Stan van Baarsen

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EDUCATION

University of Cambridge   2024 – 2025
MPhil in Technology Policy
- Final grade: 72/100 (top 3 of cohort).
- Received four merit-based scholarships (VSBfonds, Fundatie van Renswoude, Hendrik Mullerfonds, SSvOS).

Leiden University   2019 – 2024
BSc in *Computer Science*
- Final grade: 8.5/10 (equivalent to First Class Honours).
- Notable coursework: AI Ethics, Advanced Artificial Intelligence, and Advanced Software Engineering.

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam   2020 – 2024
BSc in *International Business Administration* (specialization: Public Economics)
- Final grade: 8.2/10 (equivalent to First Class Honours).
- Exchange semester at City College of New York (GPA 3.96/4).

WORK EXPERIENCE

AI Plan Netherlands   June 2025 – present
AI Policy Researcher
- Wrote substantial part of the Dutch National AI Strategy, an advisory report commissioned by the Ministry of Economic Affairs that set national direction on AI innovation, sovereignty, and safety.
- Conduct cross-sector research on economic, societal, and ethical implications of AI innovation policy, in collaboration with expert stakeholders from government, academia, and industry.
- Develop policy recommendations that align technological progress with ethical and societal safeguards, informing national and EU-level AI governance.

Mondelez International   Feb 2025 – June 2025
MPhil AI Consultant
- Built and deployed three AI prototypes (React + FastAPI, Nuxt + Express.js) to demonstrate strategic value of AI in the organization.
- Conducted legal, ethical, and implementation analyses to identify barriers and opportunities, and developed recommendations for responsible and scalable AI adoption across business units.

SSL Leiden (foundation providing courses to prepare students for national standardised exams)
Head of Department of Business Economics   May 2023 – Aug 2024
- Designed and managed content for business economics courses for ~700 students annually.
- Coordinated hiring and growth of the department of over 50 teachers.

Senior Teacher   May 2022 – Jun 2025
- Taught weekly business economics classes while managing teams of up to 10 assistant teachers.
- Led the training and development of new and experienced colleagues

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Full-stack Software Engineer (web and mobile; React Native + Node.js) at **Timmerdorp Heiloo**   2018 – Present

Committee Member at student organizations *De Leidsche Flesch* and *L.A.D 'F' Kaiser*   2019 – 2023

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming languages: C/C++, Python, JavaScript, R, SQL.
Web frameworks: React/React Native, Vue, Nuxt, Next.js, Angular, Laravel.