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EDUCATION

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

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

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

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

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