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Date of birth 13 July 1983
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Civil status Married, three kids
Citizenship German

Research Interests

Public and Global Health, Planetary Health, Applied Statistics/Econometrics, Impact Evaluation, Survey Design, Climate Change Adaptation, Resilience Building, International Development, Gender

Academic Appointments

Radboud University Nijmegen (RU) – Nijmegen School of Management
Nijmegen, The Netherlands

2022 - now
Jan Professor of Applied Economics & Development
Director of the [Global Data Lab](#)

Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR) – Institute of Social Studies (ISS)
The Hague, The Netherlands

2018 - 2021
Jun Dec Associate Professor of Public Health, Development & Economics
2015 - 2018
Jun May Assistant Professor of Public Health, Development & Economics - Senior Lecturer
2014 - 2015
Jan May Assistant Professor of Public Health, Development & Economics - Junior Lecturer
2012 - 2013
Jun Dec Postdoctoral Researcher in Public Health

Education

The Graduate Institute | Geneva - Geneva, Switzerland

2008 - 2012
Sept Sept PhD in International Economics - “Three Essays on the Fetters to Development”
Principal advisor: Jean-Louis Arcand
External reviewer: Mark Rosenzweig

Eberhard Karls Universität - Tübingen, Germany

2007 - 2008
Mar Aug Master in International Economics and Finance
2003 - 2007
Oct Feb Bachelor in International Economics and European Studies

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven - Leuven, Belgium

2005 - 2006
Aug Jun Erasmus Exchange Student in Economics

Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications

H-indices Google Scholar i10-Index 36, Scopus 15, Web of Science 15

ORCID [-0000-0003-0830-6429-](https://orcid.org/0000-0003-0830-6429)

- “Stimuleren sociale interacties kan studentenwelzijn verbeteren” with J. Vyrastekova, S. Arts & C. Markou. 2026. *Economisch Statistische Berichten (ESB)*, 111(4853), 34-37.
- “Legal Reforms, Norms, and Child Marriage: Observational Evidence on Behavioral Responses in Sub-Saharan Africa” with A.L. Ebberts & J. Alenda-Demoutiez. 2025. *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics*, 102499. DOI: 10.1016/j.socec.2025.102499.
- “Exposing non-consumers to the taste and experience of bottled water: Evidence from a randomized controlled trial in two African countries” with R. Howell & K. Mani Sinha, 2025. *Review of Development Economics*. DOI: 10.1111/rode.70046.
- “Can Information Enhanced with Nudges Mitigate Childhood Overweight in the Global South?” with M. Rieger, B. Restrepo & N. Pham Khanh, 2025. *Journal of Human Resources*, 60(4), 1323-1355. DOI: 10.3368/jhr.0821-11827R2.
- “Responses in child health to concerted reconstruction efforts in the aftermath of the 2016 earthquake in Ecuador” with J. Pacheco & J. Ponce, 2025. *Economics & Human Biology*, 59:101522. DOI: 10.1016/j.ehb.2025.101522.
- “Impact of Access to Electricity on the Well-Being of Rural Households in Senegal” with G. Magbonde & D. Thiam, 2025. *Journal of Development Effectiveness*. 17(3), 318-341. DOI: 10.1080/19439342.2025.2499432.
- “The economic impacts of rural water supply infrastructures in developing countries: Empirical evidence from Senegal” with G. Magbonde & D. Thiam, 2024. *Environmental and Resource Economics*, 87, 2571-2628. DOI: 10.1007/s10640-024-00897-4.
- “Long-term impacts of an early childhood shock on human capital: Evidence from the 1999 economic crisis in Ecuador” with J. Pacheco Miranda, 2023. *Health Economics*, 32(11), 2460-2476. DOI: 10.1002/hec.4742.
- “How manufacturing firms respond to energy subsidy reforms? An impact assessment of the Iranian Energy Subsidy Reform” with Z. Zarepour, 2023. *Energy Economics*, 124: 106762. DOI: 10.1016/j.eneco.2023.106762.
- “Public transfers and crowding-in and -out of private transfers: Experimental evidence from Kenya” with S. Ongudi & D. Thiam, 2023. *World Development Perspectives*, 31:100524. DOI: 10.1016/j.wdp.2023.100524.
- “International Collaboration in Times of Pandemics: An Urgent Need for Reforming our Global Financial System” with M. Arsel, B.A. Demena, A. Floridi, G.M. Gomez, G. Haile, A. Kalfagianni, F. Mukhtarov, S.M. Murshed, E. Papyrakis, L. Pellegrini, M. Rieger, Z. Shigute, G.J.A. Uzin, R. vd Hoeven & R. Vos, 2023. *Progress in Development Studies*, 23(3), 338-343. DOI: 10.1177/14649934231157238.
- “Evaluating the economic effects of the Ebola virus disease in Liberia: A Synthetic Control Approach” with A.Z.B. Flomo & E. Papyrakis, 2023. *Journal of International Development*, 35(6), 1478-1504. DOI: 10.1002/jid.3736.
- “Determinants of intended return migration among refugees: A comparison of Syrian refugees in Germany and Turkey” with N. Al Husein, 2023. *International Migration Review*, 57(4), 1771-1805. DOI: 10.1177/01979183221142780.
- “A game worth the candle? Meta-analysis of the effects of formalization on firm performance” with A. Floridi & B.A. Demena, 2022. *Journal of Developmental Entrepreneurship*, 27(4): 2250026. DOI: 10.1142/S1084946722500261.

