Radboud University Nijmegen
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Department of Political Science
Annual Research Report
Report 2016
A Word of Welcome

I am pleased to be able to present the fourth 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. They disseminate these results to society in a variety of ways.

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 September 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 2016

The following pages demonstrate that the Nijmegen Political Department is a thriving research community. First, the number of publications in (ISI) and with top academic publishers stabilized at a satisfactory level; moreover, a considerable number of articles in 2016 were published in ISI journals ranked as belonging to the top 25% or even top 10% 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 number of defended PhD theses was above the preferred average; moreover, Alex Lehr’s doctoral thesis was awarded a cum laude; fourth, the department welcomed several temporary international fellows: Armando de Nicola, investigating local accommodation of refugees funded by the Italian Lazio region. Lia Moran (Ben Gurion Negev University, Israel) conducted research into EU normative power financed by the Erasmus+ programme for PhDs. Rosalind Cavaghan (University of Edinburgh) continued her stay as a Marie Curie Fellow. Finally, 2016 was also a particularly memorable year thanks to the NWO Vici grant awarded to Agnes Akkerman. Finally, our department organized the highly successful ECPR Research Sessions for the second year (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) at the Nijmegen School of Management of Radboud University. The IMR is the research institute which is subject to official research assessments. 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 2013-2016 period is meant to develop such MRGs. Researchers in the Department of Political Science will contribute to such MRGs. In 2016 a midterm evaluation of IMR’s strategy was undertaken. The midterm evaluation committee advised that the departments of Public Administration and Political Science develop common research themes. A new full assessment is expected in 2019 (covering the 2013-2018 period).

Political Science Research in Nijmegen: Niches of Expertise

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

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

Nijmegen comparativists seek to build bridges between political science’s 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, such as board membership of ESA’s Research Network 17 on Industrial Relations (Lehr) and serve on national institutions, such as the Kiesraad and the Raad voor het Openbaar Bestuur (Leyenaar). They also participate in important dissemination activities: Jacobs and Van Klinger are (co)editors of important blogsites, stukroodvlees.nl, and versvak.nl, respectively.

International Relations in Nijmegen

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. Within this overarching theme, the staff specifically covers four interrelated research areas.

1 www.ru.nl/fm/imr.
First, the different roles of Intergovernmental and International Non-Governmental Organizations in various domains (Alons, Eimer, Joachim, 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).

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); private military companies (Joachim); NGOs in world politics (Joachim); crisis decision-making in foreign policy (Verbeek) and intergovernmental organizations (all). 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, such as vice-chair of the Critical Political Economy Research Network (Wigger), and as executive member of the IO Governance and Leadership section of the ISA (Joachim).

Political Theory in Nijmegen

The Nijmegen political theorists (Van Leeuwen, Topolski, and Wissenburg) focus on contemporary authors, theories and issues that 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.

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/
In 2016 the department hosted some 17 scholars (or 5.14 research fte), 12 PhD candidates, and several research fellows (among whom 1 Marie Curie), divided over three sub-disciplines: Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory.

**Senior Researchers**

Gerry Alons  
Thomas Eimer  
Kristof Jacobs  
Jutta Joachim (from 1.10.2016)  
Alex Lehr (from 18.2.2016)  
Monique Leyenaar  
Marileen van der Haar (until 1.3.2016)  
Anna van der Vleuten  
Marijn van Klingerden  
Bart van Leeuwen  
Maurits Meijers (from 1.8.2016)  
Anya Topolski  
Bertjan Verbeek  
Mieke Verloo (until 28.6.2016)  
Angela Wigger  
Marcel Wissenburg  
Andrej Zaslove

**Doctoral Candidates**

Marieke Bor  
Yannick Harrison  
Saskia Hollander  
Merran Hulse  
Gaard Kets  
Mats Koraeus  
Alex Lehr (until 18.2.16)  
Daniel Polman  
Nicola Misani  
Iris van Huis  
Bart-Jaap Verbeek  
Michelle Zuiderveld

**Fellows**

Agnes Akkerman (until 1.8.2016)  
Rosalind Cavaghan (Marie Curie)  
Armando De Nicola (Lazio Region, Italy)  
Lia Moran (Erasmus+ PhD; Ben Gurion University Negev Israel)  
Bob Reinalda  
Marileen van der Haar (from 1.3.2016)  
Koen Vossen

**Emeriti**

Bob Lieshout  
Mieke Verloo (from 28.6.2016)
**Key information on publications**

**Table 1: Key indicators publications I**

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*Books include monographs, edited volumes and handbooks.*
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:


Born, Marieke, Agnes Akkerman & Kirstin Thommes, Peer Influence on Protest Participation: Communication and trust between co-workers as inhibitors or facilitators of mobilization, Social Science Research, (56)1, 2016, pp. 58–72.


Fernandez, Rodrigo & Angela Wigger, Lehman Brothers in the Dutch offshore financial centre: the role of shadow banking in increasing leverage and facilitating debt, Economy and Society (45)3-4, 2016, pp. 407-430.


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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.. “Online first” journal publications will not be reported until the official printed version is available.

4 **=ISI ranked journal; **=first quartile of ISI category; ***=top 10% of ISI category. The report is based on journal ISI impact scores in 2016.


Van der Haar, Marleen & Mieke Verloo, Starting a Conversation about Critical Frame Analysis: Reflections on Dealing with Methodology in Feminist Research, Politics & Gender (12), 2016, E9.*


Verbeek, Bertjan & Andrej Zaslove, Italy: a case of mutating populism, in Democratization, (23)2, 2016, pp. 304-323.*

Verloo, Mieke, Mainstreaming gender equality in Europe. A critical frame analysis approach, Επιθεώρηση Κοινωνικών Ερευνών, (117) 2016, pp. 11-34.

Wigger, Angela, Anarchism as emancipatory theory and praxis: Implications for critical Marxist research, Capital & Class (40)1, 2016, pp. 129-145.


Yanow, Dvora, Marleen van der Haar & Karlijn Völke, Troubled Taxonomies and the Calculating State: Everyday Categorizing


Chapters


Horn, Laura & Angela Wigger, Lobbying in the EU, In Hubert Zimmermann and Andreas Dür (eds.) How Much Power for Big Business? Key Controversies in European Integration, London: Routledge, 2016, pp. 116-121.


Jutta Joachim & Andrea Schneiker, Between Marketization and Altruism: Humanitariansim, NGOs and Private Military Security Companies. In Heins,


Verloo, Mieke, Gender, theory and the terms of the debate. In: David Paternotte, Sophie van der Dussen and Valerie Piette (eds.) HABEMUS GENDER: deconstruction d’une riposte religieuse. Sextant. Université Libre de Bruxelles, 2016, pp. 250-255.

Wigger, Angela & Laura Horn, Taking Critical Ontology Seriously. Implications for Political Science Methodology. In: H. Keman and J. Woldendorp (eds.) Handbook of research methods and applications in political science, Edward Elgar, 2016, pp. 38-53.

Monographs and Edited Volumes


**Dissertations**


Hulse, Merran, *United we stand, divided we fall*, September 2016.

Lehr, Alex, *Spillovers and conflict in collective bargaining. Experimental and survey studies*. February 2016 (cum laude).

**Editorial Boards**

In 2016 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*.

Kristof Jacobs is member of the editorial board of stukroodvlees.nl.

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*.

Marijn van Klinger is member of the editorial board of versvak.nl.

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 is co-editor of *Nature, Culture, and Literature* Series of Rodopi Publishing Company.

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

Angela Wigger is member of the editorial board of *Capital and Class*.

**Service to the Academic Community**

Gerry Alons is member of the jury for the Dutch Political Science Association (NKWP) thesis prize.

Thomas Eimer is a member of the executive board of the Dutch Political Science Association (NKWP).

Kristof Jacobs is representative to the European Consortium of Political Research (ECPR).

Jutta Joachim is elected executive committee member of the International Organization section of the International Studies Association.

Alex Lehr is member of the executive board of Research Network 17 ‘Work, Employment, and Industrial Relations’ (RN17) of the European Sociological Association (ESA).

Anna van der Vleuten is co-coordinator (with Yvonne Benschop) of the multidisciplinary research group Gender
and Power in Politics and Management (GENDER).

Angela Wigger is chair of the Critical Political Economy Research Network (CPERN) European Sociological Association (ESA).

Angela Wigger is member of the International Political Economy Group (IPEG) Book Prize Jury British International Studies Association (BISA).

Angela Wigger is board member of the Amsterdam Research Centre for International Political Economy (ARCIPE).

Gerry Alons was co-organizer and presenter at the symposium ‘TTIP and the Future of Transatlantic Trade in Food and Agriculture’ in cooperation with the delegation of the European Union to the US and the Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston.

Monique Leyenaar is a member of the Dutch Electoral Committee.

Monique Leyenaar is a member of the Dutch Council for Public Administration.

Bob Reinalda is an expert member of the Academic Council on the United Nations System.

Angela Wigger is a member of the Supervisory Board of the Centre for Research on Multinational Corporations (SOMO).

Angela Wigger is a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of Solidar Solidar, European Network of NGOs.

Marcel Wissenburg is a member of the board of the Telders Stichting.

Agnes Akkerman was awarded an NWO VICI grant for her project From discontented employee to discontented citizen.

Gerry Alons started her Marie Skłodowska 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.

Kristof Jacobs was awarded a research grant from the Dutch Ministry of the Interior for his research into the 2016 Ukraine-referendum in the Netherlands.

Jutta Joachim has obtained a research grant from the Swedish Research Council for her project Militaritization 2.0.

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

The DisCon Survey (aka Work & Politics) dataset includes data on political attitudes and employer-employee relations. So far three waves have been held (2011; 2013; 2015) (Contact: Alex Lehr).

IOBIO (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) is a collection of data regarding the political use of social media (Contact: Kristof Jacobs).

In July 2016 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).
Snook preview of 2017 publications

