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## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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## EDUCATION

2011 -2015      PhD in Economics, VU University Amsterdam  
*Dissertation Title*: “Issues in Climate Change Economics: Uncertainty,  
Fossil Fuel Scarcity and Renewable Energy R&D”  
Expected defense date: June, 2015

04/2014 – 06/2014      Visiting Scholar, Resources for the Future, Washington, DC

01/2014 – 03/2014      Visiting Scholar, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK

2009 – 2011      MPhil in Econometrics, Tinbergen Institute  
*Thesis Topic*: Macro announcement effect on exchange rate dependence

2007      Visiting Student, University of Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain.

2005 – 2009      Bachelor of Science, Brandeis University (Waltham, MA, USA)  
Majors: Economics, Mathematics and Computer Science  
Cum Laude

## REFERENCES

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Environmental Economics, Resource Economics, Risk and Uncertainty

## WORKING PAPERS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

Climate Change Skepticism in the Face of Catastrophe (**Job Market Paper**)

Battle for Climate and Scarcity Rents; Beyond the Linear Quadratic Case  
(with Cees Withagen and Rick van der Ploeg)  
*R&R at J of Dynamic Games and Applications*

Renewable Energy R&D and Uncertain Fossil Fuel Prices

Subsidizing Renewables in the Presence of a Dirty Backstop  
(with Jacob Jansen)

## TEACHING

Spring 2013: TA, Environmental and Resource Mgmt, Amsterdam University College  
Spring 2013: TA, Environmental Economics and Mgmt, VU University Amsterdam  
Spring 2012: TA, International Environmental Economics, VU University Amsterdam  
Spring 2011: TA, Contract Theory (Graduate Level), Tinbergen Institute  
Spring 2009 Tutor: Macroeconomics and Econometrics, Brandeis University

## HONORS AND AWARDS

2014 University Research Fellow Grant  
2010 – 2011 Tinbergen Institute Full Scholarship

## CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2014 Canadian PhD and Early Career Workshop in Environmental Economics  
Resources for the Future Academic Seminar  
SURED: Conference on Sustainable Resource Use and Economic Dynamics  
WCERE: World Congress on Environmental and Resource Economics

2013 Belpasso Summer School on Environmental and Resource Economics,  
CREE: Canadian Resource and Environmental Economics Conference

## REFEREE EXPERIENCE:

Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control  
Environmental and Development Economics

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Summer 2009 Statistics Intern, Pristine Infotech Technology  
Spring 2009 Research Assistant, Faculty of Psychology, Brandeis University  
Summer 2008 Technology Intern, Susquehanna International Group  
2007 - 2008 Research Assistant, Faculty of Computer Science, Brandeis University

## SKILLS

**Research** Numerical Methods, Integrated Assessment Models, Time Series

**Languages** Russian (Native) English (Bilingual) Spanish (Proficient)

**Applications** Stata, E-Views MS Excel, SPSS, Mathematica

**Programming** MATLAB, Ox, Java, C#, HTML, PHP, ASP.NET, CSS, MySQL