- “Cash instead of subsidy: Assessing the impact of the Iranian energy subsidy reform on households” with Z. Zarepour, 2022. *Energy Policy*, 168: 113145. DOI: 10.1016/j.enpol.2022.113145.
- “Government scorecards and policy impact: Assessment of an accountability initiative in Uganda” with W. Hout & B.A. Demena, 2022. *World Development*, 158: 106011. DOI: 10.1016/j.worlddev.2022.106011.
- “Building resilience in the chars of Bangladesh: An impact assessment” with F. Misha, S. S. Shahed & A. Bedi, 2022. *Journal of International Development*, 34(8), 1547-1569. DOI: 10.1002/jid.3653.
- “Fertility, electricity and television: Is there a link? Evidence from Pakistan, 1990-2012” with L. Tasciotti & F. Sulehria, 2022. SOAS Department of Economics Working Paper No. 220, London: SOAS University of London. *Journal of Demographic Economics*. DOI: 10.1017/dem.2022.6.
- “The impact of off-grid solar home systems in Kenya on energy consumption and expenditures” with M. Rieger, A. Bedi, J. Vermeulen & B.A. Demena, 2021. *Energy Economics*, 99: 105314. DOI: 10.1016/j.eneco.2021.105314.
- “The bright side of formalization policies! Meta-analysis of the benefits of policy-induced versus self-induced formalization” with A. Floridi & B.A. Demena, 2021. *Applied Economics Letters*. DOI: 10.1080/13504851.2020.1870919.
- “Shedding light on the shadows of informality: A meta-analysis of formalization interventions targeted at informal firms” with A. Floridi & B.A. Demena, 2020. *Labour Economics*, 67: 101925. DOI: 10.1016/j.labeco.2020.101925.
- “‘When I receive the SMS, it is a sign of love’: Symbolic connotations of SMS messages for People living with HIV in Burkina Faso” with M. Geldof & B.A. Thiombiano, 2020. *AIDS Care*. DOI: 10.1080/09540121.2020.1769832.
- “Adaptation and biomedical transition of people living with HIV to antiretroviral treatment” with L. Artavia, A. Bedi & B.A. Thiombiano, 2020. *Global Public Health*, 15(5): 638-653. DOI: 10.1080/17441692.2019.1704819.
- “A systematic review of mobile phone interventions (SMS/IVR/calls) to improve adherence and retention to antiretroviral treatment in low- and middle-income countries” with B.A. Demena, L. Artavia, D. Ouedraogo, & B.A. Thiombiano, 2020. *AIDS Patient Care and STDs*, 34(2): 59-71. DOI: 10.1089/apc.2019.0181.
- “Improving police integrity in Uganda: Impact assessment of the police accountability and reform project” with W. Hout & R. Namara, 2020. *Review of Development Economics*, 24(1): 62-83. DOI: 10.1111/rode.12643.
- “Consumption of bottled water at the bottom of the pyramid: Who purchases first?” with R. Howell, K. Mani Sinha, C. van Beers & N. Doorn, 2020. *Journal of Macromarketing*, 40(1): 31-50. DOI: 10.1177/0276146719866890.
- “The impact of the Ethiopian health extension program and health development army on maternal mortality: A synthetic control approach” with M. Rieger, A. Mebra-tie, G. Alemu & A. Bedi, 2019. *Social Science & Medicine*, 232: 374-381. DOI: 10.1016/j.socscimed.2019.05.037.
- “Does health insurance coverage or improved quality protect better against out-of-pocket payments? Experimental evidence from the Philippines” with S. Quimbo, R. Shimkhada & J. Peabody, 2018. *Social Science & Medicine*, 204: 51-58. DOI: 10.1016/.socsci-med.2018.03.024.

- “How much should we trust micro-data? A comparison of the socio-demographic profile of Malawian households using Census, LSMS and DHS data” with L. Tasciotti, 2018. *European Journal of Development Research*, 30(4): 588-612. DOI: 10.1057/s41287-017-0083-6.
- “Urban agriculture, dietary diversity and child health in a sample of Tanzanian townfolk” with L. Tasciotti, 2018. *Canadian Journal of Development Studies*, 39(2): 234-251. DOI: 10.1080/02255189.2017.1375902.
- “Gender and policing norms: Evidence from survey experiments among police officers in Uganda” with M. Rieger, A. Bedi & W. Hout, 2017. ISS Working Paper No. 615. *Journal of African Economies*, 26(4): 492-515. DOI: 10.1093/jae/ejx014.
- “Universal health coverage at the macro level: Synthetic control evidence from Thailand” with A. Bedi & M. Rieger, 2017. ISS Working Paper No. 609. *Social Science & Medicine*, 172C: 46-55. DOI: 10.1016/j.socscimed.2016.11.022.
- “Bride price and fertility decisions: Evidence from rural Senegal” with L. Mbaye, 2017. IZA Working Paper No. 7770. *Journal of Development Studies*, 53(6): 891-910. DOI: 10.1080/00220388.2016.1208178.
- “Misfortunes never come singly: Structural change, multiple shocks and child malnutrition in rural Senegal” with S. Lazzaroni, 2016. *Economics & Human Biology*, 23: 246-262. DOI: 10.1016/j.ehb.2016.10.006.
- “Protocol for a randomized controlled trial evaluating mobile text messaging to promote retention and adherence to antiretroviral therapy for people living with HIV in Burkina Faso” with D. Ouedraogo, L. Artavia, A. Bedi & B.A. Thiombiano, 2016. *Journal of Medical Internet Research: Research Protocols*, 5(3): e170. DOI: 10.2196/resprot.5823.
- “Gender, ethnicity and teaching evaluations: Evidence from mixed teaching teams” with M. Rieger & K. Voorvelt, 2016. ISS Working Paper No. 617. *Economics of Education Review*, 54: 79-94. DOI: 10.1016/j.econedurev.2016.06.004.
- “Polygyny and child health revisited” (Letter) with M. Rieger, 2016. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*, 113(13): E1769-E1770. DOI: 10.1073/pnas.1600882113.
- “Do health reforms to improve quality have long-term effects? Results of a follow-up on a randomized policy experiment in the Philippines” with S. Quimbo, J. Florentino, O. Solon & J. Peabody, 2016. *Health Economics*, 25(2): 165-77. DOI: 10.1002/hec.3129.
- “Does community driven development improve inclusiveness? Evidence from Senegal” with J.-L. Arcand, 2016. *World Development*, 78: 105-124. DOI: 10.1016/j.worlddev.2015.10.016.
- “Female genital cutting and long-term health consequences – Nationally representative estimates across 13 countries”, 2015. *Journal of Development Studies*, 51(3): 226-246. DOI: 10.1080/00220388.2014.976620. Received the 2016 Dudley Seers Best Paper Prize.
- “Child health, its dynamic interaction with nutrition and health memory – Evidence from Senegal” with M. Rieger, 2015. *Economics & Human Biology*, 16: 135-145. DOI: 10.1016/j.ehb.2014.03.001.
- “Resource dependence and armed violence: Impact on sustainability in developing countries” with G. Carbonnier, 2015. *Defence and Peace Economics*, 26(1): 115-132. DOI: 10.1080/10242694.2013.848580.

