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Lawyer, Mathematician & Philosopher

Education

- 2018–2020 **MA Philosophy**, *Leiden University*, Leiden, the Netherlands, *summa cum laude*.
Specialization: Philosophical Perspectives on Politics and the Economy, with courses on topics in political philosophy. Average grade: 9.2/10. Dissertation on constituencies in electoral design, a response to and an extension of *The Concept of Constituency* by Rehfeld, mark: 9.5/10.
- 2018–2019, 2016–2017 **LL.M. Legal Research**, *Utrecht University*, Utrecht, the Netherlands, *cum laude*.
2-year research degree. Courses on: Constitutional law, EU law, research methodology. Average grade: 8.5/10. Dissertation about referendums in representative democracy, mark: 9.0/10.
- 2017–2018 **MSc Applicable Mathematics**, *London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)*, London, UK, *with distinction*.
Courses on: (Algorithmic) game theory, (computational) social choice, mechanism design. Obtained distinction in every course. Dissertation about Condorcet winning sets in computational social choice, mark: 84/100.
- 2013–2016 **BSc Mathematics**, *Utrecht University*, Utrecht, the Netherlands.
Thesis about power relations in the European Council, mark: 8.5/10.
- 2012–2016 **LLB. Law**, *Utrecht University*, Utrecht, the Netherlands, *cum laude*.
Thesis about the EU accession procedure, a case-study of the accession procedure of Turkey, mark: 9.5/10.
- 2012–2016 **BA Philosophy**, *Utrecht University*, Utrecht, the Netherlands, *cum laude*.
Thesis about legitimacy and representation in the EU, mark: 8.5/10.

Publications

- 2020 Bloks, S.A. and A. van den Brink (2020). The Impact on National Sovereignty of Mutual Recognition in the AFSJ. Case-study of the European Arrest Warrant. *German Law Journal*.
- 2019 Bloks, S. A. Are Referendums and Parliamentary Elections Reconcilable? The Implications of Three Voting Paradoxes. *Moral Philosophy and Politics*, 6(2):281–311. Towards Foolproof Democracy. Advancing Public Debate and Political Decision-Making [Special Issue].
- 2019 Bloks, S. A. The Regulation of Trans Fats in Food Products in the US and the EU. *Utrecht Law Review*, 15(3):57–77. Unhealthy, (un)lawful? [Special Issue].
- 2018 Bloks, S. A. De regulering van transvetten in levensmiddelen. Vergelijkend onderzoek tussen de VS en de EU. In A.L.M Keirse, R.S.B. Kool and R. Ortlep, editor, *Ongezonder (on)geoorloofd? Publiek- en privaatrecht & legale maar gezondheidsbedreigende producten en diensten*, pages 337–368. The Hague: Boom Juridische Uitgevers.
- 2018 Bloks, S. A. The Impact on Sovereignty. Assessing an Essentially Contested Concept. In S. Hardt, A.W. Heringa and A. Waltermann, editor, *Bevrijdende en Begrenzende Soevereiniteit*, pages 51–72. The Hague: Boom Juridische Uitgevers.
- 2018 Bloks, S. A. De Wet raadgevend referendum afschaffen of verbeteren? *Nederlands juristenblad*, 2:85–91.

Presentations

- 2019 **De gekozen burgemeester via instemmingsverkiezingen [Electing the mayor with approval voting]**, *Young Researchers Event of the Dutch Association of Constitutional Law*, Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations, the Hague, the Netherlands.
November 7
- 2019 **Minimum-sized Condorcet Winning Sets in Preference Profiles**, *Computational Social Choice Seminar*, ILLC, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
May 3
- 2017 **National Sovereignty: Conceptualising an Essentially Contested Concept**, *Dutch Constitutional Law Conference on Globalization as a Challenge to National Sovereignty*, Maastricht University, Maastricht, the Netherlands.
December 15
- 2017 **Referendums in Representative Democracy: Learning from Social Choice Theory**, *Dare to Cross Over!*, Utrecht University, Utrecht, the Netherlands.
June 8
Awarded the Bright Minds Award 2017 for interdisciplinary research.

Experience

Vocational

- 2020–present **Lecturer**, *Utrecht University, Institute of Jurisprudence, Constitutional and Administrative Law*, Utrecht, the Netherlands.
Lecturer for seminars in the undergraduate courses: *Foundations of Law*, *Administrative Law*, *Constitutional Law* and *Perspectives on Law*. Involved in designing and teaching the new Master's course *Technology and the Rule of Law*. Active as a first-years tutor.
- 2019–2020 **Research and Teaching Assistant**, *University of Amsterdam, Institute for Logic, Language and Computation*, Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
Researcher and lecturer for the Computational Social Choice Group of Prof. Ulle Endriss (funding: NWO Vici Project on Collective Information). Taught lectures and tutorials in two graduate courses: *Game Theory* and *Computational Social Choice*.
- 2018–2019 **Intern Department of Politics, Rule of Law and Public Diplomacy**, *Embassy of the Netherlands in Serbia and Montenegro*, Belgrade, Serbia.
6 month internship.
- 2017 **Student-assistent**, *Willem Pompe Institute, Utrecht University*, Utrecht, the Netherlands.
Research project Hercule III for EU Anti-Fraud Office OLAF. Organisation of two conferences and contribution to the final report.
- 2017 **Student-assistent**, *Utrecht University*, Utrecht, the Netherlands.
Teacher of tutorials for the undergraduate *Game Theory* course.
- 2014–2016 **Exam Trainer**, *Stichting Studiebegeleiding Leiden (SSL)*, *Leiden University*, Leiden, the Netherlands.
Teacher in mathematics for high school students preparing for their final examinations.
- 2012–2017 **Tutor**, *StudentsPlus*, Utrecht, the Netherlands.
Tutor in mathematics for high school students.

Miscellaneous

- 2015 **Delegate**, *Netherlands Asia Honours Summer School*, Hong Kong.
Publication in volume 3, 2015, of *Het Financieele Dagblad* (Dutch equivalent of *the Financial Times*). Courses in Chinese Culture and Chinese Philosophy.