# Curriculum Vitae

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## My approach to research, leadership, and teaching

My research is driven by a simple question: how do social connections come about, and how do they shape our lives? I study social networks as the channels through which belonging, opportunities, and exclusion travel, and examine how social capital is produced and distributed through these channels. My overarching interest lies in social cohesion and community, including the conditions that foster inclusion as well as those that generate conflict and exclusion. In my view, theories are responses to research questions, and methods are the tools that help us arrive at plausible answers. My work is often interdisciplinary by design, and I have worked across sociology, criminology, and human geography. I deliberately connect insights across fields that are often treated separately to explain how networks operate across places, institutions, and life domains. As I see it, contributing to future societies implies a better understanding of what brings us together instead of focusing on what pulls us apart.

In leadership roles, I focus on aligning mission, quality, and sustainability. I have developed and led multi-year strategies in knowledge-driven, publicly accountable organisations, translating ambition into clear priorities, executable plans, and responsible financial stewardship. Much of my leadership work is bridge-building: aligning researchers, professionals, and external stakeholders around shared priorities without diluting scientific standards. I aim to build organisations that can handle complexity without becoming bureaucratic and innovate without drifting from strategic priorities. I believe long-term excellence is a matter of a steady cadence of timely, well-judged decisions grounded in priorities and professional standards. My aim in governance roles, therefore, is constructive accountability: strengthening the quality of decision-making, safeguarding long-term continuity, and ensuring that organisational values are lived in practice. To that end, I actively pursued academic leadership courses to refine my skillset. Colleagues often describe me as a warm, inspiring, and knowledgeable leader.

Teaching is closely connected to research and leadership, and in times of generative AI it is more important than ever. I aim to create a learning environment that inspires students to think critically and to connect perspectives across disciplines and domains. Moreover, I train and encourage students to formulate strong research questions, to develop the methodological skills to answer them, while also building transferable skills for diverse careers. My teaching spans Bachelor's, Master's, Research Master's, and PhD levels, and I have substantial experience in curriculum development across these levels, including roles as a Bachelor's and Research Master's director. Finally, I have obtained both the BKO and SKO (basic and senior) teaching qualifications, for my teaching curriculum and vision.

## 1 Personal

Date of birth: March 28, 1963, in Bensheim/Germany.
Nationality: German, since 1990 living and working in the Netherlands (Utrecht).
Two daughters, Mira Bella (1998) and Marie Sophie (2003).
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## 2 Highlights

2026. Keynote at the Social Capital Conference, Dubai (International Social Capital Association)
2025. Simmel Award (INSNA): Award for Contributions to the field and to the community
2022. Figurehead NWA route 'Between conflict and cooperation', together with Beatrice de Graaf.
2021. Director NSCR (Netherlands Institute for the Study of Crime and Law Enforcement)
2018 and 2023: responsible for large academic evaluation (UvA, BA Interdisciplinary Social Science and NSCR)
2007. Professor of Sociology (UU)
1997- 2026NWO Veni and Vidi Grant, High Potential Grant UU, Grant from NWO-Innovation Fund (data infrastructure), Grant for research on non-custodial sanctions (various partners)

*Main current governance roles*: Supervisory Board NIVEL (Netherlands Institute for Health Services Research), Chair of the Approval Committee of Social Sciences Final Exams (CvTE, Ministry of Education)

Member of the Royal Holland Society of Sciences and Humanities (KHMW) and the European Academy of Sociology (EAS).

## 3 Education and Academic Degrees

- October 1995. PhD Social Sciences**.** Thesis: 'Should auld Acquaintance be forgot...?'- The Institutions of Communism, the Transition to Capitalism, and Personal Networks: The Case of East Germany. Interuniversity Center of Social Science Theory and Methodology (ICS)/Sociology, Utrecht University, The Netherlands. Supervisors: Henk Flap, (Utrecht), Tom Snijders (Groningen), Kurt Mühler (Leipzig University, Germany).
- August 1990. MSc Psychology, ('Diplom'). University of Heidelberg/Germany (focus: theoretical psychology, social psychology, methods). Grade: '*sehr gut'/cum laude*.
- October 1982-February 1984. Candidate Philosophy, Modern History, and Applied Mathematics.
- August 1982. Graduation Secondary School, 'Abitur', Gymnasium 'Institutae Santae Mariae', Bensheim /Germany. Grade: *'sehr gut'.*

## 4 Academic Positions

- 2026- Professor of Sociology, VU-Amsterdam. 'Social Networks, Conflict and Coopeation'.

- 2021- 2026 Scientific Director, Netherlands Institute for the Study of Crime and Law Enforcement (NSCR), NWO (Dutch Science Council), Research Institute, Amsterdam.
- 2023- Guest appointment at VU Amsterdam.
- 2018-2022. Professor 'Urban Living and Social Networks', Human Geography and Spatial Planning, Utrecht University. Head of Department Human Geography and Spatial Planning, Utrecht University.
- 2014-2018. Professor/Chair of Research Group 'Institutions, Inequalities and Life Courses', Dept. of Sociology, University of Amsterdam.
- 2012-2014. Professor/Chair **'**Sociology of Social Capital'. Sociology, Utrecht University.
- 2007-2012. Professor by special appointment, 'Sociological determinants of prosocial behaviour', Sociology, Utrecht University. Endowed professorship by the 'Van der Gaag Stichting'/Royal Dutch Academy of Arts and Sciences, KNAW.
- 2002-2007. Associate Professor, Sociology/ICS, Utrecht University.
- 2001-2005. KNAW fellow/*VIDI* researcher, ICS/UU.
- 1997-2001. Postdoctoral researcher**,** *VEN*I (PPS) grant by NWO.
- 1996-1997. Professor, fixed term ('*Vertretungsprofessur*'), chair: 'Empirical Research in the Social Sciences' at the Department of Sociology, University of Aachen (RWTH), Germany.
- 1995-1996. Postdoctoral Researcher, University Grant, University of Groningen.
- 1995-2003. Researcher at 'Bureau Driessen, Bureau for Social Science Research and Advice', Utrecht. (Freelance, 0.2 – 0.4 fte).
- 1990-1995. PhD fellow, Dept. of Sociology/ICS, Utrecht University.
- 1987-1988. Research Assistant at the 'International Institute for Research in Educational Science', Frankfurt/a.M., Germany.
- 1985-1989. Research Assistant. Department of Theoretical Psychology, University of Heidelberg, Germany.

## 5 Grants/honours

- 2026. Grant for data collection: .PREPARED, War preparedness, collaboration Barcelona, Amsterdam, Warsaw, 85k€
- 2026. LISS-Panel grant (in kind) for developing a questionnaire module for the 26 LISS Panel (with Bas Hofstra and Rense Corten)
- 2025. Simmel Award for research in social networks and contributions to the community, INSNA (International Network for Social Network Analysis).
- 2024.
  - NWA Grant 'Between conflict and cooperation' (200k€).
  - NWO- Innovation fund. Grant for crime-data infrastructure (1500 k€)
- 2023. Grant from the Ministry of Justice and Security, the Dutch Science Foundation, and other societal partners for a 'Research Programme on non-custodial sanctions' (4500k€, programme developed with Anja Dirkzwager and Peter van der Laan).
- 2022. Grant for the organization of NWA route Conflict and Cooperation (50k€).
- 2021.
  - Seed money Dynamics of Youth, Research: Covid and intergenerational Networks (50k€).
  - Pathways to Sustainability and sustainable behavior in neighborhoods (20k€, with team of colleagues UU).
  - Seed money Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, for grant writing (10k€).
- 2017-2020. Grant for a junior researcher. NWO/NWA-programme: Towards Resilient Societies. (120 k€).
- 2016- Elected member of the KHMW, Royal Holland Society of Sciences and Humanities.
- 2016-2020. NWO talent grant (with Stefanie Steinmetz, PhD candidate: Dragana Stojmenovska, 250k€).

- 2014. Seed money UU: 'starting up' grant, research on spatial mobility and well-being. 10k€ (with Gideon Bolt), focus area 'Pathways to Sustainability'.
- 2013. Seed-money by the focus-area of the University 'Origins and Impact of Institutions' (10k€).
- 2012. Grant from the Ministry of Internal Affairs for research on cleavages, segregation, and inequality (15k€).
- 2010- Elected European Academy of Sociology (EAS) fellow.
- 2009-2015. NWO-medium investment grant (1500k€) for data collection, title "The Dutch neighbourhood and network monitor - causes and consequences of neighbourhood social and physical order for private and corporate actors, their networks and their 'life chances' (co-applicant: Veronique Schutjens, Economic Geography, UU).
- 2009. Grant from Utrecht University in the focus area: 'origins and impact of institutions', for organising a workshop and preparing a research proposal (together with Oscar Gelderblom, Dept. of Economic History, UU), 20 k€.
- 2009-2013. Grant from 'Fritz Thyssen Stiftung' Cologne, for data collection and PhD student (ca. 120k€, in collaboration with Jaap Dennissen, Tilburg University, and Marcel van Aken, Utrecht University).
- 2008. Grant from KNAW/ van der Gaag Stichting for research on neighbourhood diversity and trust in neighbours, together with Peer Scheepers, Nijmegen University (25k€).
- 2008. Grant from KNAW/van der Gaag for organisation of symposium on an interdisciplinary approach of prosocial behaviour (12k€).
- 2006-2010. 'High Potential' grant from Utrecht University (an award for duos of researchers, 1000 k€. Title: 'Life chances of firms and neighbourhoods. Co-applicant: Veronique Schutjens (UU).
- 2005-2010. Grant from NWO/STIP 'Met of zonder middenveld? Een vergelijkend onderzoek naar de mobiliserende en intermediaire rol van de lokale sociale infrastructuur bij processen van coproductie'. with Rene Torenvlied (UU, 300k€).
- 2011-2016. Elected 'Young member' of the Royal Dutch Academy of Arts and Sciences ('*Jonge Akademie,* DJA-KNAW (12k€).
- 2002. Grant for a KNAW-Akademiecolloquium, (with Henk Flap. 'Creation and Returns of Social Capital'(35k€).
- 2001-2006. NWO-VIDI grant. Personal grant from the Dutch Science Foundation (NWO), *Vernieuwingsimpuls.* Project: 'Where Friends are Made. Contexts, Contacts, Consequences.' (2001, 700k€).
- 2000. KNAW-fellowship. Personal grant from the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences. Project: 'Closed, crosscutting, and radial structures of personal networks. Context conditions and consequences' (2000) declined in favour of VIDI project. (350k€).
- 1999. ISW-Grant from the Dutch Science Foundation (NWO) for organisation of international conference (SCALE, Amsterdam, December 8 – 11, 1999, 30k€).
- 1997-2001. NWO-VENI grant. Personal grant from the Dutch Science Foundation (NWO) Project: 'The Local Social Arena. Meeting and 'Mating' in the Neighbourhood' (1997, (350k€)
- 1997-2000. Research grant from the Dutch Science Foundation (NWO) for four years postdoctoral research and a budget for fieldwork. Project: 'Doing your Job. Work related social capital and networks at work' (500k€).
- 1997-2002. Grant for research from the Dutch Science Foundation (NWO) for a PhD project '15 million neighbours. Neighbour networks in The Netherlands' (260k€).
- 1996-1997. University grant for a 12-months fellowship, University of Groningen, Dept of Sociology (90k€).
- 1992-1995: IR-Grants from the Dutch Science Foundation (NWO) for travelling to international conferences. (10k€)
- 1993. Grant from the Dutch Science Foundation (NWO) for a research visit at Columbia University, New York (4 months, 10k€).
- 1992. Grant from the German Science Foundation (DFG) for a PhD- project in East Germany. (Ph.D. student: Per Kropp, University of Leipzig). 3 years of research and budget for fieldwork. Proposal

was written together with Reinhard Wippler and Kurt Mühler (Leipzig). Project 'Personal networks and job attainment after the institutional turn.(150k€).

- 1991-1994. Grant for Ph.D. research, the Dutch Science Foundation (NWO), 3 years of research and budget for fieldwork. Proposal was written together with Henk Flap and Tom Snijders. Project: 'Personal networks in East Germany after the institutional change'(270k€).
- 1989. Erasmus Grant for exchange/visiting programme and study at the University of Leiden, The Netherlands (10k€).