- “Polygyny and child growth – Evidence from 26 African countries” with M. Rieger, 2015. *Feminist Economics*, 21(2): 105-130. DOI: 10.1080/13545701.2014.927953.
- “Urban agriculture and dietary diversity – Empirical evidence from Tanzania” with L. Tasciotti, 2015. *European Journal of Development Research*, 27(5): 631-649. DOI: 10.1057/ejdr.2014.38.
- “HIV/AIDS sensitization and peer-mentoring: Evidence from a randomized experiment in Senegal” with J.-L. Arcand, P.A. Diallo & C. Sakho, 2014. *Journal of Development Effectiveness*, 6(2): 147-166. DOI: 10.1080/19439342.2014.906486.

Contributions to Edited Volumes

- “Holding Ugandan police to account: Case study of the Police Accountability and Reform Project” with W. Hout & R. Namara, 2022. *Edited Volume “The State of Accountability in the Global South: Challenges and Responses”* by S. Bergh, C. Sathyamala & S. Pellissery (Eds.). Publisher: Edward Elgar.
- “Indirect health effects due to COVID-19: An exploration of potential economic costs for developing countries”, 2022. *Edited Volume “Covid-19 and International Development”* by E. Papyrakis (Ed.). Publisher: Springer.
- “The short-term impact of COVID-19 on labour market outcomes: Comparative systematic evidence” with B.A. Demena & A. Floridi, 2022. *Edited Volume “Covid-19 and International Development”* by E. Papyrakis (Ed.). Publisher: Springer.
- “Police integrity and the perceived effectiveness of policing: Evidence from a survey among Ugandan police officers” with W. Hout, 2019. *Edited Volume “Exploring Police Integrity”* by S. Kutnjak Ivkovic & M. Haberfeld (Eds.). Publisher: Springer.

Working Papers & Submissions

- “Empirical evidence between power outages and firm performance in Senegal” with G. Magbonde & D. Thiam. July 2023. *Revision submitted to Environment and Development Economics*.
- “The effect of mobile internet on child marriage and teen pregnancy in sub-Saharan Africa” with J. Wildeman & K. Morsink. December 2024. *Revise & Resubmit from Journal of Development Economics*
- “The effects of parental migration on children left behind: meta-analytical evidence on education and child labour” with A.L. Ebbers & E. Bergner. November 2024. *Revise & Resubmit from the Journal of International Development*.
- “The power of recovery: Evidence of education gains in the aftermath of a natural disaster” with J. Pacheco, & J. Ponce. November 2024. *Revise & Resubmit from Applied Economics*.
- “The Economic Consequence of COVID-19 Crisis: A Large Scale Global Meta-Analysis of the Labour Market Outcomes”, with B.A. Demena & A. Floridi. November 2024. *Revise & Resubmit from Economic Analysis and Policy*.
- “There’s many a slip twixt cup and lip - Meta-analysis of RCTs versus quasi-experiments promoting business formalization” with A. Floridi & B.A. Demena. August 2021. *Under Review with European Journal of Development Research*.
- “Shared Intentions Promote Follow-Through in Gym Attendance: Evidence from 28 Million Gym Reservations”, with S. vd Zandt, K. Burzynska, & K. vd Swaluw. November 2025.

“The Role of Norm Strength and Social Pressure for Decision-Making: Evidence on the timing of marriage and child birth in sub-Saharan Africa” with J. Wildeman. November 2025.

“Transplantation of integrated social assistance programmes: Evidence from Uganda’s Micro-finance Multiplied Programme” with F.A. Misha & P. Baruab, August 2021.

Work in Progress

“RECONNECT: increasing student well-being with a simple social inclusion intervention” with J. Vyrastekova (NSM), S. Arts (EUR) & C. Markou (NSM).

Child marriage and law updates in sub-Saharan Africa: A cohort study, with A.L. Ebbers (NSM).

A comparative study on the labour market outcomes of internal and international migrants in Ecuador, with E. Bergner (NSM), J Pacheco (UU) & N. Salazar Alvarez (ISS).

Green Progress: Impact of climate initiatives on greenhouse gas emissions and human development in Africa, with Olexiy Kyrychenko (NSM), I. Sifat (NSM) & Robin Small (NSM).

How stable are preferences when times are rough? Analysis of a four-round experimental dataset about altruism, risk and time preferences among HIV/AIDS patients, with L. Artavia (U PENN) & M. Rieger (EUR).

Impact assessment of mobile message reminders to retain and adhere to antiretroviral therapy and improve psychosocial wellbeing: A two-year nationally representative study in Burkina Faso, with D. Ouedraogo (Université Nazi Boni), L. Artavia (U PENN), B.A. Demena (ISS) & B.A. Thiombiano (Université Nazi Boni).

Experienced stigma as a determinant of subjective health in a large-scale panel-dataset of PLHIV in Burkina Faso, with L. Artavia (World Bank), A. Bedi (ISS) & B.A. Thiombiano (Université Nazi Boni) & D. Ouedraogo (Université Nazi Boni).

Navigating futures: Machine learning and satellite insights for predicting child mortality in Africa, with Olexiy Kyrychenko (NSM) & Peter Foldvari (UVA).

