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## EDUCATION

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### **MSc Economics of Sustainability**

Sept. 2023 - May 2026

*Wageningen University & Research*

Thesis on illustrating the impact of energy constraints on the energy transition by adapting an existing simple IAM (GHKT) and implementing an energy-based production function.

Grade: 8,5.

### **Honours BSc Philosophy, Politics & Economics - cum laude**

Sept. 2020 - Aug. 2023

*Utrecht University*

Minor in Sustainable Business and Innovation at Copernicus Institute.

Thesis on the causal relationship between pesticide use in the cut-flower industry and adverse health outcomes for women, applying the Theory of Ecologically Unequal Exchange.

Grade: 9,5.

## RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

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### **Research Internship**

Jan. 2026 - May 2026

*Institute of Environmental Science & Technology (ICTA-UAB)*

Working with the Ecological Economics research group under the supervision of Prof. dr. Jeroen van den Bergh. My main research activity is working on the publication of my thesis.

### **Student Assistant Research Institute**

March 2023 - March 2025

*Utrecht University School of Economics*

Providing background support to research activities. This included processing research output and scores for annual reports, compiling discussion papers, and organising research seminars.

### **Support Council Member**

Sept. 2023 - July 2024

*Municipal government of Wageningen*

Supporting council members with their day-to-day tasks, including attending community meetings, reading policy proposals, forming opinions, and preparing for council meetings.

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR

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### **Spokesperson**

Nov. 2023 - June 2024

*Plant-Based Universities Netherlands*

Contacting supportive faculty members at 14 Dutch universities, writing and distributing press releases and opinion pieces, and handling external communications.

**SDG Consultant trainee**

Sept. 2021 - Dec. 2021

*TheRockGroup & SDG House Amsterdam*

Creating a vision and strategy document for Dijklander Ziekenhuis, integrating the SDGs into the hospital's policies. The final report can be found on my LinkedIn profile.

**Tutor**

Sept. 2020 - Sept. 2021

*Tilburg*

Tutor for the Tilburg University courses Causal Analysis Techniques (CAT) and Construction and Analysis of Questionnaires (CAQ).

**SEMINARS & MEMBERSHIPS**

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**Conferences & seminars**

- *EnerFuture 2025 - Ten years after the Paris Agreement.* Online, December 2, 2025.
- *G10 Festival of economics, philosophy, and the arts.* Amsterdam, November 21-23, 2025.
- *Giorgos Kallis: Political Ecological Economics and the nature of economic growth.* Online, November 4, 2025.
- *AltShift Festival - Building alliances for radical change.* Austria, July 28 - August 2, 2024.
- *Kingian Nonviolence and Direct Action from Plant-Based Universities.* Amsterdam, October 26, 2023.
- *Studium Generale on Degrowth.* Wageningen, 3-10-17 October, 2023.

**Memberships**

- Member - Post-growth Economics Network.
- Member - Post-growth modelling community (Discord channel).

**TECHNICAL SKILLS**

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**Software** - MATLAB, GAMS, R | **Models** - IAM, MFA, I-O | **Methods** - RCT, DiD, IV, survey, stakeholder analysis