## 6 Supervision and Coordination of Research Projects

*When supervising PhD candidates, I dedicate significant time to their mentorship and integration into academia. My goal is not necessarily to co-author all publications but rather to guide them in becoming independent thinkers. Furthermore, I avoid pressuring them to produce additional papers and instead encourage them to spend time reflecting on their findings.*

### Ongoing supervision

- Sport, networks, and society. Susen Lange (UU, 2020-2026).
- Alternative sanctions. Charis van der Pligt (NSCR/UL 2024-).
- Who gets what kind of sanction? Lisa Schelling (NSCR 2024-).
- Friendships at work. Jelte Kris (HvA/UU/NSCR, 2025-).
- Gender representation in Dutch secondary school books. Astrid Jehle (UU, 2024-)
- Public Participation in Sustainable Planning Processes. Maria Levints (Bonn/Vienna, 2025-).

### Completed supervision

- 'Social Networks of Patients in Forensic Institutes'. Lydia Pomp, Tilburg. Defended May 16, 2023.
- 'The lives of others. Network segregation and social capital in Chile.' Gabriel Otero (UU, defended April 4, 2022).
- 'Men's Place'. Dragana Stojmenovska (UvA, defended February 2022).
- 'Contexts, Networks and Diversity' Marina Tulin (UvA, defended February 14, 2020)
- 'Changing institutions. A study of micro-level mechanisms.' Jacqueline van Bremen (UvA, defended May 2018).
- Social networks, policy, and pro-social behavior, Arjen de Wit (UvA/VU, defended January 2018).
- Family and Personal networks. How a partner and children affect social relationships. Jesper Rözer, defended, UU, March 7, 2016).
- Social Networks of prisoners and their change during detention, Ruben de Cuyper VU/NSCR (defended May 8, 2014).
- 'Social Capital and Health' PhD-project of Sigrid Mohnen, UU, (defended January 13, 2012).
- Networks in closed settings. Effects of informal relations on patient behavior and therapy'. PhD- project of Ruud van der Horst, RUG, (defended November 7, 2011).
- 'Neighborhood community and entrepreneurial activities', Wouter Steenbeek, UU, (defended May 20, 2011).
- 'Neighborhood and businesses. Bart Sleutjes, UU, (defended October 2011).
- 'Networks in Context'. Gerald Mollenhorst, UU, (defended, May 8, 2009, Utrecht, *cum laude*).
- 'Getting a Job in Hungary'. Tamas Bartus, ICS/University of Groningen. (defended: May 15, 2002).

### Manuscript committee member

- 2026. JunYao He (UU).
- 2025. Tae Kyeong Meixner (EUI)

- 2024. J.H.M. Janssen (KUN), E. Vis (Kun), V. Buijs (RUG), L.T.A. Swinkels (VU), A. Bastrup Jørgensen (Aalborg)
- 2023. Anne Troost, TU Delft, Jaap van Slageren (UU), Verena Seibel (RUG), Lise Swinkels (UvA).
- 2021. Fleur Goedkoop (RUG), Eva Vriens (UU), Iris Glas (EUR), Xing Su (UU), Thijs van der Steg (UvA), Simone Pekelsma (RU), Jacqueline Witschge (UvA), Judith Kas (UU).
- 2020. Marnix Kros (UU) Ana Petrovic (Delft), Lonneke van den Berg (UvA/RU), Su Xing (UU), Andreas Huck (UU), Marcel Bednarz (UU), G.B. Suprayoga (UU), Simone Pekelsma (RU).
- 2019. Mirjam Fischer (UvA), Maarten ter Huurne (UU), Marianne de Beer (UU), Nina Conkova (EUR), Joep Schaper (UvA), Mathijs Kroos (UU).
- 2018. Loes van Rijswijk (RUG).
- 2017. Emily Miltenburg (UvA), Annemarie Ruijsbroek (UvA).
- 2016. Beau Oldenburg (RUG), Sander Stijn (UvA), Martijn Jungst (Maastricht)/ Bram Eidhoff (UvA), Giacomo Solano (UvA, Milaan), Levi van den Bogaard (UvA).
- 2015. Els Bosschman (Delft)
- 2014. Jaap Nieuwenhuis (UU), Melissa Navarra (LUW), Michael Savekoul (RU), Esther Havekes (UU).
- 2013. Sandra van Beek (UU), Hanneke Posthumus (UU), Brigitte Bloem (VU).
- 2011. Maurits de Klepper (VU), Karin Peters (LUW), Marieke van Schellen (UU), Carlinde Adriaanse (Delft), Miranda Vervoort (UU), Tim Huijts (RU).
- 2010. Lisa Peters (UVA), Gwen van Eijk (U-Twente), Erik van Ingen (KUB).
- 2009. Hans Berten (Gent), Rense Corten (UU), Tom van der Meer (RU), Pascal Parmentier (UU), Chris R. Folmer (VU).
- 2008. Margreet Frieling (RUG).

### *Supervision in projects other than PhD*

- 2023-2025. Project 'non-custodial sanctions' (Ministry of Justice and Security, Dutch Science Foundation and other partners).
- 2019-2023. Contacts between generations. (UU/NWA funded).
- 2015-2017. 'Crime and situational influences' (postdoc supervision UvA/NSCR).
- 2006-2009.
- Supervision of two postdoc projects (with Herman Lelieveld, Karien Dekker, and Rene Torenvlied.
- 'Allochtone jongeren en crimineel gedrag. Een empirische studie'. The project was conducted in cooperation with Research Bureau Driessen and was financed by the Ministry of Internal Affairs.
- 'Zeg me wie je vrienden zijn. Netwerken van allochtonen jongeren en crimineel gedrag'. Project in cooperation with the Research Bureau Driessen, financed by the Ministry of Intern Affairs.