Reports

“Electrifying rural Tanzania – a grid extension and reliability improvement intervention. Impact report” with G. Bensch, W. Cornelissen, J. Peters, J. Reichert & V. Stepanikova, 2019.

“Impact evaluation – Access to Energy Fund - Orb Energy PTE Ltd – Kenya. Final report for the Dutch Development Bank (FMO)” with A. Bedi & M. Rieger, 2018.

“Policy review good governance: Democratisation, promotion of rule of law & control of corruption – Uganda field study. Final report for the Policy and Operations Evaluation Department (IOB), Ministry of Foreign Affairs” with W. Hout, R. Brouwers, J. Fisher, R. Namara & L. Schakel, 2016.

“Electrifying rural Tanzania. Baseline report” with G. Bensch, M. Kreibaum, T. Mbegalo & J. Peters, 2016.

“Évaluation d’impact du programme des plateformes multifonctionnelles au Sénégal. Rapport sur la situation de référence” with J.-L. Arcand & M.-C. Buisson, 2010.

Invited Presentations

- 2026 **Krems University, Workshop “Circular and Return Migration”** – Krems, Austria (online)
- 2025 **Clingendael Institute, “80ste Leergang Buitenlandse Betrekkingen”** – The Hague, NLD
Institute of Social Studies of Erasmus University – The Hague, NLD
Krems University, Workshop “Circular and Return Migration” – Krems, Austria (online)
Wageningen University – Wageningen, NLD
- 2024 **Clingendael Institute, “79e Leergang Buitenlandse Betrekkingen”** – The Hague, NLD
- 2022 **University of Groningen** – Groningen, NLD
University of Greenwich – London, GBR (online)
- 2020 **ScienceWorks, Conference ‘Evidence for Policymakers’** – The Hague, NLD (online)
- 2019 **Georg-August-Universität** – Göttingen, DEU
- 2018 **Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales Ecuador** – Quito, ECU
“Impact Measurement in Education”
- 2018 **Friedrich-Alexander-Universität** – Erlangen-Nürnberg, DEU
School of Oriental & African Studies (SOAS) – London, GBR
Rotterdam Global Health Initiative – Rotterdam, NLD
Oikocredit – Amersfoort, NLD
- 2016 **Development Economics Network Berlin** – Berlin, DEU
Leibniz Universität Hannover – Hannover, DEU
- 2015 **University of Namur** – Namur, BEL
Wageningen University – Wageningen, NLD
- 2014 **Erasmus Health Economics Group** – Rotterdam, NLD
- 2013 **Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA)** – Bonn, DEU
German Institute for Economic Research (DIW) – Berlin, DEU
- 2011 **Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS)** – London, GBR
- 2010 **Universität St. Gallen** – St. Gallen, CHE
Eberhard Karls Universität – Tübingen, DEU

Presentations at Conferences

- 2025 **DuDE Workshop** (Tinbergen Institute, Amsterdam, The Netherlands), **German Development Economics Conference** (Universität Frankfurt, Germany)
- 2022 **German Development Economics Conference** (Universität Hohenheim, Germany)
- 2018 **22nd International AIDS Conference** (Amsterdam, The Netherlands), **Wageningen Health Economics Workshop** (Wageningen University, The Netherlands)
- 2017 **Essen Health Conference “Health and Labour”** (Universität Duisburg-Essen, Germany), **“The State of Accountability” Conference** (EUR – Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, The Netherlands)

- 2016 AEL Jahrestagung: “Development Economics & Policy” (Universität Heidelberg, Germany), 15th Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet (Aix-Marseille School of Economics, France), 31st Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (University of Geneva & Graduate Institute, Switzerland)
- 2015 Land & Poverty Conference (World Bank, Washington, DC), Essen Health Conference “Health.Skills.Education” (Universität Duisburg-Essen, Germany), AEL Jahrestagung: “Development Economics & Policy” (Kiel Institute, Germany), 11th iHEA World Congress on Health Economics and Nutrition (Milan, Italy), 37th Annual EAIR Forum (Danube University Krems, Austria)
- 2014 Annual CSAE Conference in Development Economics (Oxford, UK), 13th Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet (Aix-Marseille School of Economics, France), AEL Jahrestagung: “Development Economics & Policy” (Universität Passau, Germany)
- 2013 23rd Annual Meeting of the Midwest Econometrics Group (Indiana, USA), ATINER 12th Annual International Conference on Health Economics, Management & Policy (Athens, Greece), AEL Jahrestagung: “Development Economics & Policy” (Munich, Germany), Annual CSAE Conference in Development Economics (Oxford, UK)
- 2012 Environment & Natural Resources Management in Developing and Transition Economies (Clermont-Ferrand, France), European Association of Environment & Resource Economists (Prague, Czech Republic), AEL Jahrestagung: “Development Economics & Policy” (Center for Development Research Bonn, Germany), Journées de Microéconomie Appliquée (Brest, France), “Health.Development.Inequality.” Conference (Technische Universität Darmstadt, Germany), Annual Congress of the Swiss Political Science Association (University of Lucerne, Switzerland)
- 2011 EUDN PhD Workshop (Tinbergen Institute Amsterdam, The Netherlands), DIAL Conference “Shocks in Developing Countries” (Université Paris Dauphine (DIAL), France), “Mind the Gap: From Evidence to Policy Impact” (3ie, IDB, Instituto Nacional de Salud Pública, Cuernavaca, Mexico), Conference of Doctoral Students in Development Economics (Université d’Orléans, France), Annual CSAE Conference in Development Economics (Oxford, UK), Conference on “Women’s Bargaining Power & Development” (EUR – Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, The Netherlands)
- 2009 Conference of Doctoral Students in Development Economics (Université Paris Sorbonne, France)

