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Autocratization · Democratic Defence · Public Opinion · Methods · Political Behaviour

Academic Positions

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

MPhil in Political Science and Public Administration
Leiden University
RESEARCH MASTER OF SCIENCE, CUM LAUDE
09.2017 - 09.2019

BA in African Studies
Leiden University
CUM LAUDE
09.2015 - 05.2018

BSc in Political Science
Leiden University
09.2012 - 03.2016

Publications

2024 — **Opvattingen over democratie in Nederland**, Dutch parliamentary election study: *De verkiezingen van 2023. Van onderstroom naar doorbraak: Onvrede en migratie* · 📄 `Available here` (Dutch only) — *Report chapter*

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 · 📄 `forthcoming` — *Book chapter*

2023 — **Countering Autocratization: A Roadmap for Democratic Defence**, with Carolien van Ham and Maurits J. Meijers, *Democratization, 31*(4), 765-787 · 📄 `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*	
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

5.	**Deconstructing Understandings of Democracy**, single author	*Conference paper*
4.	**Gambitting democracy: When civil servants do (or do not) defend democracy** , single author	*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**, single author	*Conference paper*

Conferences and Workshops

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

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*
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.)*

Outreach and Valorisation

2024	**Hoofdstuk 2 - Startnotitie expertmeeting democratische erosie**, with Carolien van Ham and Marlies Honingh, in *Verkenning en verdieping democratische erosie en respons in Nederland* · 🏛 read here	*Policy Note*
2024	**Hoofdstuk 4 - Democratische normen: normbesef en normstelling**, with Maurits Meijers and Carolien van Ham, in *Verkenning en verdieping democratische erosie en respons in Nederland* · 🏛 read here	*Policy note*
01.2024	**Anti-democratic Politics in Europe**, Radboud Reflects lecture and conversation on European and Dutch democracy · 🔗 recording · 🎙 podcast	*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*

Teaching

(Evaluations available upon request)

QUALIFICATIONS

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

RADBOUD UNIVERSITY

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

Leiden University

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

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 (*mother tongue*), English (*fluent, C2*)