### *Primary Data Collection*

- 2023. How large is your network? Online survey on NSUM method for estimating the size of extended network n=1200).
- 2019-2023, 4 waves of longitudinal data collection:
- 2019. Intergenerational Networks in the Netherlands (n=1900) Online questionnaire
- 2020. Intergenerational Networks during Corona. The panel survey continued with the sample from 2019.
- 2021. Networks during lockdown, wave 3.
- 2023. Networks after the pandemic (wave 4 of the survey started in 2019).
- 2018. 4$^{th}$ wave of SSND, The survey of the Social Networks of the Dutch.
- 2017. Inquiring into close relationships. online questionnaire, n=1500. Replication of Mario Small's study in the Netherlands.
- 2015. Collecting data on large-scale field experiments (Broken windows experiments). 83 experiments in 3 neighbourhoods.
- 2013/2014. SSND3. Third wave of Panel on the Social Networks of the Dutch (n=+/- 1000).

- 2008. Survey of the Social Networks of Entrepreneurs (SSNE) Survey among local entrepreneurs in the SSND neighborhoods (see SSND2, n=384).
- 2007/2008. Panel of the 'Social Survey of the Networks of the Dutch'. (SSND2a and b, n=604/384). Second wave, the survey from 2000 and refreshment sample.
- 2003. Networks of members of 'improvising theatre associations' (theater-sportverenigingen), in cooperation with Miranda Jansen and Vincent Buskens, Utrecht University (n=100 associations and 1500 individuals).
- 2003. 'Networks of foreign adolescents in the Netherlands' Data collection in cooperation with Bureau Driessen, Utrecht, financed by the Ministry of Intern Affairs (n=736)
- 2000. 'Social Survey of the Networks of the Dutch'. (SSND1 and SSND2) National representative panel survey, n=1000 respondents, 160 neighborhoods.
- 1997/1999. 'Getting a Job in Hungary after the institutional transition'. Panel study among 700 school-leavers in urban areas of Hungary.
- 1992-1994. 'Personal Networks in the Former GDR'. Panel study (n=500) in Leipzig and Dresden, three waves of data-collection.

## 7 Visiting professorships/research visits (selection, by invitation)

- 2026. Oxford/UK. Geneva/Switzerland. Stockholm/Sweden.
- 2025. Zurich/Switzerland.
- 2024. Aalborg/Denmark.
- 2023. Barcelona (AUB)
- 2022. Toulouse, France, Brussels, Belgium (National Science Academy)
- 2020. Stockholm, Sweden (changed to a series of online visits due to Covid)
- 2019. National University of Singapore/Singapore.
- 2017. EUI, Florence, Italy.
- 2016. Harvard University, US.
- 2016. University of Ljubljana, Slovenia,
- 2015. St Petersburg, Russia.
- 2014. Abo Akademi University Finland, Turku
- 2013. Higher School of Economics, Moscow.
- 2013. St Petersburg, State University.
- 2012. University of Maynooth, Ireland.
- 2011. University of Linköping, Sweden.
- 2009. National Cheng Chi University, Taipei, Taiwan.
- 2007. University of Trento, Italy.

## 8 (Board) Memberships, Conference Organization, Services to the Profession

*Board profile (short): Strategic leadership and multi-year strategy (content, strategy and finances); governance and risk management; stakeholder management; bridge between science and society; risk-aware (not risk-averse).*

### Editorial board memberships

- 2025-… Editorial board '*Plos One'.*
- 2011- … Editorial board *'Social Networks*'.
- 2020-2025. Editorial board '*Social Psychological Quarterly'.*
- 2005-2010. Editorial board '*Tijdschrift voor Sociologie'* (Belgium).
- 2005-2009. Editorial board '*International Sociology*' (UK).

## Reviewer activities (selection)

American Journal of Sociology. American Sociological Review. Behavioral Sciences. British Journal of Sociology. Cities. Criminology. Current Sociology. European Journal of Public Health. European Sociological Review. European Studies. Field Methods. Health & Place. Housing Studies. Inclusion. Journal of Behavioral Medicine. Journal of Crime and Behavior. Journal of Economic and Social Geography. Journal of Happiness. Journal of Marriage and the Family. Journal of Personal and Social Relationships. Journal of the Public Management Research Association. Journal of Transportation. Inclusion. Mens en Maatschappij. Nature Communications. Nature Human Behavior. Netherlands Journal of Social Sciences. PNAS, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. Population Studies. Regional Studies. Scientific Reports. Social Forces. Social Networks. Social Psychological Quarterly. Social Science & Medicine. Socio-Economic Review. Social Science Research. Sociology of Work and Employment. Sociologie. Tijdschrift voor Criminologie. Tijdschrift voor Veiligheid en Veiligheidszorg. Urban Affairs Review. Urban Studies.

## Activities in boards and research management/evaluation committees/ancillary activities

- 2026- Member of Supervisory Board, Nivel (Netherlands Institute for Health Services Research).
- 2025- Member of Board of Directors of the INSNA International Network for Social Network Analysis.
- 2025- Panel member for the selection of PhD and Postdoc funding for FWO, Belgium.
- 2023- Board member of ODISSEI (Open Data Infrastructure for Social Science and Economic Innovations).
- 2022- Figurehead Dutch National Science Agenda (NWA) Route: 'Between Conflict and Cooperation', together with Beatrice de Graaf.
- 2019- Vice chair 'Johannes Juda Groen Stichting' for interdisciplinary research on human behaviour, see https://jjgroenstichting.nl
- 2021- Chair of the Approval Committee of Social Sciences Final Exams; CvTE, Ministry of Education).
- 2020- Chair of board James Coleman Association, ICS, see https://ics-graduateschool.nl/james-coleman-association
- 2019- Member of focus area Behavior and Institutions as part of the strategic theme at Utrecht University, Institutions for the open society.
- 2020- Reviewer DFG (German National Science Foundation).
- 2018- Member of SER Topvrouwen [female leaders of the Dutch Social Economic Council].

## Previous board memberships and research evaluation committees

- 2021- 2026 Board member Foundation Future Visions of Technology (Stichting Toekomstbeeld der Techniek), see https://stt.nl/nl
- 2021-2024. EU-Programme Committee Member: CHANSE/Norface.
- 2019-2021. Member of Scientific Integrity Committee UU.
- 2019-2021. Member of professor's promotion committee UU (HL-1 committee).
- 2017-2021. Member of selection committee PhD students of the Belgian National Science Foundation.
- 2016. Member of selection committee professor of sociology at Cyprus University, Cyprus.
- 2016/2019.Member of NWO-Vidi committee (individual research grant up to 800 k€).
- 2018/2023. Reviewer for ERC-Advanced Grant, Division Social Sciences.
- 2015-2020. Reviewer German National Science Foundation, Reviewer Belgian Science. Foundation, Reviewer Science Foundation Hongkong, Reviewer of the Ukrainian Scientific Council.
- 2021. Board member NORDFORSK, Oslo, societal security programme.
- 2021. Member of evaluation committee, research assessment sociology, University of Vienna.
- 2020. Member of accreditation committee new BA-programme 'Quantitative Social Sciences', Central European University (CEU-PU) Vienna.
- 2020. Scientific Board of Conference of the European Sociological Association. Amsterdam.

