

Curriculum Vitae Matthijs Michiel Maas

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Core Values: Integrity, Rigour, Creativity, Teamwork, Initiative.

Expertise: Public Policy Research; Geopolitical & Risk Intelligence; Global Catastrophic Risks (Strategic AI Governance; Nuclear Deterrence Stability); Philosophy of Social Science; Web Development

Objective: to find a challenging policy research position in the GCR and AI governance research community; a position which enables me to undertake rigorous analyses into the strategic impacts of these transformative technologies. | To thereby provide the academic community, policymakers and the public with authoritative, accessible and actionable insights into the resilient policy constellations necessary to maximize benefits and minimize risks.

Work Experience

- 01 / 2016 – present** | **Junior Associate, Global Catastrophic Risks Institute (GCRI)**
 - Contributing to articles charting governance strategies aimed at mitigating the risk of global nuclear war;
- 05 / 2015 – present** | **Freelance Analyst, The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies (HCSS)**
 - Invited back by HCSS to contribute to several major projects: (1) a benchmark study of 'best practices' in urban security strategies around the world; (2) a scenario analysis of future trends and shocks in global food systems, as driven by socio-economic trends and technological wild cards; (3) comparative meta-study of security & technology foresight literatures across regions and language domains.
- 06 / 2015 – 12/2015** | **Trainee (Political and Security Affairs), The Netherlands Embassy in Beirut**
 - Conducted research and interviews with experts, stakeholders and EU Delegation in order to compose intelligence reports on Lebanese and regional politics for the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
 - Coordinated crisis response OSINT analysis and info briefings during the violent escalation (late August 2015) of mass demonstrations in Beirut; also prepared itinerary & political dossier for the Dutch Minister of Foreign Affairs Bert Koenders, for his official visit to Lebanon (21-22 Sept. 2015);
 - Oversaw project proposals and -updates by implementing partners (ICMPD; AKTIS Strategy), serving as liaison for The Netherlands' Human Rights- and Security Sector Reform initiatives (valued > €1.4 million/year); represented the Embassy at EU meetings; organised events and public diplomacy initiatives
 - In the direct aftermath of the November 12th Da'esh suicide bombings in Beirut, wrote a feature piece, '*Nieuwe IS-aanslagen, het perspectief vanuit Beiroet*', for the *Internationale Spectator* journal.
- 10 / 2014 – 06 / 2015** | **Officer (Activities Committee), JASON Institute for Peace and Security Issues**
 - Volunteered in an institute that aims to engage and educate young professionals on issues of European security and defence, WMD proliferation, EU internal and external policy, and transatlantic cooperation;
 - As liaison to diplomats, policymakers and academia, helped organize public lectures, discussion evenings, workshops and visits to embassies, bases and IGOs (e.g. NATO, EEAS, Land Warfare Centre)
- 12 / 2013 – 08 / 2014** | **Assistant Strategic Analyst, The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies (HCSS)**
 - Edited the HCSS '*Nuclear Timeline*' project, and presented it to international press during the Nuclear Security Summit (NSS) 2014. The tool was featured on the NSS 2014 official website and by 2 major Dutch newspapers. Co-authored article on nuclear security, published in CITS *1540 Compass*;
 - Co-authored conference report on the *Future Force Conference 2013*, on strategic and operational implications of emerging military technology and tactics;
 - Oversaw the editorial process for the *Strategic Monitor 2014* report, and co-authored chapter on instability in the Middle East and North Africa region, and EU economic- and energy security;
 - Maintained and expanded databases of the GeorisQ-Statplanet '*Drivers of Vulnerability Monitor*' Index (HTML & Excel), and produced analyses and visualizations of global multivariate drivers of conflict;
- 08 / 2010** | **Editorial Services Intern, Royal Dutch Shell, Shell Headquarters, The Hague**
 - Media & Communication analyst, writing on social media and consumer behaviour of 'generation Y'

Education & Qualifications

- 04 / 2016 – present** | **FullStack Web Development Bootcamp, Le Wagon / BSSA**
 - 12-week intensive coding bootcamp learning HTML5, CSS3, Bootstrap, JavaScript, jQuery & React.js, SQL, git, GitHub, Heroku and Ruby on Rails; APIs & web services (e.g. Stripe), UX/UI best practices.
- 02 / 2015 – 06 / 2015** | **Coursera (MOOC) Certificates, various Universities**
 - Fundamentals of Computing: Programming in Python I (*Verified Certificate*) – Rice University
 - The Data Scientist's Toolbox (*Verified Certificate*) – John Hopkins University

"...an ambitious, capable and pro-active professional, with strong curiosity and attention to detail, and a willingness to constantly reflect- and improve upon his own performance."

