

# **Prof. dr. Petra De Sutter**



## **Academic biography**

- Medical Doctor (1987)
- PhD in Biomedical Sciences, University Gent (1991)
- Fellowship IMMC, Chicago (USA) (1991-1992)
- "Thèse d'Aggrégation", University Gent (1994)
- Specialist Obstetrics and Gynaecology (1994)
- Professor Reproductive Medicine University Gent (2000-)
- Head Dept Reproductive Medicine, University Hospital Gent (2006-)
  
- Memberships:
  - College of Belgian Superior High Health Council (2008-2014)
  - Belgian Royal Academy of Medicine (2009-)
  - Comité Médical et Scientifique (Agence de la Biomédecine), Paris (2012-2014)
  - Executive Comm European Soc Human Reproduction & Embryology ESHRE (2013-2017)
  - Board of Governors of Gent University (2014-2018)
  - Board of Governors of Gent University Hospital (2014-2018)
  
- Research interests: clinical infertility, human embryology, fertilisation, embryonic stem cell derivation and differentiation, psychology and ethics of human reproduction
  
- 3 books, >550 peer-reviewed scientific publications, >400 abstracts at conferences, >500 lectures

## **Political biography**

- Senator (Groen - Flemish Ecologist Party) (2014-)
- Member Belgian Senate - committee of institutional affairs
- Member Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) (2014-)
  - Bureau Member SDG-group (Socialists, Social-democrats and Greens)
  - Chair Women's working group of the SDG-group (2015-2018)
  - Member Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development
  - Member Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons
  - Chair Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs
  - Member of the Bureau of PACE

### PACE Reports:

- Children's rights related to surrogacy (Social affairs)
- Protecting refugee women from gender-based violence (Migration)
- The use of new genetic technologies in human beings (Social affairs)
- Migration as an opportunity for European development (Migration)
- Challenge on procedural grounds of the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of Andorra (Rules)
- Modification of the Assembly's rules of procedures: the impact of the budgetary crisis on the list of working languages of the Assembly (Rules)
- Integration, empowerment and protection of migrant children through compulsory education (Migration)

- Follow-up to the report of the independent investigation body on the allegations of corruption within the Parliamentary Assembly (Rules)
  - International obligations of Council of Europe member states: to protect life at sea (Migration)
  - Strengthening the decision-making process of the Parliamentary Assembly concerning credentials and voting (Rules)
  - Establishment of a European Union mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights (Rules)
  - Greek islands: more needs to be done (Migration)
  - Anonymous donation of gametes: balancing the rights of parents; donors and offspring (Social affairs)
- Vice-president European Parliamentary Forum for Population and Development, EPF (2015-2018)
  - President European Parliamentary Forum for Population and Development, EPF (2018-2021)
  - Nominated by the Flemish Green party to run for Spitzenkandidat of the European Green Party (EGP), European elections 2019
  - Political interests: minority rights, SRHR, bioethics, impact of environment on health