- 2020. Committee member of grant evaluation: NWO Replication Studies.
- 2017. Member of the Research Visit Board 'Stenden Hogeschool' Research Social Works and Art' Therapies'.
- 2017. Member of the panel for the selection of talent grants NWO.
- 2016-2020. KNAW Fonds Staatsman Thorbecke committee.
- 2018/2020. Freeman Award Committee, INSNA Sunbelt Conference.
- 2018. Board Member Formas (Swedish Research Council) "The challenges and opportunities of urbanization".
- 2016. Scientific Board of European Conference on Social Networks (EUSN).
- 2012. Theme coordinator 'social networks' on the Dutch/Belgian 'day of sociology'.
- 2007-2012. Board member of MaGW-NWO, scientific board of social sciences.
- 2006-2012. Member evaluation board for the curriculum of the bachelor's and master's programmes of sociology at the University of Maynooth/Ireland.
- 2009-2011. Member of the board of the ICS Research School.
- 2010. Chair of the advisory committee of WODC research on terrorist networks.
- 2008. Invited expert reviewer of the German National Science Foundation (DFG) on four proposals on the German excellence initiative.
- 2007. Member of the NWO selection committee for VIDI-grants.
- 2006. Chair of the research advisory committee of the WODC (research department of the Ministry of Justice and Security) in a research on interethnic contacts among adolescents.
- 2006. Member of NWO-ESF selection committee.
- 2005. Member of the NWO-MaGW referee committee (open competition)
- 2006-2010. Member of the steering committee of the European Science Foundation (ESF) 'Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences (QMSS)'.

### Selected arts and culture engagements

- 2026: Speaker at Expeditie-Next, a science festival for children (May 1st, Enkhuizen
- 2025:
  - Lecture at the Kunstroute Utrecht, Exposition: 'So cool women', Arnout van der Heijden
  - Guest speaker theatre session on friendship, Frascati Theatre, Amsterdam//Guest speaker at the KRO/NPO, Radio 1.
- 2023: TEDx Haarlem. 'Smile at a stranger. A fresh perspective on social cohesion.'
- 2022: Lecture OEROL Festival, Terschelling: "In the courtroom with rocks". 2022
- 2019: OEROL-Festival college "Identity in modern times" (Waddenakademie).

### Organisation of conferences, symposia, conference sessions, and colloquia (selection)

- 2024.
  - Summer school Essentials in Contemporary Criminology (jointly with Max Planck Institute Freiburg).
  - Organisation of Symposium: Conflict in school classes. NWA Route Between Conflict and Cooperation.
  - Symposium 'Social Science Strategies towards Solutions of the Climate Crisis'. James Coleman Symposium, ICS.
- 2023. Symposium 'Van Polarisatie naar Verbinding' NWA Route symposium.
- 2022. NSCR lecture series, Community, wildlife crime and restorative justice, with Andrew Lemieux and Antony Pemberton.
- 2020/2022. Scientific board of INSNA XXXX Sunbelt Social Network conference in Paris (online conference because of Covid-19).
- 2019. Organisation of the 'Dag van de Sociologie' UvA, June 27.

- 2018. Organisation of INSNAXXXVIII Sunbelt Network Conference in Utrecht (together with Vincent Buskens and Eva Jaspers, UU).
- 2010. Organisation Symposium on social and physical order in Dutch neighbourhoods (October 13). Utrecht.
- 2009. KNAW/van der Gaag symposium on 'biological, psychological and sociological determinants of prosocial behaviour', (September 3) Trippenhuis, Amsterdam.
- 2009. Networks and Markets. Symposium organisation. August 12-13 organised together with Rafael Wittek/ University of Groningen.
- 2008. Prosocial behaviour. Perspectives from psychology, sociology, and educational sciences. Symposium, July 3, Utrecht.
- 2007. Symposium on Life Chances of Firms and Neighbourhoods, May 15, Utrecht.
- 2001- present. Organisation of lunch colloquia at the Department of Sociology, Utrecht University.
- 2003. KNAW Akademie-colloquium on Social Capital Research, October 30-31. Trippenhuis, Amsterdam.
- 1996-1998. Organisation of international conference sessions: Networks in Eastern Europe, Local Communities and Social Capital, Meeting and 'Mating'.
- 1999. International Conference on 'Creation and Returns of Social Capital in Labour Markets and Education (SCALE)'. Host: University of Amsterdam. December 8-11.
- 1998. Symposium: 'Buren en Buurten. Onderzoek op het snijvlak van sociale geografie en sociologie.' Utrecht, June 19.
- 1996. Symposium. 'Institutional Transformation and Social Capital'. Budapest, December 4-6.

### Membership in professional organisations, Research Schools, and Networks

- 2025- WAG: Genootschap van Hoogleraren en Emeriti (Utrecht; by invitation)
- 2022- NVC, Nederlandse Vereniging voor Criminologie.
- 2018- Dresscode030: 'Societeit voor ondernemende vrouwen Utrecht'.
- 2010- EAS (Fellow of the European Academy of Sociology).
- 2016- KHMW, Royal Holland Society of Sciences and Humanities.
- 2002- ASA, American Sociological Association.
- 2000- INSNA, International Network of Social Network Analysis.
- 2000- NSV, Nederlandse Sociologen Vereniging.

### Past memberships

- 2015-2020. CUS, Centre for Urban Studies (UvA).
- 2014-2020. AISSR Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research (UvA).
- 2015-2020. AMCIS Amsterdam Centre for Inequality Studies (UvA).
- 2011-2016. KNAW, Young Academy (DJA).
- 2010-2020 DUODECIM: 'Utrechts Hoogleraren Vereniging' (by invitation only)
- 1990-2020. ICS, Interuniversity Center for Social Science Theory and Methodology.

