension Plan |
| R151 | Migrant Workers Recommendation |
| (R)ESC | (Revised) European Social Charter |
| Rev.dr.étr | Revue du droit des étrangers (Belgian law journal) |
| R.F.L. | Report of Family Law (Canada) |
| RIZIV | Rijksinstituut voor ziekte- en invaliditeitsverzekering (National Sickness and Invalidity Insurance Institute) (Belgium) |
| RKW | Rijksdienst voor Kinderbijslag voor Werknemers (National Office for Family Allowances for Employees) (Belgium) |
| R.P.R. | Real Property Reports (Canada) |
| R.S.C. | Revised Statutes of Canada, 1985 |
| R.S.O. | Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1990 |
| R.S.Q. | Revised Statutes of Quebec |
| RSZ | Rijksdienst voor Sociale Zekerheid (National Social Security Office) (Belgium) |
| RVA | Rijksdienst voor Arbeidsvoorziening (National Employment Office) (Belgium) |
| Rva 2005 | Regeling verstrekkingen asielzoekers en andere categorieën vreemdelingen 2005 (Regulation on Services for Asylum-Seekers and Other Categories of Aliens) (The Netherlands) |

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| Rvb | Regeling verstrekkingen bepaalde categorieën vreemdelingen (Regulation on Services for Certain Categories of Aliens) (The Netherlands) |
| RVP | Rijksdienst voor Pensioenen (National Office for Pensions) (Belgium) |
| S.C. | Statutes of Canada |
| SCC | Supreme Court of Canada (for neutral citation) |
| Sched. | Schedule |
| S.C.R. | Canada Law Reports, Supreme Court of Canada |
| SIN | Social Insurance Number (Canada) |
| SIS-kaart | Sociale identiteitskaart (Social Security Card) (Belgium) |
| S.O. | Statutes of Ontario |
| Soc. Kron. | Sociaalrechtelijke kronieken (Belgian law journal) |
| Sofi-nummer | Sociaal-fiscaal nummer (Social Fiscal Number) (The Netherlands) |
| SOR | Statutory Orders and Regulations (Canada) |
| S.Q. | Statutes of Quebec |
| Stb | Staatsblad (State Journal) (The Netherlands) |
| Stcrt | Staatscourant (State Gazette) (The Netherlands) |
| Supp. | Supplement |
| Tax A.B.C. | Tax Appeal Board Cases (Canada) |
| T.C.J. | Tax Court Judge (Canada) |
| TEU | Treaty on European Union |
| TFEU | Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union |
| T.L.R. | Times Law Reports (England) |
| UCCB | Universal Child Care Benefit (Canada) |
| UDHR | Universal Declaration of Human Rights |
| UN | United Nations |
| UN Doc | Documents of the United Nations |
| U.K. | United Kingdom |
| U.S. | United States of America |
| Wajong | Wet arbeidsongeschiktheidsvoorziening jonggehandicapten (Disablement Assistance Act for Disabled Young Persons) (The Netherlands) |
| WAO | Wet op de Arbeidsongeschiktheidsverzekering (Occupational Disability Insurance Act) (The Netherlands) |
| WAZ | Wet arbeidsongeschiktheidsverzekering zelfstandigen (Occupational Disability Insurance Act for Self-Employed Persons) (The Netherlands) |
| WAZO | Wet arbeid en zorg (Work and Care Act) (The Netherlands) |
| W.C.A.T.R. | Workers' Compensation Appeals Tribunal Reports (Canada) |
| Wet BIG | Wet op de beroepen in de individuele gezondheidszorg (Individual Health Care Professions Act) (The Netherlands) |
| Wet COA | Wet Centraal Orgaan opvang asielzoekers (Act on the Central Agency for the Reception of Asylum-Seekers) (The Netherlands) |
| Wet Wia | Wet werk en inkomen naar arbeidsvermogen (Work and Income According to Labour Capacity Act) (The Netherlands) |

Abbreviations

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| WGA | Werkhervattingssregeling Gedeeltelijk Arbeidsongeschikten (Resumption of Work for Partially Disabled Employees Scheme) (The Netherlands) |
| WL | Westlaw |
| WSI (B/AT) | Workplace Safety and Insurance (Board/Appeals Tribunal) (Canada) |
| WW | Werkloosheidswet (Unemployment Insurance Act) (The Netherlands) |
| WWB | Wet Werk en Bijstand (Work and Social Assistance Act) (The Netherlands) |
| WWIK | Wet Werk en Inkomen Kunstenaars (Work and Income for Artists Act) (The Netherlands) |
| W.W.R. | Western Weekly Reports (Canada) |
| ZVW | Zorgverzekeringswet (Health Care Insurance Act) (The Netherlands) |
| ZW | Ziektewet (Sickness Benefits Act) (The Netherlands) |

TRANSLATIONS

(most relevant ones)

