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## Academic Positions

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### PhD Candidate in Empirical Political Science

Radboud University

10.2020 - present

### Lecturer

Radboud University

10.2020 - present

### Visting Researcher

Varieties of Democracy Institute

03.2023 - 06.2023

### Junior Lecturer

Leiden University

09.2019 - 10.2020

## Education

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### 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


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- 2024 **Opvattingen over democratie in Nederland** in the Dutch parliamentary election study: *De verkiezingen van 2023. Van onderstroom naar doorbraak: Onvrede en migratie* · Report chapter  
📖 [Read here](#) (Dutch)
- 2024 **Populism and Democracy** with Saskia Ruth-Lovell, Rosa Kindt, and Marie Theuwis, in *The Sage Textbook on Populism*, edited by Robert Huber and Michael Jankowski · 📖 [Book chapter](#)  
forthcoming
- 2023 **Countering Autocratization: A Roadmap for Democratic Defence**, with Carolien van Ham and Maurits J. Meijers, *Democratization*, 31(4), 765-787 · 📖 [Link](#) (open access) [Journal Article](#)

## Currently under review

- 10.2024 **The Autocrat's Toolkit: A Typology of Autocratic Action**, with Carolien van Ham *Under review*  
Submitted to *Democratization* ·  SSRN Pre-print
- 09.2024 **Defending Democracy: The Effect of Elite Democratic Defence on Citizens' Perceptions of Democracy** with Maurits Meijers *Under review*  
Submitted to *Comparative Political Studies* ·  OSF Preregistration
- 08.2024 **Credible Resistance or Political Ploy? When Parliamentarians Stand Up for Democracy** with Maurits Meijers and Carolien van Ham *Under review*  
Submitted to *Political Studies* ·  OSF Preregistration

## Working Papers

6. **Who are effective democratic defenders? How elites shape citizen awareness of democratic recession** with Maurits Meijers and Carolien van Ham, part of a Special Issue in *Democratization* (Summer 2025) ·  OSF Preregistration *Conference paper*
5. **Deconstructing Understandings of Democracy** *Conference paper*
4. **Gambitting democracy: When civil servants do (or do not) defend democracy** *Conference paper*
3. **Where Supply Meets Demand for Democratic Transgressions** with Natasha Wunsch and Tsveta Petrova *Conference paper*
2. **Elite Justifications and Citizen Tolerance for Democratic Transgressions** with Natasha Wunsch and Tsveta Petrova *Conference paper*
1. **Autocratic Counterfactuals: Rethinking the Role of Institutions in Sustaining Democracy** *Conference paper*
- **The Boundaries of Legitimate Resistance: Citizen Responses to Democratic Defence Strategies** with Lisa Janssen
- **When push comes to shove: the normalization of political violence** with Rozemarijn van Dijk

## Conferences and Workshops

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

### Conferences

- APSA Annual Meeting 2024** (P.)
- EPSA Annual Conference 2023** (P.), 2024 (P.)

### Workshops

- 09.2024 **Resilience against Extremism** Free University of Amsterdam (P.)
- 07.2024 **Responding to Demand? Voters' grievances, PRR success, and mainstream party strategies.** University of Swansea (P.)
- 05.2024 **Democracy and its Discontents** University of Pavia (P.)
- 04.2024 **Roots of Resilience: Democratic Durability, Renovation and Re-Democratization** University of Birmingham (P.)
- 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*
- 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.)

## Outreach and Valorisation

2025	<b>Samen scherp op democratische erosie en inperking van maatschappelijke ruimte: op zoek naar indicatoren</b> with Barbara van Paassen and Margit Wessel	Policy Note
2025	<b>Duurzame democratie op het decentrale niveau</b> with Carolien van Ham, in <i>Staat van het Bestuur</i> (State of Governance)	Policy Note
12.2024	<b>Hoe uiterst rechts de EU van binnenuit ondermijnt</b> interview in <i>Vrij Nederland</i> ·  read here (Dutch)	Interview
2024	<b>Hoofdstuk 2 - Startnotitie expertmeeting democratische erosie</b> with Carolien van Ham and Marlies Honingh, in <i>Verkenning en verdieping democratische erosie en respons in Nederland</i> ·  read here (Dutch)	Policy Note
2024	<b>Hoofdstuk 4 - Democratische normen: normbesef en normstelling</b> with Maurits Meijers and Carolien van Ham, in <i>Verkenning en verdieping democratische erosie en respons in Nederland</i> ·  read here (Dutch)	Policy note
01.2024	<b>Anti-democratic Politics in Europe</b> Radboud Reflects lecture and conversation on European and Dutch democracy ·  more info ·  recording ·  podcast	Public talk
12.2023	<b>European Strategic Dialogue</b> on the implications of the Polish electoral shift ·  more info	Public talk
06.2023	<b>Roundtable with the Permanent Committee on the Interior of the Dutch Parliament</b> on the resilience of Dutch democracy ·  more info	Policy advice
11.2022	<b>Wat is er KROM in je rechtsstaat?</b> talk show about the Dutch rule of law ·  more info	Public talk
10.2022	<b>Autocratic Backsliding</b> presentation and Q&A at the Dutch festival of democracy, Grondfest ·  more info	Public talk

## Teaching

(Evaluations available upon request)

### Qualifications

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

### Radboud University

·	<b>Comparative Politics: Democratization</b> with Carolien van Ham guest lecturer · BSc in Political Science · undergraduate level	2023 - present
·	<b>Advanced Research Methods</b> with Erika van Elsas course lecturer · MSc in Political Science · graduate level	2022 - present
·	<b>Academic Skills for Political Scientists</b> <i>Academische Vaardigheden voor Politicologen</i> course coordinator and seminar tutor · BSc in Political Science · undergraduate level	2020 - present
·	<b>BSc Thesis supervision</b> number of students supervised: 9 BSc in Political Science · undergraduate level	2020 - present
·	<b>Introduction to Data Science for Social Scientists</b> with Michal Mochtak course lecturer · MSc in Political Science · graduate level	2024
·	<b>Comparative Research Methods</b> number of students supervised: 2 Research Master in Social Cultural Science · graduate level	2024
·	<b>Internship supervision</b> number of students supervised: 1 BSc in Political Science · undergraduate level	2023
·	<b>Introduction to R for PhD Candidates</b> course lecturer · IMR Graduate School · PhD level	2022
·	<b>Explanations of Political Attitudes and Political Behavior in the Netherlands</b> <i>Verklaringen van Politieke Houdingen en Politiek Gedrag in Nederland</i> seminar tutor · BSc in Political Science · undergraduate level	2021

## Leiden University

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

## Skills

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<b>Programming</b>	R, $\LaTeX$ , Atlas.ti, Markdown, Qualtrics
<b>Methods</b>	Surveys, experiments, big data, quantitative text analysis, data visualisation, elite interviews
<b>Office Software</b>	MS Office, Adobe Creative Suite, Zotero, Obsidian
<b>Languages</b>	Dutch ( <i>mother tongue</i> ), English ( <i>fluent, C2</i> )
<b>Free time</b>	Marathon running, too-bad-for-words crime novels, classical music (cello)

## Professional Development

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### Grants

- 2024 **Hotspot Sustainable Democracy** €1.500 for experimental research
- 2023 **Erasmus+ Research Fellowship** €5.987 for research stay
- 2022 **ECPR Early Career Scholar Grant** approx. €2.000 for conference attendance

### Awards

- 2024 **PhD of the Year** Nijmegen School of Management