### Services to the profession (for presence in media/public, see below, section 9)

*Next to membership in boards or committees with a focus on national and international research and research evaluation, I regularly contribute to activities directed to both the social sciences and society.*

- 2025.
  - Lecturing for Comenius Tailormade Trainings, module on networks in organisations
  - Contribution to 'toekomstmakers', lecture for children 8-12 years of age at the Anniversary of the Young Academy/KNAW, July 5.
  - Regular guest in radio programme Villa VdB, radio 1 (huisvriendin).

- 2024. Visiting Lowlands Science (acknowledging and evaluating the scientific programme).
- 2021-2023. Meet the professor: teaching a lesson in a primary school class (organised by Utrecht University).
- 2023. Member of Jury Brouwers Thesis Award (KHMW).
- 2022. Teaching session: Wijkmakers Groningen: The DNA of a Neighbourhood
- 2021-2022. Member of Ruigrok prize committee. KHMW.
- 2021. Member of round table discussion: 'wetenschapsdialogen' - The Netherlands after the Pandemic, organized by Kessels & Smit for the Ministry of Internal Affairs.
- 2021. Breakfast meeting - Utrecht and the Pandemic (meeting organised by AORTA, with municipality officials and larger firm CEOs of Utrecht).
- 2020. At work during the Pandemic. Presentation for a meeting of the 'directeuren hoger college van state', representatives of the first and second chambers of government.
- 2019. Member of discussion group 'The Netherlands in 2050' organised by the Netherlands Institute for Social Research (SCP).
- 2017-2018. Guest speaker for the scientific board municipality of Enschede: Realizing social cohesion: who can do it?
- 2016-2017. Member of jury Jan Brouwer thesis award (KHMW, Royal Holland Society).
- 2014-2017. Member of Think Tank: Reorganisation of the Police (Ministry of Justice)
- 2010-2014. Member of advisory committee of SCP research on the vitality of urban areas.
- 2009. Member jury 'KNAW-onderwijsprijs'.
- 2008-2009.
- Member of expert group 'sociale cohesie', Ministry of Justice and Security, Den Haag.
- Member of NWO selection committee for VIDI-grants.
- Member advisory committee of CBS research on sustainability (in relation to social capital).
- Member of the supervision committee of SCP project on the consequences of neighbourhood diversity.
- Member of expert group on social capital and sustainability, organisation: Statistics Netherlands.
- 2008-2012. Member of supervision committee on applying network data collection in forensic hospitals (Ministry of Justice and Security).
- 2009-2010.
- Member of advisory committee of SCP research 'social capital in urban and rural areas.
- Member of expert group RMO (gezin- en jeugdstudies).
- 2007. Member advisory committee for the Ministry of Justice, regarding implementation of network analyses in TBS hospitals.

## 9 Teaching and Coordination of Teaching

*In 2021-2025, while working at the NSCR, I set up nationwide PhD courses for PhD students in Criminology. These courses filled the gap in knowledge that students of Criminology often experience, since their field of study combines social science and legal studies.*

*From 2016 to 2019, I served as the scientific director of the bachelor's program 'Interdisciplinary Social Sciences' at the University of Amsterdam (UvA). In this role, I designed a new curriculum to strengthen the program's focus on research and research application in teaching, while at the same time distinguishing it more clearly from the curricula of sociology and psychology. I developed a novel approach to teaching interdisciplinary studies. First, the core assumptions of each discipline were distilled, which were then interwoven through discussions of selected research and societal problems that required an integration of disciplines to address. Additionally, I prepared and authored the report*

*for the new NVAO accreditation, which was successfully completed in February 2018. Lastly, I organised the name change of the program from General Social Sciences to Interdisciplinary Social Sciences.*
*From 2009-2015 I acted as the scientific director of the research master's program Sociology and Social Research (SaSR) at Utrecht University. The program was visited in 2014/2015 by the NVAO and was evaluated as the 'best of its kind'.*

### Bachelor Courses (UU/UvA)

Mensenmaatschappij. (Introduction to sociology), BA1/2
Networks and Cities (BA3).
Problems and theories of sociology (BA1).
Inequality and Health (BA2/3).
Perspectives on Inequality (BA2/3).
Social Networks and Network Analysis (BA3).
Social networks in theory and empirical research (BA3).
Coordination: International exchange program with Cologne and Mannheim for bachelor students (BA2/3).
Coordination of minor 'social sciences' for students of economics.
Milieumaatschappijwetenschap [Environmental Social Sciences] (BA2, Department Human Geography).

### Master Courses (UU/UvA)

Network Analysis.
Networks in and between organisations.
Neighbourhoods, problems, and solutions.
Organisations and Labour Market.
Supervision of master's theses and Traineeships.

### Research master courses (UU/UvA)

Key Thinkers in Human Geography.
Spatial Inequality.
Social Networks and Social Capital.
Research practical: Application of social theory: social network analysis.
Supervision of literature review and master's thesis projects.
Coordination of research training and practical.
Thesis Seminar.

### Other activities related to teaching and coordination of teaching as well as research:

- 2021-2025. Setting up nationwide PhD courses for PhD candidates in Criminology.
- 2015-2019. Member Educational Board PhD program AISSR.
- 2015- 2016. Chair Exam Committee of Interdisciplinary Social Sciences UvA.
- 2014. Author of self-evaluation report of 'Sociology and Social Research' (SaSR, evaluation: very good/excellent).
- 2009-2015. Member of jury 'Swanborn prijs' for best bachelor/master thesis in the social sciences Utrecht University.
- 2007-2015. Chair *Board of Studies* (BoS), Graduate School Social Sciences Utrecht.
- 2006-2015. Coordinator of 'minor in the social sciences' for students of economics.
- 2007-2010: Member of the steering committee of the Faculty of Social Sciences on issues concerning international teaching.
- 2003-2008. Chair of education committee Graduate School Social Sciences Utrecht.

