A Word of Welcome

I am pleased to be able to present the fifth 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 2017

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 2017 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 widely recognized and testify to the strength of their academic networks; third, the number of defended PhD theses met the objective stipulated; fourth, the department welcomed several temporary international fellows: Armando de Nicola, investigating local accommodation of refugees funded by the Italian Lazio region. Lia Moran and Hila Zahavi (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. Andrea Schneiker (University of Siegen) was a Research Fellow between May and September 2017; Adriano Cozzolino (Università di Napoli Orientale) was a visiting PhD student from June to September. Anouka van Eerdewijk (Royal Institute for the Tropics) joined as a Visiting Researcher in July; third, our department organized the first Hannover-Nijmegen PhD student workshop for doctoral students in political science from Radboud University and Leibniz University Hannover. Finally, the department (together with Public Administration) started participating in the joint doctoral degree programme between Radboud University and the University of Bologna by co-financing a doctoral candidate. It also extended its participation in a similar programme with Roskilde University,
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 2013-2018 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 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 Klinger, Verloo); in changing strategies of political parties and their leaders (Jacobs, Meijers, Zaslove); new forms of democratic practices, such as citizens' juries and referendums (Jacobs, Leyenaar); and policy change in the domain of (in)equality (Cavaghan, Van der Haar, Verloo), and immigration (Zaslove).

Nijmegen comparatavists 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 2017 the department hosted some 17 scholars (or 5.04 research fte), 10 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  
Alex Lehr  
Monique Leyenaar  
Anna van der Vleuten  
Marijn Van Klingerent  
Bart van Leeuwen  
Maurits Meijers  
Anya Topolski  
Bertjan Verbeek  
Angela Wigger  
Marcel Wissenburg  
Andrej Zaslove

**Doctoral Candidates**

Bernd Bonfert  
Gaard Kets  
Mats Koraeus  
Darli Magioni, Jr.  
N. Misani  
Daniel Polman  
Indra Römgens  
Melisa Soto  
Iris van Huis  
Bart-Jaap Verbeek

**Fellows**

Rosalind Cavaghan (Marie Curie)  
Adriano Cozzolino (Università di Napoli Oriente) (PhD Fellow June-September)  
Armando De Nicola (Lazio Region, Italy)  
Lia Moran (Erasmus+ PhD; Ben Gurion University Negev Israel)  
Bob Reinalda  
Andrea Schneiker (University of Siegen) (May-September)  
Tijdde Tempels  
Marleen van der Haar  
Anouka van Berdewijk  
Koen Vossen  
Hila Zahavi (Erasmus+ PhD; Ben Gurion University Negev Israel) (July)

**Emeriti**

Bob Lieshout  
Mieke Verloo
### Key information on publications

#### Table 1: Key indicators publications I

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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:


Spierings, Niels, and Andrej Zaslove. Gender, populist attitudes, and voting: explaining the gender gap in voting for populist radical right and populist radical left parties. *West European Politics* (40)4, 2017, pp. 821-847.**

Spierings, Niels, Marcel Lubbers, and Andrej Zaslove. Sexually modern nativist voters: do they exist and do they vote for the populist radical right?. *Gender and Education* (29) 2, 2017, pp. 219-237.*


Zaslove, Andrej, Agnes Akkerman, Bram Spruyt, We The People or We the Peoples? A

**Chapters**


Vossen, Koen, ‘Die Partij voor de Vrijheid und die Alternative für Deutschland im Vergleich.’ In: André Krause, Koen Vossen (Hrsg.), *Stinknormal? Die rechtspopulistische Herausforderung in den Niederlanden und Deutschland*, Waxmann Verlag Münster


Monographs and Edited Volumes


Dissertations

N. Misani, Corporate Social responsibility, Stakeholder Trust, and Organizational Outcomes, 24 March 2017.

Mats Koraeus, Stressing Knowledge. Organisational 'closed-ness' and knowledge acquisition under pressure, 4 December 2017.

Miscellaneous


van der Vleuten, Anna, Dwars in Europa, dwars door Europa: Europeiserings en de strijd om gendernormen binnen en buiten de

Miscellaneous publications are not part of the statistics on publications.
EU. Nijmegen: Radboud University,
Inaugural lecture, 2017.

van der Vleuten, Anna, The Merchant and
the Message: Hard Conditions, Soft Power
and Empty Vessels as Regards Gender in EU
External Relations (October 23, 2017).
ACCESS EUROPE, Research Paper No.
2017/03. Available at SSRN:
https://ssrn.com/abstract=3057350

Angela, Wigger, & Hubert Buch-Hansen,)
Too Big to Control? The politics of mega-
mergers and why the EU is not stopping
them. Corporate Europe Observatory,

Wigger, Angela (2017) Politiek van
cijferfetisjisme en permanente concurrentie.
Spanning (19) 3: 23.

Kets, Gaard, ‘Blijvend in de schaduw van
Rusland? Hoe de ‘Grootste Revolutie’ in
Duitsland verdrongen raakte in de
geschiedschrijving en herinneringscultuur’,
Liberale Reflecties, (58) 2, 2017, 31-43

Verloo, Mieke. "To which subversive
everyday practices does feminism inspire
you? A personal note." Femina politica (26)

Service to the Academic Community

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

Editorial Boards

In 2017 Radboud University Political
Scientists serve on various boards of
journals and book series of international
scientific publishers.

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

**Service to the Community**

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.

**Data Sets**

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

The DisCon Survey (aka Work & Politics) 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/jobio](http://www.ru.nl/fm/jobio)) 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 June 2017 the Department, hosted the first annual Political Science PhD students conference. Some 12 PhD students in political science from Leibniz University Hannover and Radboud University presented and discussed each other’s projects. Dr Jutta Joachim delivered a sterling job as local organizer.