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Autocratization · Democratic Defence · Democracy Conceptions · Methods · International Courts

Academic Positions

PhD Candidate in Empirical Political Science

RADBOD UNIVERSITY

10.2020 - present

Junior Lecturer

RADBOD UNIVERSITY

10.2020 - present

Visting Researcher

VARIETIES OF DEMOCRACY INSTITUTE

03.2023 - 06.2023

Junior Lecturer

LEIDEN UNIVERSITY

09.2019 - 10.2020

Education

MPhil in Political Science and Public Administration

RESEARCH MASTER OF SCIENCE, CUM LAUDE

Leiden University

09.2017 - 09.2019

BA in African Studies

CUM LAUDE

Leiden University

09.2015 - 05.2018

BSc in Political Science

Leiden University

09.2012 - 03.2016

Publications

- 2023 **Countering Autocratization: A Roadmap for Democratic Defence**, with Carolien van Ham and Maurits J. Meijers, *Democratization* · 📄 Open Access

Journal Article

Working Papers

5. **Risk or Reward: the Credibility of Government and Opposition Democratic Defenders**, with Maurits Meijers and Carolien van Ham
OSF Preregistration *Working Paper*
4. **The Autocrat's Toolkit: A Typology of Autocratic Action**, with Carolien van Ham *Working Paper*
3. **Elite Justifications and Citizen Tolerance for Democratic Transgressions**, with Natasha Wunsch and Tsveta Petrova *Working Paper*
2. **Citizens as Democratic Judges: When Credibility and Ambiguity Collide**, with Maurits Meijers
OSF Preregistration *Working Paper*
1. **Democracy is A Package Deal**, *Working Paper*

Conferences and Workshops

(P - Paper & Presentation, D - Discussant, C - Chair, Co - Co-author only)

CONFERENCES

EPSA General Conference, 2023 (P.)

WORKSHOPS

- 03.2024 **Sounding the Alarm: Comparing Early Signs of Democratic Recession in Established and Backsliding Democracies**, ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops · [more info](#) *Workshop director*
- 11.2023 **European Political Conflicts in Turbulent Times**, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam *(Co)*
- 09.2023 **Resisting the autocratic turn: Can (and should) autocratization be prevented, stopped, and resisted?**, Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB) *(P.D)*
- 08.2023 **Citizens' Attitudes towards Democracy: Measurement, Causes, and Consequences**, ETH Zürich *(P.D)*
- 04.2023 **Judicial Resilience and Democratic Decay**, ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops *(P.D.)*
- 06.2022 **Turning the Tide – Autocratization and Democratic Defence during the Third Wave of Autocratization**, Annual Political Science Workshops of the Low Countries *Workshop director*
- 04.2022 **Domestic responses to Democratic Backsliding: Citizens, Civil Society, and Parties**, ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops *(P.D.)*

Teaching

(Evaluations available upon request)

RADBOUD UNIVERSITY

- **Comparative Politics: Democratization**, with Carolien van Ham *2023 - present*
course lecturer · BSc in Political Science · undergraduate level
- **Advanced Research Methods**, with Erika van Elsas *2022 - present*
course lecturer · MSc in Political Science · graduate level
- **Academic Skills for Political Scientists**, *Academische Vaardigheden voor Politicologen* *2020 - present*
seminar tutor and course coordinator · BSc in Political Science · undergraduate level
- **BSc Thesis supervision**, number of students supervised: 6 *2020 - present*
BSc in Political Science · undergraduate level
- **Internship supervision**, number of students supervised: 1 *2023*
BSc in Political Science · undergraduate level
- **Introduction to R for PhD Candidates**, *2022*
course lecturer · IMR Graduate School · PhD level
- **Explanations of Political Attitudes and Political Behavior in the Netherlands**, *Verklaringen van Politieke Houdingen en Politiek Gedrag in Nederland* *2021*
seminar tutor · BSc in Political Science · undergraduate level

LEIDEN UNIVERSITY

·	Statistics, Statistiek	2020
·	seminar tutor · BSc in Public Administration · undergraduate level	
·	Policy, Governance, and Organisation, Beleid, Bestuur, en Organisatie	2020
·	seminar tutor · BSc Public Administration · undergraduate level	
·	Public Management and Organisations, Publiek Management en Organisaties	2020
·	seminar tutor · BSc Public Administration · undergraduate level	
·	Public Management, Publiek Management	2020
·	course lecturer and course coordinator · Pre-Master Public Administration	
·	Organisational Theory, Organisatietheorie	2019
·	seminar tutor · BSc Public Administration · undergraduate level	
·	Quantitative Methods, Kwantitatieve Methoden	2019
·	seminar tutor · BSc Public Administration · undergraduate level	
·	Introduction to Social Scientific Research, Inleiding Sociaal Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek	2019
·	seminar tutor · BSc Public Administration · undergraduate level	
·	Public Administration and Administrative Sciences, Openbaar Bestuur en Bestuurswetenschappen	2019
·	seminar tutor · BSc Public Administration · undergraduate level	

QUALIFICATIONS

2020 **University Teaching Qualification (BKO)**, Leiden University

Outreach and Valorisation

01.2024	Anti-democratic Politics in Europe , Radboud Reflects lecture and conversation on Hungarian and Dutch democracy · more info	Public talk
12.2023	European Strategic Dialogue , on the implications of the Polish electoral shift · more info	Public talk
06.2023	Roundtable with the Permanent Committee on the Interior of the Dutch Parliament , on the resilience of Dutch democracy · more info	Policy advice
11.2022	Wat is er KROM in je rechtsstaat? , talk show about the Dutch rule of law · more info	Public talk
10.2022	Autocratic Backsliding , presentation and Q&A at the Dutch festival of democracy, Grondfest · more info	Public talk

Skills

Programming	R, \LaTeX , Atlas.ti
Methods	Surveys, experiments, big data, quantitative text analysis, data visualisation
Office Software	MS Office, Adobe Creative Suite, Zotero, Obsidian
Languages	Dutch (<i>mother tongue</i>), English (<i>fluent, C2</i>)