~H.E. Hester Somsen, Ambassador of The Netherlands to Lebanon

- The Emergence of the Modern Middle East I (Verified Certificate)—Tel Aviv University
- 09 / 2012 – 08 / 2013 | MSc in International Relations; graduated With Distinction**
(The University of Edinburgh—Edinburgh, UK)
 - MSc Dissertation: ‘Securitization Studies, the Problem of ‘Normal Democratic’ Politics, and the Limits of Desecuritization as Normative-Political Panacea.’; under Dr. Xavier Guillaume.
 - Fields of Study: Armed Force, Technology & Society; International Relations Theory; Philosophy of Science; War & Morality; International Security. Audited Cybercrime & Policy Analysis
- 01 / 2011 – 05 / 2011 | Exchange Semester (GPA of 4.0/4.0)**
(Queen’s University—Kingston, Ontario, Canada)
 - Courses: Political Economy & -History, Philosophy of Mind, Post-conflict Reconciliation
- 08 / 2009 – 05 / 2012 | BA, Liberal Arts & Sciences; graduated *Cum Laude* (GPA of 3.6/4.0)**
(University College Utrecht—Utrecht, The Netherlands)
 - BA Research Thesis: ‘The Forging of Our Futures: The Performative Self-Fulfilment of Political Predictions, and the Need for a Post-Positivist ‘Transformational Idealism’ in IR’, | Dr. G. van der Ree
 - Social Sciences & Humanities Interdepartmental major: courses in international relations, philosophy of science, statistics, political and moral philosophy, history; international law;
- 08 / 2003 – 06 / 2009 | Grammar School (Gymnasium / VWO); graduated *Cum Laude* (grade avg. 8.5)**
(Rijnlands Lyceum Oegstgeest—Oegstgeest, The Netherlands)
 - Double profile: Nature & Health + Nature & Technology; IB English A2 Higher Level (perfect scores)

Extracurricular Activities

- 04 / 2016 | Workshop Leader, 8th European Public Policy Conference (EPPC 2016)**
 - Workshop: “Defence Integration: A Likely and Necessary Exception to European Fragmentation”
- 03 / 2016 | Guest Speaker, Future of Humanity Institute – University of Oxford**
 - Seminar presentation: “Traversing the Age of Weapons Containment: Insights from Nuclear Weapons Policy for the Governance of Artificial Intelligence Development”
- 03 / 2016 – present | Core Team Member, Effective Altruism Netherlands**
- 01 / 2016 – present | Predictor, Metaculus**
 - Metaculus poses questions about future events, on many timescales, to a community of participating predictors. I participate as predictor, focusing on the technology-society nexus.
- 09 / 2015 – present | Forecaster, Good Judgment Project (Current Brier Score: 0.363)**
 - The Good Judgment Project is a four-year research study organized as part of a US government-sponsored forecasting tournament. I participate as forecaster, focusing on geopolitics.
- 11 / 2015 | Beirut Marathon, 10Km Race**
- 01 / 2014 – 03 / 2014 | Team Member, NSS 2014 Nuclear Security Working Group (PUSH)**
 - Undertook proliferation scenario analyses; prepared statement presented at Nuclear Knowledge Summit
- 10 / 2009 – 06 / 2011 | Editor, Journalist, *Boomerang* College Newspaper**
(University College Utrecht, The Netherlands)
 - Covered ‘Global Dynamics & Politics’ on a biweekly basis; edited entered articles to a high standard

Awards & Achievements

- 12 / 2015 | Awarded "Top 1% Reader (2015)", Pocket**
 - Through 2015, read over 3,060 (7,9 million words’ worth of) articles; focus on geopolitics and technology.
- 12 / 2014 | Awarded "Top 1% Reader (2014)", Pocket**
 - Through 2014, read over 2,100 (5 million words’ worth of) thought leadership articles. Lead sources: The Economist (9%), Aeon (6%), The Guardian (4%), LessWrong (3%), EDGE (3%); Longreads (3%).
- 06 / 2009 | Juniorprof Thesis Competition (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherlands)**
 - Won ‘Public’s Choice’ for high school high-energy physics thesis on Grand Unified Field Theory
- 04 / 2009 | Finalist, Young Writer's Awards (BBC and English Speaking Union)**

Skills & Interests

- **Computer:** proficient in Ruby, Ruby on Rails, SQL & postgresSQL, Python and HTML5/CSS3; highly capable in MS Word & Excel, Statplanet & GeorisQ Monitor, Adobe Acrobat Pro 9, Zotero, SPSS, MailChimp.
- **Languages:** Dutch (Native); English (C2 / Fluent); Spanish (B1 / Intermediate), Levantine Arabic (A2 / Basic)
- **Personal interests:** Swimming, sauna and modern dance; effective altruism; ferocious reader of articles on history, philosophy, science & technology and futurism, as well as hard science fiction.

"A dedicated and skilful professional who is capable of familiarising himself with difficult tasks in a short amount of time and who you can rely on to deliver high-quality results."

~Sijbren De Jong, Strategic Analyst (The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies)