A Word of Welcome

I am pleased to be able to present the third research report of the Department of Political Science of Radboud University, Nijmegen, the Netherlands. In 2019 the Department will celebrate its 50th anniversary. Over the past years it has established an excellent reputation not only for its educational programmes, but also for its research. Our staff members have developed unique expertise in specific subfields of political science and participate extensively in national and international research and policy networks.

In both its teaching and research the Nijmegen Political Science Department seeks to build bridges between political science’s sub-disciplines as well as between disciplines. We believe that the importance of the nexus between international and domestic politics is mirrored in the courses we teach and the research we conduct. Similarly, we believe that our teaching and research reflects the interrelationship between empirical and normative theory. Furthermore, through our research projects in IMR’s Multidisciplinary Research Groups with scholars from economics, geography, history, and public administration we seek to move beyond the frontiers of our discipline.

Around June annually the department will publish a research report on the previous year on its website (www.ru.nl/politicalscience).

Bertjan Verbeek
Chair and Professor of International Relations

Trends and Highlights in 2015

The following pages demonstrate that the Nijmegen Political Department is a thriving research community. First, in comparison with earlier years, an increase can be witnessed in the number of publications in (ISI) and with top academic publishers; moreover, a considerable number of articles in 2015 were published in ISI journals ranked as belonging to the top 25% of their specific categories; second, the editing of, and participation in, edited volumes and handbooks shows that our staff’s niche expertise is recognized and testify to the strength of their academic networks; third, the Department is host to successful externally funded research groups: the research group on Contagious Conflict funded by NWO (director: Akkerman); the research group on gender and inequality funded by Oranje-fonds (director: Verloo); the research group on pension policies, funded by GAK (director: Anderson); fourth, the department welcomed several temporary international fellows: Carme Melo Estrihuela as Political Science fellow; and a Rosalind Cavaghan (University of Edinburgh) as a Marie Sklodowska-Curie Fellow. Finally, 2015 was also a particularly memorable year thanks to the Marie Sklodowska-Curie Fellowship granted to Gerry Alons, the ECPR Gender and Politics Career Achievement Award awarded to Mieke Verloo, and the highly successful ECPR Research Sessions organized by our department (together with our colleagues from Public Administration).
Institutional Context

Research in the Department of Political Science of part of the Institute for Management Research (IMR)\(^1\) at the Nijmegen School of Management of Radboud University. The IMR is the research institute which is subject to official research assessments. Until 2013 the research at IMR was conducted in three different research programmes. Most of the research in political science was part of the programme *Distributive Conflict in a Globalizing World*. The research assessment of 2013, covering the 2007-2012 period, has led to a reorientation of IMR’s focus towards various Multidisciplinary Research Groups (MRGs) or Hot Spots. The 2013-2015 period is meant to develop such MRGs. In the future, researchers in the Department of Political Science will contribute to such MRGs. A new assessment is expected in 2019 (covering the 2013-2018 period).

Political Science Research in Nijmegen: Niches

Researchers in the Nijmegen Political Science Department have developed expertise in specific niches in three subfields of Political Science: Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory.

Comparative Politics in Nijmegen

In their research the Nijmegen comparatavists focus on contemporary problems of democracy, representation and mobilization. The staff specifically covers three interrelated research areas. First, the mobilization of support and protest in contemporary democratic political systems, including democracies facing different crises. This includes the use of social media, the role of civil society, and social movements. Second, the effects of such mobilization on the pivotal actors in the political arena and how such actors respond to such challenges, in particular the rise of populism. Third, the effects on the institutions of the political system, including deliberate attempts by political elites to cope with such effects by changing specific institutions or policies.

Within this framework Nijmegen comparatavists have developed unique expertise in framing and agenda setting by societal actors (Jacobs, Lehr, Van der Haar, Van Klingeren, Verloo); in changing strategies of political parties and their leaders (Jacobs, Zaslove); new forms of democratic practices, such as citizens’ juries (Jacobs, Leyenaar); and policy change in the domain of (in)equality (Anderson, Cavaghan, Van der Haar, Verloo), and immigration (Zaslove).

In their research Nijmegen comparatavists seek to build bridges between political science subdisciplines by investigating the interrelationship between international relations and domestic politics and by entering into dialogue with political theorists about issues of representative democracy and equality. Furthermore, they participate in joint research projects with scholars from economics, geography, history, Law, public administration, and sociology. They participate in extensive national and international research networks and serve on national institutions, such as the *Kiesraad* and the *Raad voor het Openbaar Bestuur*.

International Relations in Nijmegen

In its research the Nijmegen group on International Relations (IR) investigates the extent to which contemporary world politics can be characterized as a Post-Westphalian order: rather than assuming that states have lost importance, the IR group seeks to identify in which transnational policy domains states have lost or gained salience and to stipulate the conditions which account for such situation. In general, the IR group investigates conflict and cooperation between state and non-state actors.

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\(^1\) [www.ru.nl/fm/imr](http://www.ru.nl/fm/imr).
Within this overarching theme, the staff specifically covers four interrelated research areas. First, the different roles of Intergovernmental and International Non-Governmental Organizations in various domains (Eimer, Alons, Reinalda, Verbeek). Second, the growth, and varied impact, of regional organizations in Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America (Eimer, Van der Vleuten). Third, the contemporary role of Transnational Corporations (Eimer, Wigger). Fourth, the impact of domestic politics on the behaviour of states and non-state actors (Alons; Verbeek).

Within this framework the Nijmegen IR group has developed unique expertise in supranational courts (Van der Vleuten); international trade in agriculture (Alons); the political economy of intellectual property rights (Eimer); the political economy of international monetary relations (Wigger); international organizations (all) and crisis decision-making in foreign policy (Verbeek).

In its research the Nijmegen IR group seeks to build bridges between political science subdisciplines by investigating the interrelationship between international relations and domestic politics and by entering into dialogue with political theorists about issues of global justice. Furthermore, they participate in joint research projects with scholars from economics, geography, history, and public administration. They participate in extensive national and international research networks.

**Political Theory in Nijmegen**

In their research the Nijmegen political theorists (Van Leeuwen, Verschoor, Topolski, and Wissenburg) focus on contemporary authors, theories and issues – provided they are both philosophically challenging and socially relevant.

Staff members are particularly active in research on three areas that were opened up by the critique of ‘mainstream’ social justice theory. One is the confrontation of the reality of diversity with the call for recognition, rather than mere material justice, in the context of the city. Instead of the usual legalistic conception of multicultural citizenship, the focus here is on the question what kind of citizens diverse cities presuppose and what type of institutions and public sphere are able to contribute to this. More concretely, to what extent do urban communities or agonistic micro-publics pose a threat to the city dwellers’ ability to deal with diversity on a daily basis?

The second area of expertise concerns the triangular affair between society, environment and animals. This includes, first, the enrichment of ‘normal’ political philosophy with environmental thought (environmental justice); second, the uneasy relations between environmental and animal ethics; and third, the introduction of animals in political philosophy.

Additionally, the discrepancies between the political ideas and ideals of leaders and followers in revolutions are investigated in a joint project with the Political History department. While this project focuses on the cases of early 20th Century Dutch and German council communism, it also aims to inspire research into present-day revolutionary movements and processes.

A third strand of research involves the structural analysis of the race-religion intersection. This will enable the investigation of how racial exclusion in Europe is related to religious categories that find their origins in early modern religious struggles.

The Nijmegen political theorists are part of an active local research community that includes the philosophy of law group in the Law Faculty, the political philosophy group in the Faculty of Philosophy, Theology and Religion Studies, as well as interested philosophers working in the social and natural sciences. For more on this interfaculty collaboration, see: [http://www.ru.nl/nppw/](http://www.ru.nl/nppw/)
In 2015 the department hosted some 17 scholars (or 5.25 research fte), 13 PhD students, and 5 research fellows (among whom 1 Marie Curie), divided over three sub-disciplines: Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory.

**Senior Researchers**
Agnes Akkerman
Gerry Alons
Karen Anderson
Thomas Eimer
Kristof Jacobs
Monique Leyenaar
Marleen van der Haar
Anna van der Vleuten
Marijn Van Klingeren
Bart van Leeuwen
Anya Topolski
Bertjan Verbeek
Mieke Verloo
Marco Verschoor
Angela Wigger
Marcel Wissenburg
Andrej Zaslove

**Doctoral Candidates**
Marieke Born
Christer Brown
Yannick Harrison
Saskia Hollander
Merran Hulse
Gaard Kets
Mats Koraeus
Alex Lehr
Daniel Polman
Iris van Huis
Naomi Schmitt
Bart-Jaap Verbeek
Michelle Zuiderveld

**Fellows**
Rosalind Cavaghan (Marie Curie)
Carme Melo Escrihuela
Bob Lieshout
Bob Reinalda
Koen Vossen

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\(^2\) Books include monographs, edited volumes or handbooks, and dissertations.
**List of scientific publications**

Scientific publications are presented under four categories: peer reviewed journal articles; chapters in books; monographs & edited volumes; and dissertations.

### Peer reviewed journal articles:


- Anderson, Karen and Michael Kaeding. European Integration and Pension Policy Change: Variable Patterns of Europeanization in Italy, the Netherlands and Belgium. *British Journal of Industrial Relations* (52), 2, 2015, 231–253.*


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3 The report presents peer-reviewed work published in scientific journal and with academic publishers. It does not report on professional publications. The order of authors is based on English spelling: Dutch surnames such as Van der Haar are ordered on the basis of V rather than G, etc.

4 *=ISI ranked journal; **=first quartile of ISI category; ***=top 10% of ISI category. The report is based on journal ISI impact scores in 2015.


Lehr, Alex, Agnes Akkerman & René Torenvlied. The influence of external information on collective bargaining: survey evidence of union and firm negotiators in the Netherlands, *Relations industrielles/Industrial Relations* (70) 2, 2015, pp. 327-352.*


Spierings, Niels, Andrej Zaslove, Liza M. Mügge & Sarah L. de Lange. Gender and populist radical-right politics: an introduction *Patterns of Prejudice* (49) 1-2, 2015, 3-15.*

Spierings, Niels & Andrej Zaslove. Gendering the vote for populist radical-right parties, *Patterns of Prejudice* (49), 1-2, 2015, 135-162.*

Spierings, Niels & Andrej Zaslove (2015), Conclusion: dividing the populist radical right between 'liberal nativism' and traditional conceptions of gender, *Patterns of Prejudice*, (49) 1-2, 2015: 163-173.*


line publication.


Chapters


Monographs and Edited Volumes


Van der Vleuten, Anna (ed). *De Bestuurlijke Kaart van de Europese Unie*, Amsterdam: Coutinho 2015 (4th rev ed)

**Edited Special Journal Issues**


**Dissertations**


**Editorial Boards**

In 2015 Radboud University Political Scientists serve on various boards of journals and book series of international scientific publishers.

Agnes Akkerman is member of the Editorial Boards of the *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory* and *American Review of Public Administration*

Karen Anderson is member of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of European Social Policy* and the *Zeitschrift für ArbeitsmarktForschung*.

Bob Reinalda is member of the Editorial Board of the *American Journal of Political Science Education* (JPSE) and the *Belgian Brood & Rozen, journal on the history of social movements*. He is co-editor of the *Ashgate Series on Non State Actors in International Politics*.

Anna van der Vleuten is member of the Editorial (Advisory) Board of *Acta Politica*.

Marcel Wissenburg is member of the Editorial Board of *Environmental Politics; Intergenerational Justice Review; Res Publica: A Journal of Moral, Legal and Social Philosophy*; and *Liberaal Reveil* since 2011. He is also co-editor of *Nature, Culture, and Literature* Series of Rodopi Publishing Company.

Bertjan Verbeek joined the Editorial Advisory Board of *Foreign Policy Analysis*.

Angela Wigger was elected member of the editorial board of the journal *Capital and Class*.

**Prizes & Awards**

Mieke Verloo was awarded the prestigious ECPG (ECPR Standing group on Politics and Gender) Gender and Politics Career Achievement Award.

**Grants**

Gerry Alons was awarded a Marie Sklodowska Curie Fellowship for a research project into multilateral and transatlantic trade negotiations. As part of her project she will spend two years at Boston University’s Pardee School of Governance.

**Data Sets**

Researchers at the Nijmegen Department of Political Science have set up various data collection initiatives.

The *DisCon Survey* data set includes data on political attitudes and employer-works relations. So far three waves have been held (2011; 2013; 2015) (Contact: Alex Lehr).
**IOBIO** ([www.ru.nl/fm/IOBIO](http://www.ru.nl/fm/IOBIO)) is a collection of data regarding the careers of senior civil servants of international organizations (Contact: Bob Reinalda).

**VIRAL** ([www.ru.nl/viral](http://www.ru.nl/viral)) is a collection of data regarding the political use of social media (Contact: Kristof Jacobs).

### Conferences

In July 2015 the Department, in collaboration with our colleagues from Public Administration, hosted the annual ECPR Research Sessions. Some 40 scholars united in six workshops from across Europe met at the Radboud campus to launch or compete cutting edge research projects in political science. Dr Gerry van der Kamp delivered a sterling job as local organizer (together with dr Sandra Resodihardjo from the Public Administration Department).

### Sneak preview

Below you find a sneak preview of some of the department’s 2016 publications.