Editorial & Referee Activities

2021 - now **Editor** of the European Journal of Development Research

2009 - now **Referee for:**

Agricultural Economics, American Political Science Review, BMC Health Services Research, BMC Public Health, BMJ Open, Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies, Economic Inquiry, Economics & Human Biology, Education Economics, European Journal of Development Research, European Journal of Women’s Studies, European Political Science, Review, Feminist Economics, Food Security, Health Economics, Higher Education, International Area Studies Review, International Journal of Public Administration, Irish Educational Studies, Journal of Economic Education, Journal of International Development, Journal of Migration History, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Medical Internet Research, PLOS ONE, Public Health Nutrition, Review of Development Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Evolutionary Political Economy, Review of Social Economy, Social Indicators Research, Social Science & Medicine, Trials, World Development, World Development Perspectives

2024 - 2025 **Member of the Rubicon Selection Committee** (Social Sciences & Humanities)

	Member of the Scientific Committee of the Essen Health Conference
2018	Health & Environment
2017	Health & Labor
2016	Fertility

Grants

2025 - now May	NSM Economics & Business Econ. Grant (EUR 1,996) – The Netherlands Student assistant for the curation of aggregate geospatial data on biodiversity to address the local political leadership-environment nexus)
2024 - now Dec	Terre des Hommes (EUR 31,000) – The Netherlands Design and quantitative analysis of a global study across 12 countries on interrelated child exploitations (child marriage, sexual, and labor exploitation)
2022 - 2028 Aug Aug	Ministry of Education, Culture & Science (EUR 240,000) – The Netherlands “Stimuleringsbeurs” financing one PhD position
2020 - 2021 May Apr	Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR 9,770) – The Netherlands “Support Programme National and International Research Projects” (SNIP) for the development of an ERC proposal
2016 - 2021 Nov Apr	RVO, Ministry of Foreign Affairs NL (EUR 478,000) – Ethiopia Evaluation expert for the impact evaluation “Boosting maternal and child health in Wollega” <i>Cancelled due to the conflict situation in the region!</i>
2013 - 2019 Dec Dec	ORIO, Ministry of Foreign Affairs NL (EUR 500,000) – Tanzania Principal investigator of the impact evaluation “Electrifying rural Tanzania”
2013 - 2019 May Jan	3ie Grant: 4th Open Window (USD 705,000) – Burkina Faso Lead principal investigator of the impact evaluation “Evaluating SMS to promote retention and adherence to ART programs”, randomized controlled trial (RCT)
2015 - 2018 Aug Nov	3ie Grant: Natural resource governance (USD 532,000) – Ecuador, Peru Evaluation expert for the impact evaluation “Community monitoring of socio-environmental liabilities with advanced technologies: Evidence from an RCT using high-frequency data”
2017 - 2018 Jan Feb	Consultancy Collaboration with Trinomics (EUR 33,000) – Kenya Evaluation expert for the impact evaluation “Access to Energy Fund – Orb Energy PTE Ltd in Kenya” (Promotion of Solar Home Systems)
2015 - 2018 Aug Jan	3ie Grant: Natural resource governance (USD 480,000) – Ecuador, Peru Evaluation expert for the impact evaluation “Behavioral responses to information on contaminated drinking water”
2014 - 2016 Mar Jan	IOB, Ministry of Foreign Affairs NL (EUR 130,000) – Uganda Specialist econometrician for the impact evaluation “Policy review: Democratization, promotion of rule of law and control of corruption”
2013 - 2015 Dec Aug	ISS Research Grant (EUR 7,000) – Manila, Philippines Principal investigator of the research project “Quantitative analysis of cognitive and physical development of Filipino children”

2012 - 2014
Jul Dec
Rotterdam Global Health Initiative (EUR 24,500) – Manila, Philippines
Principal investigator of the research project “Long-term effects of quality improvements in Philippine public hospitals”

Field Experience

Bangladesh (2013), Burkina Faso (2015, 2016), Cote d’Ivoire (2010, 2011), Philippines (2013), Senegal (2009, 2011), Tanzania (2015), Uganda (2014)

Committees, Advisory Activities & Consultancies

2025 - now
Jun
Verein für Socialpolitik – Berlin, Germany
Committee member of the Standing Field Committee of Development Economics

2024 - 2025
Jun Oct
Huygens Institute - KNAW – Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Member of the advisory committee for the “Combatting Bias Project”

2022 - now
Mar
Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek (NWO) – The Hague, The Netherlands
External reviewer for funding applications

2012 - now
Feb
3ie – International Initiative for Impact Evaluation – Delhi, India
External reviewer for funding applications and ongoing evaluations

2021 - 2022
Jan Aug
Ministry of Justice and Security – The Hague, The Netherlands
Member of the advisory board of a research project on international relations and return migration

2011 - 2012
Dec Jun
Lundin Petroleum – Geneva, Switzerland
Research project: Developing country comparison of natural resources, the resource curse, sustainable development & governance

2011
Dec
World Bank/Projet d’Urgence de Lutte contre le Sida - Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire
Evaluation of the HIV/AIDS profile of Côte d’Ivoire with focus on the impact of the civil conflict following the 2011 presidential elections

2010 - 2011
May Feb
Field coordinator for an HIV/AIDS intervention with accompanying survey/impact evaluation

2011
Mar-Dec
UNDP/Melinda & Bill Gates Foundation – Dakar, Senegal
Follow-up household survey for the evaluation of a rural infrastructure program

2009
Feb-Dec
Design, implementation & analysis of a baseline rural household survey

2009 - 2010
Jul Feb
World Bank – Dakar, Senegal
Impact evaluation of three competing HIV/AIDS sensitization programs

2009
Jan-Mar
International Labour Organisation (ILO) – Geneva, Switzerland
External collaborator: Data base construction & data analysis related to poverty profiles and dynamics

PhD Supervision & Doctoral Committees

PhD supervision at EUR – Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, NLD