Belgium

| | |
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| Aliens' Appeal Council | Raad voor Vreemdelingenbetwistingen |
| Belgian State Gazette | Belgisch Staatsblad |
| Chamber | Kamer |
| Circular Letter | Omzendbrief |
| Constitutional Court | Grondwettelijk Hof |
| Council of State | Raad van State |
| Court of Arbitration | Arbitragehof |
| Court of Cassation | Hof van Cassatie |
| Crossroads Bank for Social Security | Kruispuntbank van de Sociale Zekerheid |
| Crossroads Bank Number | Kruispuntbanknummer, bisnummer |
| Crossroads Bank Registers | Kruispuntbankregisters |
| Disabled Person's Allowance | Tegemoetkomingen aan personen met een handicap |
| Federal Agency for the Reception of Asylum-Seekers | Federaal Agentschap voor de opvang van asielzoekers |
| Federal Public Service (federal ministry) | Federale Overheidsdienst |
| FPS Employment, Labour and Social Dialogue | FOD Werkgelegenheid, Arbeid en Sociaal Overleg |
| FPS Home Affairs | FOD Binnenlandse Zaken |
| FPS Social Integration, anti-Poverty Policy, Social Economy and Federal Urban Policy | POD Maatschappelijke Integratie, Armoedebestrijding, Sociale Economie en Grootstedenbeleid |
| FPS Social Security | FOD Sociale Zekerheid |
| Guaranteed Family Allowance | Gewaarborgde gezinsbijslag |
| Immigration Service | Dienst Vreemdelingenzaken |
| Instruction | Instructie |
| Integration Income | Leefloon |
| Labour Accident Fund | Fonds voor Arbeidsongevallen |

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| Labour Court of Appeal | Arbeidshof / Cour du Travail |
| Labour Court of First Instance | Arbeidsrechtbank / Tribunal du travail |
| Maximum Wage Threshold | Maximum basisjaarloon |
| Minimum Income for the Elderly | Inkomensgarantie voor ouderen |
| Minimum Income Schemes | Minimumsvoorzieningen |
| National Employment Office | Rijksdienst voor Arbeidsvoorziening |
| National Office for Family Allowances for Employees | Rijksdienst voor Kinderbijslag voor werknenmers |
| National Office for Pensions | Rijksdienst voor Pensioenen |
| National Register Number | Rijksregisternummer |
| National Sicknes and Invalidity Insurance Institute | Rijksinstituut voor ziekte- en invaliditeitsverzekering |
| National Social Security Office | Rijksdienst voor Sociale Zekerheid |
| Notice | Bericht |
| Occupational Diseases Fund | Fonds voor de Beroepsziekten |
| Parliamentary documents | Parlementaire stukken |
| Public Centres for Social Welfare | Openbare Centra voor Maatschappelijk Welzijn |
| Public Prosecutor | Procureur des Konings van het Openbaar Ministerie |
| Regulation | Verordening |
| Relief Fund for Sickness and Invalidity Insurance | Hulpkas voor ziekte- en invaliditeitsverzekering |
| Report to the king | Verslaag aan de koning |
| Royal Decree | Koninklijk Besluit |
| Senate | Senaat |
| Social Integration | Maatschappelijke integratie |
| Social Security Card | Sociale identiteitskaart, SIS-kaart |
| Social Security Number | Identificatienummer van de Belgische sociale zekerheid, INSZ-nummer |
| Social Welfare Services | Maatschappelijke dienstverlening |
| Specifications | Preciseringen |

The Netherlands

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| Attachment to Proceedings | Aanhangsel van de Handelingen |
| Central Agency for the Reception of Asylum-Seekers | Centraal Orgaan opvang asielzoekers |
| Central Appeals Tribunal | Centrale Raad van Beroep |
| Citizen Service Number | Burgerservicenummer |
| Council of State | Raad van State |
| Court of Appeal | Gerechtshof |
| Decree | Besluit |

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| District Judge | Kantonrechter |
| Dutch Healthcare Authority | Nederlandse Zorgautoriteit |
| Employee Insurance Administration | Uitvoeringsinstituut |
| Institution | Werknemersverzekeringen |
| Employee insurance schemes | Werknemersverzekeringen |
| Explanatory Memorandum | Memorie van Toelichting |
| Explanatory Note | Nota van Toelichting |
| General insurance schemes | Volksverzekeringen |
| General Public Prosecutor | Procureur-Generaal |
| Guidelines | Circulaire |
| Health Care Insurance Board | College voor Zorgverzekeringen |
| Immigration and Naturalisation Service | Immigratie- en Naturalisatiedienst |
| Inspection Service for Work and Income | Inspectie Werk en Inkomen |
| Local executives | Colleges van Burgemeesters en Wethouders |
| Ministry of Finance | Ministerie van Financiën |
| Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport | Ministerie van Volksgezondheid, Welzijn en Sport |
| Ministry of Security and Justice | Ministerie van Veiligheid en Justitie |
| Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment | Ministerie van Sociale Zaken en Werkgelegenheid |
| Municipal database | Gemeentelijke basisadministratie |
| National case law number | Landelijk Jurisprudentie Nummer |
| National Office for Documents of the Royal Constabulary | Nationaal Bureau Document van de Koninklijke Marechaussee |
| Order in Council | Algemene maatregel van bestuur |
| Parliamentary Papers | Kamerstukken |
| Regional Court | Rechtbank |
| Regulation | Regeling |
| Secretary of State | Staatssecretaris |
| Social Fiscal Number | Sociaal-fiscaal nummer |
| Social Insurance Agency | Sociale Verzekeringsbank |
| State Gazette | Staatsblad |
| Supreme Court of the Netherlands | Hoge Raad der Nederlanden |
| Tax Administration | Belastingdienst |