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*Interdisciplinary Researcher in
Political Philosophy, EU Constitutional Law and Social Choice*

Current Employment

- 2021–present **PhD Candidate in Philosophy**, *Hamburg University*, Hamburg, Germany.
Funded by the interdisciplinary DFG Graduate Program 'Collective Decision-Making'. Research areas of specialization: political philosophy, EU constitutional law, (computational) social choice. Research topic: democratic inclusion, neo-republicanism, immigration. Supervisors: Christine Straehle, Peter Niesen and Matthew Braham. Research Visits: Helder de Schutter (KU Leuven).

Publications

Journal Articles

- 2021 Bloks, S.A. and A. van den Brink. The Impact on National Sovereignty of Mutual Recognition in the AFSJ. Case-Study of the European Arrest Warrant. *German Law Journal*, 22(1):45–64.
- 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 Wet raadgevend referendum afschaffen of verbeteren? *Nederlands juristenblad*, 2:85–91.

Book Chapters

- 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.

Awards and Grants

Awards

LUF Dissertation Prize 2021.

Award for the best Master's dissertation of Leiden University written in 2019/2020. Awarded by Fonds Minerva Reünisten 1957/1961/1965 and Leids Universitair Fonds (LUF) for the MA Philosophy dissertation 'Constituencies in Electoral Design. A Response to and an Extension of The Concept of Constituency by Rehfeld', supervised by dr. T. Fossen.

Bright Minds Award 2017.

Award for interdisciplinary research and innovation by Dare to Cross Over! of Utrecht University. Received for research on referendums, combining constitutional law and social choice.

Grants

- 2017-2018 **VSBFonds Scholarship.**
Scholarship for MSc in Applicable Mathematics at LSE.
- 2017-2018 **Hendrik Mullerfonds Scholarship.**
Scholarship for MSc in Applicable Mathematics at LSE.

Academic Positions

- 2020-2021 **Junior Lecturer**, *Utrecht University - Institute of Jurisprudence, Constitutional and Administrative Law*, Utrecht, the Netherlands.
Lecturer for seminars in the undergraduate courses: *Foundations of Law* and *Administrative 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 in the Computational Social Choice Group (funding: NWO Vici Project on Collective Information). Lecturer in two graduate courses: *Game Theory* and *Computational Social Choice*.
- 2017 **Student-assistent**, *Utrecht University*, Utrecht, the Netherlands.
Teacher of tutorials for the undergraduate *Game Theory* course.
- 2017 **Student-assistent**, *Utrecht University - Willem Pompe Institute*, Utrecht, the Netherlands.
Research project Hercule III for EU Anti-Fraud Office OLAF. Organisation of two conferences and contribution to the final report.

Education

- 2018-2020 **MA Philosophy**, *Leiden University*, Leiden, the Netherlands, *summa cum laude*.
Specialization: Philosophical Perspectives on Politics and the Economy. 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, awarded the LUF Dissertation Prize 2021 for best Master's dissertation of Leiden University. Supervisor: Thomas Fossen.
- 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, awarded the Bright Minds Award 2017 for innovative interdisciplinary research. Supervisors: Janneke Gerards and Remco Nehmelman.
- 2017-2018 **MSc Applicable Mathematics**, *London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)*, London, UK, *cum laude*.
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. Supervisor: Bernhard von Stengel.
- 2012-2016 **BA Philosophy, BSc Mathematics, LLB. Law**, *Utrecht University*, Utrecht, the Netherlands, BA and LLB. with *cum laude*.
Theses formed an interdisciplinary trilogy about legitimacy and representation in the EU. BA conceptual framework, mark: 8.5/10. BSc case-study about power relations in the European Council, mark: 8.5/10. LLB. case-study about the EU accession procedure, mark: 9.5/10.

Courses Taught

Graduate Seminars

- 2020-2021 **Technology and the Rule of Law**, *Utrecht University*, LL.M. Technology and Law in Europe.
- 2019-2020 **Computational Social Choice**, *University of Amsterdam*, MSc Logic.
- 2019-2020 **Game Theory**, *University of Amsterdam*, MSc Logic.