Defended

Deo-Gracias Houndolo	Does the Millennium Village Programme alleviate poverty and improve welfare in Northern Ghana? (Defended on Nov 18, 2025)
Jimena Pacheco Miranda	The impact of natural and economic crises on education and health in the medium run - the example of Ecuador and Spain (Defended on Oct 18, 2024)
Gildas Magbonde	Access to water and electricity and development in Senegal (Defended –written response– July 2024)
Anderson Macedo De Jesus	Values education in Brazil: A study of three educational initiatives focused on value formation (Defended on July 05, 2024)
Zahra Zarepour	Cash instead of subsidy: Essays on the Iranian energy subsidy reform (Defended on Feb 08, 2022)
Andrea Floridi	Trans-formal firms navigating in the borderland between the formal and informal economy (Defended on Dec 09, 2021)
Farzana Misha	Building sustainable livelihoods: Evaluations of development interventions (Defended on December 02 nd , 2020)

Ongoing

Zhiqi Xu	Agents' Implicit Theory and the Sustainable Development of China's Poverty Alleviation Resettlement Program (Expected defence in 2026)
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PhD supervision at NSM – Radboud University, Nijmegen, NLD

Jet Wildeman	Fertility decision-making and its link with ethnicity and culture (Defence scheduled for June 9, 2026)
Anne Lieke Ebbers	Child marriage, child wellbeing and child rights (Expected completion in 2027, Recipient of the Christine Mohrmann stipend for female PhD students in 2025, EUR 6,000)
Emily Bergner	Internal migration - A micro-economic analysis of remittances, children left behind and cognitive depletion (Started in Sept 2022)
Haike Pijs	Governance and development (Started in Sept 2023)
Simon v.d. Zandt	The intention-behavior gap in physical activity and its effect on solidarity in health care (Started in Sept 2023)

Member of Doctoral Committees

2025	Rutger Arnoud Schilpzand (Radboud University) – “The Development Lottery: Deep Determinants and Opportunities to Convergence through Technology Diffusion” Tung Nguyen (EUR – Institute of Social Studies) – “Merchandise Trade Openness, Export Competitiveness, Bi-lateral Trade Agreements and Public-Private Partnerships for Infrastructure Development” Lisa van Dongen (University of Groningen) – “Essays on financial inclusion through cash transfers and savings accounts”
2024	Charan Kushal van Krevel (Radboud University) – “Natural resource conversion for sustainable development” Callum Brindley (EUR) – “Health inequalities, healthcare demand and waiting times”
2023	Veredigna Macatangay Ledda (EUR – Institute of Social Studies) – “Heterogenous Participation of Developing Countries in Global Value Chains - A mixed-methods analysis with focus on the Philippines”

- Alexis Rulisa (Radboud University) – “Towards Malaria-Free Rice Cultivation in Rwanda: Exploring the Role of Local Contributions”
- 2022 Amit Summan (Wageningen University) – “Essays on the economics of childhood vaccinations”
- 2021 Sabna Ali (EUR – Institute of Social Studies) – “Extractive Industries and Development: An Investigation of Resource Impact on Happiness, Growth, Export Diversification and Institutions”
- 2019 Zenzem Shigute Shuka (EUR – Institute of Social Studies) – “Essays on evaluation of social protection programmes in Ethiopia”
- 2017 Selwyn Moons (EUR – Institute of Social Studies) – “Heterogenous effects of economic diplomacy”
- 2016 Mr. Maazullah (EUR – Institute of Social Studies) – “Akhawat Microfinance: Participation, impact and gender-based heterogeneity in business returns”

MA and BA Student Supervision

RU – Nijmegen School of Management

- 2025 - 2026 Supervision of eight MA theses
- 2022 - 2023 Supervision of eight BA theses, Reader of one MA and nine BA theses
- 2021 - 2022 Supervision of eight MA theses, Reader of five MA theses
Supervision of five BA theses, Reader of five BA theses

EUR – Institute of Social Studies

- 2020 - 2021 Supervision of three MA theses, Reader of three MA theses
- 2019 - 2020 Supervision of two MA theses, Reader of two MA theses
- 2018 - 2019 Reader of three MA theses
- 2017 - 2018 Supervision of three MA theses, Reader of two MA theses
- 2016 - 2017 Reader of five MA theses
- 2015 - 2016 Supervision of one MA thesis, Reader of three MA theses
- 2014 - 2015 Supervision of five MA theses, Reader of six MA theses
- 2013 - 2014 Supervision of five MA theses, Reader of five MA theses
- 2012 - 2013 Supervision of three MA theses, Reader of three MA theses

Courses & Teaching

RU – Nijmegen School of Management, Nijmegen, The Netherlands

Econometrics (Undergraduate)

Taught in the academic years 2025/26, 2024/25, 2023/24, 2022/23, 2021/22

This course teaches bachelor students to apply econometric models for cross-sectional, longitudinal, and time series data to answer substantial research questions using the general-purpose statistical software package Stata. The focus is on determining economic associations among variables, performing statistical tests, and the economic interpretation and presentation of the results.

Course material: ‘Using Econometrics - A practical guide’ by A.H. Studenmund & B.K. Johnson (7th edition, 2017).

Inequality & Development (Graduate)

Taught in the academic year 2025/26, 2024/25, 2022/23

This course deals with the determinants and patterns of inequality, poverty and socio-economic development across the globe, with a major emphasis on the low- and middle-income countries of the Global South.

Course material: ‘Good Economics for Hard Times’ by Banerjee, A.V., & Duflo, E. (2020); ‘Impact Evaluation in Practice’ by Gertler, P.J., Martinez, S., Premand, P., Rawlings, L.B., & Vermeersch, C.M.J. (2011), The World Bank; World Inequality Report; World Health Statistics; Education Monitoring Report; recent (working) papers in economics.

Economic Development (Undergraduate)

Taught in the academic years 2025/26, 2023/24, 2022/23

This course deals with the determinants and spatial patterns of economic and human development and inequality and the relationship between development and poverty and inequality. Two major questions addressed in the course are: (a) What are the major determinants of the growth of regions/countries? (b) How does the distribution of economic activity within and across countries and regions arise and develop?

Course material: Policy, European Commission and (working) papers in economics; ‘Economic Development (13th edition)’ by Todaro, M.P. & Smith, S.C. (2020), Pearson.