## 10 Public and Media Presence (selection)

*Quite regularly, I am interviewed for local and national newspapers or local and national TV programs such as 'editie NL' or 'RTV Utrecht'.*

- 2026.
  - Speaker at Pakhuis de Zwijger, book launch Peter Kanne 'Lang zal ik lekker leven'
  - Speaker at lunch meeting Rotary Gorinchem
- 2025.
  - Guest speaker theatre session on friendship, Frascati Theatre, Amsterdam//Guest speaker at the Night of KRO/NPO, Radio 1.
  - Guest speaker for various organisations on social cohesion and friendship.
  - Speaker at book launch Eveline Crone 'een dag in je brain'.
  - Regular radio guest for Radio 1 on a range of socially relevant topics.
- 2024.
  - Guest speaker 'de nacht van de sociologie' Rotterdam.
  - Speaker at the Rotary Driebergen.
  - Interviewee Human TV 'Brainwash'.
- 2023.
  - TedTalk Tedx Haarlem. 'Smile at a stranger. A fresh perspective on social cohesion.'
  - Brainwash: Video clip and podcast on friendship and weaker ties.
  - Moeilijke dingen makkelijk uitgelegd. Burenrelaties. Festival van de Gelijkheid, Brussel.
- 2022.
  - Guest on Radio 'Weetlust' Leiden.
  - Lecture on social cohesion, Nicolaikerk Utrecht (Preek van een Leek).
- 2021.
  - Price-winning essay KHMW 'Corona, serendipity, and weak ties'.
  - 'Zweefcollege' Tivoli, Utrecht, over Vriendschappen tijdens corona.
  - Workshop 'hoe vrienden maken?' Project blik op talent, hogeschool Amsterdam.
  - Long read interview in 'Financial Dagblad', weekend edition.
- 2020.
  - Speaker at Startblok Estafette (Startblok is a housing project for 'statushouders' and student in Amsterdam. Estafette event is a Ted talk series where scientists reflect on this enterprise).
  - Interview Radio 1: Friendships during corona.
- 2019.
  - Speaker at 'Festival van de Gelijkheid'. 30 November, Gent, Belgium. Interviews de Volkskrant, AD, NRC Next, Flow, Charlie, Radio 3 fm.
  - Video clip: Rembrandt's Network, Exposition Rembrandthuis, Amsterdam, February – June/ speaker at Dakdiner Amsterdam.
  - Speaker at: de buren, culture club, Brussel, May.
  - Speaker at: WeTheCity, Amsterdam (July).
  - Podcast on social cohesion and friendship: Lifestyle Design Podcast.
- 2018.
  - Interviews in de Volkskrant, Radio 1, Radio 4, Psychologie Magazine.
- 2017. Interviews in Parool, AD, NRC, VIVA.
- 2016. Guest speaker 'Café de Zwijger, evening on friendship, guest speaker Studium Generale Utrecht University.
- 2015. Interviews: editie NL, De Volkskrant, Het Parool.
- 2014. Presentation: Festival der Beschaving. Utrecht.

- Interview: Radio Hoe? Zo? On Friendship networks.
- Interview: Science Café UU (Friendships).

- 2013. Interview: Radio 1 Belgium, about neighbourhood relationships.
- 2012. Interview: Radio 1, about neighbourhood relationships, Radio 1, interview: on adult friendship networks.
- 2011.
  - June 25, 7-8 pm: Radio interview (Radio 1, Pavlov) on 'friendships.
  - Interview: UU-alumni and lustrum site, 375 Utrechtse portretten.
  - De grilligheid van lokale relaties. Lezing Studium Generale, March 12, Utrecht.
- 2007.
  - Interview on television (KRO), program 'Do I have enough?' on the number of friends of the Dutch.
  - Report on my research in 'De Verwondering. Wetenschap in Nederland, Publieksjaarboek van NWO'.

## 11 Publications

### Inaugural speech

**'**In ieder's belang. Sociologische determinanten voor de productie van collectieve goederen' Utrecht, July 3, 2008. [For everybody's best. Sociological determinants for the production of collective goods.]

### Dissertation

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## Keynotes at conferences and invited lectures (selection)

*My work is regularly presented at conferences such as the Sunbelt Social Network Conference, the European Conference of Sociology and at the Dutch National Day of Sociology/Criminology. The selection hereafter presents occasions I really liked and felt honoured to be invited.*

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| 2026 | ○ Sociology Seminar, Oxford, Nuffield College, UK |
| | ○ **Keynote**: Conference on Social Capital, Edinburgh Business School, Heriot-Watt University, Campus Dubai |
| 2025 | ○ **Keynote**: Social Sunbelt Network Conference (INSNA) on behalf of the Simmel Award |
| 2024 | ○ K**eynote**: Congress Dutch Forensic Society, SCEM (October). |
| | ○ Speaker at the Forensic Forum Conference (November). |
| | ○ **Keynote**: Jubileum Conferentie: 50 jaar Nederlandse Vereniging van de Criminologie: Van Boomers naar Zoomers, Leiden, Juni 2024. |
| | ○ **Keynote:** Conference on Network Changes after Catastrophes. DFG, *Braunschweig*, February 2024. |
| 2022 | ○ Panel speaker 'Sociology of the Future' DVDS Groningen, June 2022. |
| | ○ Presentation: Social impact of covid, lessons for policy makers. Rotterdam (EUR/HVA). |
| | ○ Toulouse University: 3 decades of social capital research. |
| 2021 | ○ **Keynote:** Networks in the era of big data. European Social Network Conference, *Napoli,* September 3-10. |
| 2019 | ○ **Keynote**: Future of Social Capital. Symposium on Social Capital Research, *Singapore* University (December 28/29). |
| | ○ **Keynote**: 'In all places? Contextualizing broken window theory' Research Symposium, Dept. of Human Geography and Spatial Planning, Utrecht University, April 11, Zwolle. |

- ‘Great Thinker’ Seminar: Diego Gambetta. AISSR talk.

2018
- Panel discussion chair: the future of ego-centered network data. Sunbelt Conference Utrecht, June.

2017
- Revisiting broken windows. Lecture at EUI, *Florence*.
- Social capital, communities and beyond. Seminar at the Department of Sociology, University of *Ljubljana,* Slovenia.

2016
- Social Networks in the era of big data. Presentation at *Harvard University,*
- Symposium on Ego centered networks. Boston, November 3, 2016.

