



# KOEN SMEETS

STUDENT ECONOMICS



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## EDUCATION

### ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS-ECONOMICS, at Radboud University

Since academic year 2018

- Current GPA: 8.7, including a 10 at the following four courses: "Academic Skills", "Business Ethics", "Economic Methodology", & "History of Economic Thought". (Post-Propaedeutic Program GPA: 9.5)
- Honour's elective "Making your mark" & "Presenting skills"
- Summer School on Start-Up Validation by Mercator Launch

## PERSONAL SKILLS

### HARD SKILLS

- Economics, esp. History of Economic Thought
- Writing: research articles, business and essays
- Start-up validation: Lean Method
- Finance

### SOFT SKILLS

- Critical thinking & problem solving
- Creativity & innovation
- Emotional intelligence
- Public speaking
- Leadership
- Networking

### LANGUAGES

- Dutch: Native level
- English: Professional Working Proficiency

## REFERENCES

### ESTHER-MIRJAM SENT

Professor and Senator

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### ED KOSTER

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## EXPERIENCE

### OUTREACH COORDINATOR at RETHINKING ECONOMICS NL

Since academic year 2019-20

- Created local, self-sustaining groups at a number of universities by setting-up a coordinated mailing campaign.
- Support local groups by assisting in the organisations of events and coordinating with the national board.

### HONOURS STUDENT at RADBOUD HONOURS ACADEMY

Since academic year 2018-19

- Academic year 2018-19: Interdisciplinary first-years programme.
- Academic year 2019-20: Individual Programme under the guidance of professor and senator Esther-Mirjam Sent.
  - Writing a paper on history of economic thought which I intend to publish in an academic journal.
  - Given lecture on paper at Rethinking Economics NL; I intend to give more lectures throughout the Netherlands.

### INITIAL STAGES OF FOUNDING A START-UP at BAND OF ENTREPRENEURS

April 2019 – August 2019

- Under the guidance of pre-incubator Mercator Launch, completed the initial stages of co-founding of start-up with four partners.
- Goal of start-up: create digital platform to bring people with ideas together with people with right skills.
- Learned basics of lean method & validation of ideas

### CHAIRMAN at PECUNIA CAUSA, INVESTMENT- CLUB OF RADBOUD UNIVERSITY

Academic year 2018-19

- Organized and chaired monthly meetings, including meeting at MeesPierson, the Private Banking-division of ABN AMRO.
- Organized a local investment-competition and club-participation in national investment-competition