Current Issues in International Economics (Graduate)

Taught in the academic year 2021/22

This course offers the opportunity to delve deeper into specific issues relevant to development and international economics. The course provides a selection of recent (working) papers that will be presented and –importantly– critically discussed and reviewed.

Course material: Recent (working) papers in economics.

EUR – Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, The Netherlands

Regression and Data Analysis (Graduate)

Taught in the academic years 2018/19, 2016/17, 2015/16, 2014/15, 2013/14, 2012/13

The course introduces students to the basic principles of classical regression analysis and discusses modern techniques of data analysis both as supplements to standard regression analysis and as stand-alone diagnostic tools. Hands on computer workshops are designed to familiarize students with the statistical package STATA.

Course material: ‘Basic Econometrics’ by D.N. Gujarati, D. Porter & S. Gunasekar (5th edition, 2017).

Collecting and Evaluating Data (Graduate)

Taught in the academic years 2020/21, 2019/20, 2017/18

This course responds to the increasing demand for primary (micro-)data collection. Typically, courses on statistics and econometrics focus on estimation and model specification. This course is designed to deal with such blind spots and addresses the following issues: Survey design and sampling strategies, sample size, power calculations and minimum detectable effects, the use of sample weights, dealing with non-response and measurement error.

Course material: ‘International Handbook of Survey Methodology’ edited by E. de Leeuw, J. Hox & D. Dillman (2008); relevant (working) papers.

Principles of Economic Development – Microeconomics (Graduate)

Taught in the academic years 2021/22, 2020/21, 2018/19, 2017/18, 2016/17, 2015/16, 2014/15, 2013/14

This course is aimed at giving students a thorough knowledge of the key theoretical and policy debates in development macro- and micro-economics. The microeconomics part deals with the economic analysis of households, firms and institutions.

Course material: Recent papers in development economics.

Health and Economic Development: Policies and evaluation (Graduate)

Taught in the academic year 2017/18

The course deals with two broad issues (i) the linkages between health and economic development, in particular, in the context of developing countries and (ii) an examination of the rationale for public provision of health care. The course discusses factors driving resource allocation and the effectiveness of public health spending including issues such as absenteeism of health workers, and corruption in the health sector.

Course material: (Working) papers.

Seminar Health & Economic Development (Global Health Minor, Undergraduate)
Taught in the academic year 2015/16

Impact Evaluation Workshop (Frugal Innovators, Engineers)
Taught in the academic year 2015/16

STATA Workshop: Doing your own survey (Graduate)
Taught in the academic year 2012/13

CERES Workshop: Impact Evaluation of Social Programs (Graduate)
Taught in the academic year 2024/25, 2013/14, 2012/13

Leiden University College, The Hague, The Netherlands
 Economics of Development – Microeconomics (Undergraduate)
Taught in the academic year 2012/13

Centre for Education and Research in Humanitarian Action, Geneva, CHE
 From Emergency to Development – A Snapshot of Modern Economic Approaches to Development (Seminar in Executive Education, Graduate)
Taught in the academic year 2011/12

Additional Skills & Recognitions

Languages	German (Mother tongue), English (Excellent, written & spoken), Dutch and French (Very good, written & spoken), Spanish (Good, written & spoken)
Computer	Standard Software Packages, R, Git, LaTeX, Stata, SPSS, EViews, GAUSS, InDesign, SAS
Recognitions	<p>2025 Team Science Award of the IMR for Global Data Lab</p> <p>Member of the Young Erasmus Academy 2019-2023 Network of excellence of young researchers at Erasmus University Rotterdam</p> <p>Dudley Seers Memorial Prize 2016 Awarded by the Journal of Development Studies for the publication “Female genital cutting and long-term health consequences – Nationally representative estimates across 13 countries” as one of two excellent papers published in the journal in 2015</p>
Career Development	<p>25/25 Policy Measure of Erasmus University Participation in the program; preparation for full professorship, 2020</p> <p>Female Career Development Program Career Development Program (CDP) for female assistant professors, 2015/16</p> <p>Teaching Certificate University Teaching Qualification (Dutch Nationally Renown “Basis Kwalificatie Onderwijs” (BKO), 2014</p>

Societal Impact

- 2024
Oct Radio interview with the NPO Radio 1 program “Feit of fictie” on the total income difference of 30% between The United States and Europe (in Dutch), appearance: October 23
- 2024 Interview by Het Financieele Dagblad about my evaluation of universal basic income and about a basic income experiment in Kenya by the charity GiveDirectly. The article entitled “GiveDirectly ziet in Kenia bewijs dat basisinkomen wel werkt” (in Dutch) appeared on September 15
- 2024
Sep Radio interview with the NPO Radio 1 program “Feit of fictie” on the impact of inflation for the Dutch capital-funded pension system versus the pay-as-you-go system of the other European countries (in Dutch), appearance: September 30
- Interview by Het Financieele Dagblad about my evaluation of universal basic income and about a bias income experiment in Kenya by the charity GiveDirectly. The article entitled “GiveDirectly ziet in Kenia bewijs dat basisinkomen wél werkt” (in Dutch) appeared on September 15
- 2024
Jul Interview by EenVandaag about the plans of the Dutch government to tax imports of a value below €150 from Asian E-commerce platforms such as Shein and Temu. The article and TV item entitled “Kabinet wil extra belasting op pakketjes van webshops buiten de EU, maar realistisch is dat niet” (in Dutch) appeared on July 29
- 2024
Mar Guest lecture for Bürgerstiftung Schwabach (GER) entitled “Klimaverlierer Afrika – Krise mit Ansage: Was hat dies auch mit uns zu tun?” (in German), announcement article entitled “Nächste Krise mit Ansage” was in the local newspaper “Schwabacher Tagblatt” on March 11. Follow-up article entitled “Die Wissenschaft kann helfen” appeared on March 16.
- 2024
Feb Radio interview with the NPO Radio 1 program “Feit of fictie” on (part-time) employment in the Netherlands (in Dutch), appearance: February 28
- 2023
Mar Public lecture at International Women’s Day entitled “Motherhood, care work and career – Some economic facts about mothers” (in Dutch)
- Article with interview on Radboud Recharge entitled “Vrouwen moeten obstakels overbruggen die voor mannen niet bestaan”, appearance: March 2nd
- #WeAreRadboud presented a feature about me and the topic, appearance: March 8
- 2022
Dec Guest lecture at Wolfram-von-Eschenbach Gymnasium Schwabach (GER) for students in grades 10 and 12 about living conditions of people worldwide
- 2022
Oct The municipality newsletter of Gemeinde Rohr (Mittelfranken, GER) reported about my inaugural. The article is entitled “Es braucht ein Dorf – Antrittsrede von Professorin Dr. Natascha Wagner über Chancengleichheit von Frauen bei uns und weltweit”, appearance: October 31st
- Double interview about the Global Data Lab with my predecessor J. Smits by NSM Focus entitled “Global Data Lab is ready for the future”, appearance: October 19
- German Newspaper “Schwabacher Tagblatt” reported about my inaugural. The article is entitled “Von Leuzdorf aus die Welt erobert”, appearance: October 17
- Press release about my inaugural entitled “It’s time to address inequality in a better way: by the numbers”, appearance: October 2nd
- 2022
Mar Interview by the Dutch newspaper “NRC” for an article about imports and exports between The Netherlands and Russia and possible impacts of the war in Ukraine for Dutch firms. Resulting article: “Nederlandse bedrijven exporteerden vorig jaar voor ruim 5 miljard euro naar Rusland”, appearance: March 21st