2015
- Summer school lecturer on neighbors, networks and social capital in *St Petersburg* (August).
- Social Order in Context, March 31, Utrecht (Symposium for the honoree doctorate of Robert Sampson).
- **Keynote:** ‘Social Cohesion in Dutch Neighborhoods’ Oranje Fonds’ (Nationale Denkerdag).

2013
- East Germany – still different? Friendship patterns in societies in transition. Lecture at High School of Economics, *Moscow,* September.
- A decade Years of network change. Not persons but functions count. Lecture at the Sociology Colloquium Series Nuffield College. November, *Oxford.*
- Workshop on social disorder, NSCR (by invitation only), Amsterdam, October 24-25.
- Member of Round table discussion on networks of disadvantaged, Free University, Amsterdam, October 11.
- Making money through networks? Lecture on the Symposium of Making Money in Science, Amsterdam, Westergasfabriek. AMC Research team, April 17. Amsterdam.

2011
- Seminar (Theory and application of social capital), University of Linkoping, *Sweden,* September 28-29.
- ‘Startrek’ and what it tells us about Sociology. Lezing op het symposium ter ere van Gerard ‘t Hooft 16-11 Geertekerk, Utrecht.
- Lecture (‘Putnam en de verloren brieven’) Plenary conference, Sociaal Wetenschappelijke Raad, Leusden, May 20/21.
- Invited speaker at Humboldt University, *Berlin,* Germany, May 30. Colloquium on neighborhood social order.
- Lecture at the Department of Sociology, *Gent* University, May 18.
- Lecture at Symposium on neighborhood studies, Max Planck Institute *Göttingen*, Germany, April 26.
- Summer school lecture on ‘theory and application of social capital’, Taipei, *Taiwan,* Cheng Chi University, August 10-14.
- ‘Neighborhoods as places to dwell and to work’ invited lecture University of *Bielefeld,* June 22.
- Co-referaat NSV dag van de sociologie, commentaar op NSV-lezing Jan Willen Duyvendak, Amsterdam, June 11.

2009
- ‘Neighborhoods and neighbors in the Netherlands’ invited lecture University of *Cologne,* March 27.
- **Keynote**: On turtles and human beings. Neighborhood composition, social capital, and collective action’. International conference on Social Capital, volunteering and aging, Hongkong City University, *Hongkong,* December 15-19.
- Neighborhoods, communities, and collective goods and bads’ Lecture at Nuffield College, *Oxford,* UK, December 1.

- ‘Buurten, gemeenschappen, collectieve goederen en – kwaden. NSV Actualiteitencollege, Den Haag. November 11.
- ‘Buurten, breuklijnen en interventies’ Lezing op de Studiedag Sociale Netwerken, WODC, Scheveningen, Oktober, 29.
- ‘Vertrouwen op waarde geschat’ SER/Verwey Jonker Lezing, Den Haag, September 3.
- Using a choice-constraint approach to study similarity in intimate relationships. Paper presented at Seminar on Inequality, religion and social or organization. Nuffield College, *Oxford,* October 22.

2008
- Reproduction of Inequality in the Netherlands through the Creation of and Returns to Social Capital? Presentations at Academica Sinica, *Taipei, Taiwan*, May 29-30.

2007
- ‘Research on social networks and social capital’ Lecture at the Social and Cultural Planning Office (SCP) January 24.
- Foes at work. Conditions for the evolution of negative relationships in work organizations. Presentation at the National German Sociology Conference, *Kassel,* October 9-13.

2005
- Community at work. Community and Solidarity in Dutch Organizations’ Symposium on Networks and Social Capital, Bielefeld, November 10-11.
- ‘Social Capital and Community’. Keynote at session of measurement of social capital, EASR conference *Barcelona*, 18-22 July.
- Where friends are met. The association between meeting places and resulting relationship’ Lecture at Nuffield College, *Oxford*, UK, April 27.
- ‘Solidarity at the workplace’ Lecture at the University of *Duisburg-Essen*, April 20.
- When are neighbourhoods communities? Community in Dutch Neighbourhoods’ Lecture at the Symposium on ‘Life in Urban Environments’ University of *Ireland, Maynooth*, April 8.

2004
- ‘Sociale netwerken, gemeenschap en informele controle in buurten’. Presentation at the workshop ‘Burten en opsporing’ Leiden, NSCR, May 27.
- Contexten, contacten en consequenties.’ Presentation at the conference ‘Toekomst van de Sociologie’ organized by Royal Dutch Academy (KNAW Verkenningscommissie ’Sociologie’), Amsterdam, April 18.

2002
- ‘Sociale netwerken en delinquent gedrag’. Lecture at the ‘debate on crime and groups’, SISWO, Amsterdam, September 20.
- ‘Sociaal Kapitaal – Theorie en voorbeelden van onderzoek’. Onderzoeksdag Maatschappelijke Integratie van TBS-Patiënten. Dr. S. van Mesdagkliniek, Groningen, September 12.

1998
- ‘Networks as ties that bind’ - an introduction to social networks. Workshop at the National Sociological Study Day, Utrecht, May 11.
- ‘Coping with stress at work through personal networks. Workshop at the ‘National Training for Police Officers’. Kerkebosch, March 20.
- ‘Local environment and its consequences for social behavior’. Lecture at the Royal Dutch Profession for Engineers. The Hague, February 20.

1997
- Perverse effects of weak ties in the former GDR. Presentation at the conference “Management of Matches”, Woudenberg, June 17-22.

1996
- Human and social capital and the institutional transformation. Workshop at the University of Economic Sciences, *Budapest,* December 6-8.

1995
- East Germans - immigrants to their own country?’ Presentation at the Foundation for Dutch- German-Dialogue. Zandvoort, November 10.

1994
- ‘Changes in personal networks in the former GDR as a consequence of the institutional turn?’ Colloquium University of *Cologne*, Institute of Ethnology, January 8.

1993
- ‘Structures and functions of social relationships in the former GDR before the institutional turn.’ Colloquium, Institute of Sociology, University of *Leipzig,* Germany, July 5.
- ‘Fieldwork in a society in transition. Report of the fieldwork in 1992’. Colloquium, Center for the Social Sciences, Columbia University, *New York*, November&

1992
- ‘Personal networks in a communist society.’ Colloquium LASMAS, CNRS, *Paris,* December 6.