Undergraduate Seminars

- 2020-2021 **Foundations of Law**, *Utrecht University*, LLB. Law.
2020-2021 **Administrative Law**, *Utrecht University*, LLB. Law.
2016-2017 **Game Theory**, *Utrecht University*, BSc Mathematics.

Academic Service

Editing

Special Issue: Democratic Decision-Making Methods: Deliberation and Voting, *Res Publica*, Co-editor Dorota Mokrosinska.

Workshop Organization

- 2022 **Democratic Decision-Making Methods: Deliberation and Voting**, *Special Issue*
September *Workshop Res Publica*, Collaboration between Hamburg University and Leiden University,
9-10 Hamburg, Germany.

Presentations

Invited Presentations

- 2022 **Equal or Proportional Political Power? A Neo-Republican Theory of Democratic**
April 21 **Inclusion**, *Centre for Political Philosophy Colloquium*, Leiden University, the Netherlands.

Academic Conference and Workshop Papers

- 2022 **For Partially Enfranchising Denizens (Collaboration with D. Häuser)**
12th Braga Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy, June 27, 2022, University of
Minho, Braga, Portugal
OZSW RANT Workshop, June 20, 2022, Nijmegen University, Nijmegen, the Netherlands
17th Annual Doctoral Conference CEU, April 8, 2022, Central European University, Wien,
Austria
- 2020-2022 **Freedom from Domination and Border Coercion**
12th Braga Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy, June 27, 2022, University of
Minho, Braga, Portugal.
Territory, Climate Change & Migration Workshop, June 3, 2022, Queens University &
Hamburg University, Hamburg, Germany.
Vivés Seminar, May 31, 2022 Hoover Chair, UCLouvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium.
Boundary Problem Workshop, October 12, 2021, Institute for Future Studies, Stockholm.
CPP Disputationes Quadrangulae, May 6, 2022, Bi-Annual Workshop in political and
legal philosophy by Leiden University and KU Leuven, Online.
Annual Conference of the Dutch Research School of Philosophy (OZSW), December 11,
2020, Tilburg University, Online
- 2021 **Legislative (In)Capacity to Act: A Proposal for Dual Open-Secret Voting**
(Collaboration with D. Mokrosinska)
ECPR Joint Sessions, May 24, 2021, Online
- 2019 **(Computational) Social Choice**
Computational Social Choice Seminar, 'Minimum-sized Condorcet Winning Sets in Prefer-
ence Profiles', May 3, 2019, ILLC, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, the Netherlands
- 2017 **National Sovereignty**
Dutch Constitutional Law Conference on Globalization as a Challenge to National
Sovereignty, December 15, 2017, Maastricht University, Maastricht, the Netherlands

Public Lectures and Presentations

- 2021 **Waarom het volk niet beslist [Why the people do not decide]**, *Cleveringabijeenkomst*
November 26 *Den Haag*, Wijnhaven, Leiden University, the Netherlands.
- 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.
- 2017 **Referendums in Representative Democracy: Learning from Social Choice Theory**,
June 8 *Dare to Cross Over!*, Utrecht University, Utrecht, the Netherlands.
Awarded the Bright Minds Award 2017 for interdisciplinary research.

Miscellaneous

- 2018–2019 **Embassy Intern**, *Embassy of the Netherlands in Serbia and Montenegro - Department of Politics, Rule of Law and Public Diplomacy*, Belgrade, Serbia.
6 month internship. Member of a team monitoring rule of law reformations in the context of the EU accession procedure by organising public diplomatic events, attending meetings with governmental and other partners, and writing policy briefings.
- 2014–2016 **Exam Trainer**, *Leiden University - Stichting Studiebegeleiding Leiden (SSL)*, 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.
- 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.

Languages

- Dutch native speaker
English fluent oral and written
German competent