- 2021
Feb Dutch newspaper “De Volkskrant” took up a report I co-produced for the Dutch government about governance in Uganda “Hoe Oeganda met Nederlandse steun de oppositie onderdrukt”, appearance: February 27
- 2020
Dec Interview with Erasmus University about the psycho-social impacts of sending text messages to people living with HIV in Burkina Faso entitled “Sending messages of support to HIV patients”, appearance: December 1st
- 2020
Jun Large-scale public dissemination of my working paper about Syrian refugees’ return migration intentions:
 ◇ Contribution to the blog BLISS: “I will not return unless the regime of Assad falls”
 ◇ Infographic
 ◇ Uptake by the Dutch “Nederlands Dagblad” in an article entitled “EU heeft morele plicht vluchtelingen te helpen”, appearance: June 26
 ◇ Uptake by Italian newspaper “Avvenire” in interview with EU commissioner Johansson in an article entitled “Johansson: «Aprire vie legali ai migranti»”, appearance: June 25
- 2018
Dec Collaboration with the social investor Oikocredit
 ◇ Memorandum of understanding
 ◇ MA thesis about client poverty dynamics of two partner micro-finance institutes
 ◇ Briefing about research on financial literacy trainings
- 2017
Aug Advocacy and dissemination strategy resulting from Burkina Faso SMS RCT shared with local Ministry of Health (On request)
- 2017
Apr Dutch newspaper “RC Handelsblad” discussed my research on gender and teaching evaluations “Vrouwelijke docent lager gewaardeerd”, appearance: April 1st
- 2017
Mar RGHI Newsletter: Member in Focus Interview about Burkina Faso SMS project
- 2016
Dec Interview with the magazine DevISSues about Burkina Faso SMS project
- 2016
Aug Times Higher Education reflects on my research on gender and teaching evaluations “Growing evidence of anti-female bias in student surveys”, appearance: August 14
- 2016
Aug INCLUDE Knowledge Platform: Contribution about the enforcement of informal workers’ rights
- 2016
Jul INCLUDE Knowledge Platform: Opinion piece “Beyond formalization: Towards an inclusive approach to the informal economy”
- 2016
Mar Uptake and discussion of my research on gender and teaching evaluations:
 ◇ Resource, Magazine of Wageningen University
 ◇ Punt. Magazine of Avans Hogeschool
 ◇ Erasmus Magazine
 ◇ Dutch newspaper “AD Haagse Courant”. Resulting article: “Vrouwelijke docenten scoren lager bij evaluaties studenten”, appearance: March 14
 ◇ EADI Publication Digest
 ◇ Kijk of kennis – Nieuws over wetenschap en onderzoek
- 2015
Nov Interview with the Dutch newspaper “De Volkskrant” about job creation in developing countries: Discussion of experimental evidence about a business plan competition in Nigeria. Resulting article: “Geef een man geld en hij koopt een hengel”, appearance: November 3

Administrative Tasks

RU – Nijmegen School of Management, Nijmegen, The Netherlands

2022 - now
Feb Board member of the Dutch Research School for International Development CERES

2022 - 2024 Jan Sept	Member of the management team economics
2022 Jan	Member of the tenure track selection committee for three assistant professors in economics
EUR – Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, The Netherlands	
2021 Mar	Member of the search committee for a project controller
2020 - 2021 Sept Dec	Member of the Institute Council, representing the institute's staff and students
2020 - 2021 Sept Dec	Head of the research group "Development Economics"
2020	Member of the tenure track selection committee for the following two positions: ◇ Macroeconomics of development & ◇ Environment, natural resource use and management
2020 Jan	Member of the search committee for a communication expert
2015 - 2020 Jan Aug	Member of the management team of the research group "Development Economics", responsible for finances
2018 May	Member of the PhD fellowship committee
2017 - 2019 Sept Mar	Deputy Convenor of the major "Economics of Development"
2014 - 2017 Jan Dec	Member of the communication, marketing and information forum
2013 - 2014 Jan Dec	Organiser of the seminar series for the research group "Development Economics"
2016 Aug	Member of the PhD fellowship committee

Memberships in Professional Organizations

American Economic Association – AEA

European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes – EADI

European Economic Association – EEA

Verein für Socialpolitik – German Economic Association

European Association of Labour Economists – EALE