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## EMPLOYMENT

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2025–	<b>Wetenschappelijk Docent</b> (senior lecturer)	Leiden University
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## EDUCATION

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2020–2025	<b>PhD, Economics</b>	Utrecht University School of Economics
2018–2020	<b>Research MSc., Multidisciplinary Economics</b> <i>Cum laude</i>	Utrecht University School of Economics
2014–2018	<b>BSc., Governance, Economics, and Development</b> <i>Cum laude</i>	Leiden University College

## OTHER POSITIONS

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2022–2025	External Researcher, Statistics Netherlands
2021–2022	External Researcher, Interdepartmental Research on the Wealth Distribution, Dutch Ministry of Finance
2020–	Research Fellow, World Inequality Database

## RESEARCH

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### Publications:

(2025) [Wealth-Income Ratios in a Small, Open Economy: the Netherlands, 1854–2019](#)  
(with A. de Vicq, M. Moatsos, and T. van der Valk.)  
*European Economic Review*, **178**:105099.

### Working Papers:

(2024) [Robust Estimation of Private Business Wealth.](#)

(2024) [Why Has the Number of Billionaires Increased So Much?](#)  
(with C.N. Teulings.)  
*CEPR Discussion Paper* DP19191.

(2023) [Top Wealth Is Distributed Weibull, Not Pareto](#)  
(with C.N. Teulings.)  
*CEPR Discussion Paper* DP18364.

### Non-Refereed Publications:

- (2022) [Wealth Inequality in the Netherlands](#)  
(with A. Sodano and C. Martínez-Toledano.)  
*WID.world Technical Note* 2023/13.

### Publications in Dutch:

- (2023) [Kolonisatie Nederlands-Indië droeg sterk bij aan privaat vermogen](#)  
(with A. de Vicq, M. Moatsos, and T. van der Valk.)  
*Economisch Statistische Berichten*, **108**(4820): 152–155.
- (2023) [De vermogensongelijkheid stijgt sinds de jaren tachtig](#)  
(with A. de Vicq, M. Moatsos, and T. van der Valk.)  
*Economisch Statistische Berichten*, **108**(4820): 156–157.
- (2022) [Technisch Rapport Vermogensverdeling](#)  
Scientific report written for *Interdepartementaal Beleidsonderzoek Vermogensverdeling*,  
Dutch Ministry of Finance.
- (2020) [Nederlandse vermogens schever verdeeld dan gedacht](#)  
(with B.J.P. van Bavel, W. Salverda and C.N. Teulings.)  
*Economisch Statistische Berichten*, **105**(4789): 438–441

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Leiden University:

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|--------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| (2025) | Economic Analysis of Tax Policy | <i>undergraduate</i> |
| (2025) | Principles of Economics         | <i>undergraduate</i> |
| (2025) | Toegepaste Welvaartseconomie    | <i>undergraduate</i> |
| (2025) | Macroeconomics                  | <i>undergraduate</i> |
| (2025) | Gedragseconomie                 | <i>undergraduate</i> |

### Utrecht University:

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|-------------|--|----------------------|
| (2021–2025) | Institutions, Market Failures, and Economic Policy | <i>undergraduate</i> |
| (2020)      | Intermediate Microeconomics                        | <i>undergraduate</i> |
| (2019–2020) | Introduction to Applied Data Science               | <i>undergraduate</i> |

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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### Presentations at External Seminars & Conferences (incl. Planned):

- (2025) Statistics Netherlands · Inequality in Rome Seminar
- (2024) University of Amsterdam · Leiden University · Paris School of Economics · Theories and Methods in Macro · Maastricht University · St. Gallen Workshop “Capital vs. Labor” · IIPF · IFN Stockholm · LSE-WU-ZEW Workshop on Wealth Inequality, Social Mobility, and Equality of Opportunity
- (2023) Centraal Planbureau · Oxford University · Dutch Ministry of Finance · Nederlandse Economendag

- (2022) Erasmus School of Economics · Bonn Macroeconomics & Macroeconomics Lab · European Historical Economics Conference · IARIW
- (2021) Utrecht Economic History · World Inequality Conference

**Invited Lectures & Panels:**

- (2025) Investment Officer Outlook · Young International Fiscal Association Netherlands
- (2023) Young Economists Catshuis Policy Roundtable, hosted by the Minister of Finance

**Organized Seminars:**

- (2022) IARIW

**Discussant:**

- (2024) IIPF
- (2022) IARIW

**Visits:**

- (2023) Centre for Macroeconomics, London School of Economics

- Refereeing:** Journal of Economic Inequality · Review of Income and Wealth · Tijdschrift voor Politieke Economie

## MEDIA COVERAGE

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- (2025) Investment Officer · Volkskrant (x2) · Trouw · Accountancy Vanmorgen · NTR Focus · Podcast ‘Zo Opgelost’ · Nederlands Dagblad
- (2024) Historiek.net
- (2023) BNR Podcast ‘... en Gratis Bier Voor Iedereen’
- (2022) Algemeen Dagblad · NU.nl · Jonge Economenpodcast
- (2021) EenVandaag (Radio) · NRC Handelsblad
- (2020) Volkskrant · Financieel Dagblad

## PERSONAL

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**Citizenship:** Dutch

**Languages:** Dutch (native), English (fluent), German (advanced), French (intermediate)

**Leisure:** Playing cello, classical singing, hiking

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