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Academic positions

2024 – now Assistant professor (with tenure), Leiden University

Education

2020 – 2025 Ph.D. in Economics (*cum laude*), Tilburg University
Department: Econometrics and Operations Research
Advisors: Bertrand Melenberg, Marike Knoef, and Anja De Waegenare

2018 – 2020 Research Master in Economics, Tilburg University

2014 – 2018 Bachelor in Econometrics and Operations Research, Tilburg University

2016 Exchange semester, Bentley University

Research visits

05-06/2026 University of California, Irvine
05/2025 Opportunity Insights, Harvard University
04/2024 University of Notre Dame
03/2024 Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

Working papers

Place, Parental Sorting, and Socioeconomic Mobility: New Evidence from Dutch Movers

When Early Retirement Ends: Worker Health and Labor Market Effects, joint work with Marike Knoef and Bertrand Melenberg

Estimating the Education-Health Gradient: An Instrumental Variable Approach with Bertrand Melenberg and Anja de Waegenare

Talks

Conferences/seminars (incl. scheduled)

- 2026 University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, University of California Irvine, Leiden University
- 2025 Opportunity Insights (Harvard University), Global Opportunity Network meeting (Harvard University), International Pension Workshop Netspar, Leiden University (*), Dutch Health Econometrics Workshop (*)
- 2024 University of Notre Dame, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, AREUEA Washington DC; Lowlands Health Economists' Study Group, Essen Health Conference, KVS New Paper Sessions, EEA, ESPE, UEA Washington DC, Dutch Health Econometrics Workshop (*), Leiden University, Stone Center on Wealth Inequality and Mobility (University College London) (*)
- 2023 Tilburg University, Lowlands Health Economists' Study Group, ENTER Jamboree Mannheim (*), KVS New Paper Sessions, International Pension Workshop Netspar (*), EuHEA, Netspar Pension Day (*), University of Groningen
- 2022 IPW Netspar, EuHEA
- 2021 EuHEA (*), Netspar Pension Day

(*): Discussant

Other talks/guest lectures/media

- 2025 [Promotiebespreking ESB Lieke Beekers](#), [Masterclass Financiële Journalistiek \(Ministerie van Financiën, Den Haag\)](#), Guest lecture at Tilburg University (Advanced Panel Data Models for EOR), [Avond van de Wetenschap en Maatschappij](#), [HUMAN podcast met Jeroen Smit "leve de vergrijzing"](#), [Leiden Delft Erasmus white paper "The Economy of South Holland"](#) (joint interview with Hans van Kippersluis)
- 2024 [De Nieuwe Economen Podcast ESB](#)
- 2021 [ABP Money Matters](#): Geld voor nu en later

Awards and grants

- 2026 Dissertation Prize (2nd place): all Ph.D. theses from all schools at *Tilburg University*
- 2025 Netspar Theme Grant (350,000 EUR): PI together with Marike Knoef

2025	ODISSEI Grant (7,500 EUR): PI together with Rik Rozendaal
2024	Young Economist Award; <i>European Economic Association</i>
2024	CentER Research Visit Grant (5,000 EUR); <i>Tilburg School of Economics and Management</i>
2022	Excellent Teacher Award; <i>Tilburg School of Economics and Management</i>
2021	Talent of the Year Award: all PhD candidates from all cohorts at <i>Tilburg School of Economics and Management</i>
2020	Excellent Teacher Award; <i>Tilburg School of Economics and Management</i>

Teaching

- University Teaching Qualification (Dutch: BKO) certificate since 2025

- Leiden University

2025 – now	Research Methods (MSc)
2025 – now	Supervision BSc and MSc theses
2025 – now	Principles of Economics (BSc)
2026	Welfare Economics (BSc)

- Tilburg University

2022	Supervision BSc theses
2022	Econometrics (BSc)
2020 – 2024	Data Analytics (BSc)
2021 – 2024	Probability and Statistics (BSc)
2021	Quantitative Methods (PhD)

Professional activities

2025 – now	Organizer Reading Group in Economics; <i>Leiden University</i>
2024 – now	Member Partner Research Council for Netspar; <i>Leiden University</i>
2022 – 2024	Member of the Faculty Council for the Tilburg School of Economics and Management (TiSEM); <i>Tilburg University</i>
2018 – 2021	Member of the Education Committee for the Research Master in Economics/Business; <i>Tilburg University</i>
2019 – 2020	Research Assistant for prof. dr. Bertrand Melenberg; <i>Tilburg University</i>

Refereeing

Labour Economics