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Born: September 30, 1992

Nationality: Dutch

Current positions

Assistant Professor, Utrecht University, Netherlands

I am an Assistant Professor in Applied Economics at Utrecht University, specializing in economic history, political economy and the economics of religion. My research combines archival research, econometric methods, historical insights and economic theory to investigate the democratization, voting behavior, economic development and religion, mostly using historical data from the Netherlands.

Publications

Machielsen, B. (2025). Democratization, personal wealth of politicians and voting behavior. Explorations in Economic History, 101733.

Work in Progress

Machielsen, B. (2025). Dynamic returns to politcal tenure. Draft available here.

Machielsen, B., De Vicq, A. (2025). Borders of Belief: Protestantism and Social Mobility. Draft available here.

Domini, G., Machielsen, B. (2025). Institutions and Innovation: Evidence from the Italian Unification. Draft available here.

Academic Education

2019-2021	Tinbergen Institute, 14 Economics PhD Courses
2018	Research Design Course, European University Institute
2015-2016	MSc in Economics, *cum laude*, Radboud University
2014-2015	Pre-MSc in Economics, Radboud University
2010-2014	BSc, MSc in Business Administration, University of Twente

Previous appointments

2017-2022	*PhD Student, Economic History*, Utrecht University, Netherlands
2020-2022	*Visiting Lecturer*, Finance, Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University, Netherlands
2014-2015	*Teaching Assistant* to prof. dr. Rez Kabir for Corporate Finance, Corporate Governance, Financial Accounting, University of Twente, Enschede, Netherlands

Other Education

2025   Introduction to Supercomputing, Parallel Programming, High-performance Deep Learning, Cloud Research Environments, Utrecht University

2022   Deep Learning Summer School, Business Data Science, VU Amsterdam

2016-2020   Various completed courses on Coursera and other MOOC platforms, including Game Theory, Causal Inference, Bayesian Statistics.

2019   Basic PhD Training Program, Posthumus Institute

Presentations

2025   Political Economy of Democracy and Dictatorship, Munster, Germany; MILE Seminar, Maastricht, Netherlands; New approaches to living standards and inequality, Utrecht, Netherlands; Historical Political Economy Workshop, Madrid; European Historical Economics Society, Hohenheim, Germany, Andromeda Analytics Society, Utrecht, Netherlands

2024   European Public Choice Society, Vienna, Austria; Economic History Society, Newcastle, UK; CBS-Princeton Money in Politics Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark; Political Economy & Long-Run Development, Wageningen, Netherlands

2023   European Historical Economics Society, Vienna, Austria; KVS New Paper Sessions, The Hague, Netherlands; Institutions for Open Societes Seminar, Utrecht, Netherlands

2022   Applied Economics Seminar, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium; Economic History Association, Poster Session (canceled); European Historical Economics Society, Groningen, Netherlands; KVS Dutch Economists' Day, The Hague, Netherlands, Ministry of Finance, The Hague, Netherlands; Economic History Society, Cambridge, UK

2021   Economic History Seminar, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands; Economic History Seminar, Paris School of Economics, Paris, France; N.W. Posthumus Economic History Graduate Conference, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands

2017-2020   Graduate Seminar, Utrecht University, Utrecht, Netherlands; Financial History Seminar, Utrecht, Netherlands; Research Design Course for PhD students, Florence, Italy; N.W. Posthumus Institute, PhD Seminar 2, Antwerp, Belgium; N.W. Posthumus Institute Seminar, Brussels, Belgium

Teaching

2022-2025   Empirical Economics (MSc), Data Analysis & Visualization II (Unsupervised Machine Learning) (BSc), Introduction to Applied Data Science (BSc), BSc and MSc Theses, Introduction to R (BSc), Statistics (BSc), Utrecht University

2020-2022   BSc and MSc Thesis Supervision, Erasmus University

2014-2020   Various courses at various universities, including Big Data, Big Questions, undergraduate level, Utrecht University; Finance Bootcamp, Summer school *CuriousU*, University of Twente, Netherlands; Teaching Assistant, Corporate Governance and Corporate Finance, University of Twente, Netherlands

Programming Languages & Skills

R, Python, QGIS, LaTeX, git, bash, Linux, HTML, CSS, SQL, Eviews

Languages

Dutch (native), English (full working proficiency), Russian (full working proficiency), French (full working proficiency), German (limited working proficiency), Ukrainian (elementary), Turkish (elementary)

Miscellaneous & other activities

Creator, maintainer of several R packages, Member of PhD Council (2018-2022), PhD Representative N.W. Posthumus Institute (2018-2022), in possession of a driving licence.