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EMPLOYMENT

2025–	Wetenschappelijk Docent (senior lecturer)	Leiden University
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EDUCATION

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

OTHER POSITIONS

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

Working Papers:

(2024)	Robust Estimation of Private Business Wealth.
(2024)	Why Has the Number of Billionaires Increased So Much? (with C.N. Teulings.) <i>CEPR Discussion Paper</i> DP19191.
(2023)	Top Wealth Is Distributed Weibull, Not Pareto (with C.N. Teulings.) <i>CEPR Discussion Paper</i> DP18364.

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.) <i>European Economic Review</i> , 178 :105099.
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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:

- (2025) [In Memoriam: Nico Wilterdink](#)
(with J. Heilbron and W. Leenders)
Economisch Statistische Berichten, **110**(4847), 333.
- (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

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

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 ·

- (2023) LSE-WU-ZEW Workshop on Wealth Inequality, Social Mobility, and Equality of Opportunity
Centraal Planbureau · Oxford University · Dutch Ministry of Finance · Nederlandse Economendag
- (2022) Erasmus School of Economics · Bonn Macrohistory & Macrofinance 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: Economic Analysis & Policy · Journal of Economic Inequality · Review of Income and Wealth · Scientific Data · Tijdschrift voor Politieke Economie

MEDIA COVERAGE

- (2026) Nederlands Dagblad
- (2025) Investment Officer · Volkskrant (x2) · Trouw · Accountancy Vanmorgen · NTR Focus · Podcast ‘Zo Opgelost’ · Nederlands Dagblad · Financieel 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

Citizenship: Dutch
Languages: Dutch (native), English (fluent), German (advanced), French (intermediate)
Leisure: Playing cello, classical singing, hiking

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