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## EMPLOYMENT

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2025– **Wetenschappelijk Docent** (senior lecturer) Leiden University

## EDUCATION

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

## 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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### 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.

### 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.

### 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

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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):

- (2026) World Inequality Conference
- (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 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**

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- (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**

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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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