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PERSONAL PROFILE

My profile is two-sided. I am an experienced university manager with strategic responsibility. I have a large professional network extending across academia, society, media and politics. I am also an internationally recognized researcher with strong skills in political science and methods and statistics. I have strong track record in large-scale, boundary-crossing projects.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2016 – current	**Full Professor of Political Behavior and Institutions**, Department of Sociology, University of Groningen. Formally retired in 2026.
2016 – 2024	**Dean**, Faculty of Behavioral and Social Sciences, University of Groningen
2005 – 2016	**Full Professor of Political Science**, School of Management and Governance, University of Twente
2010 – 2015	**Scientific Director**, Institute for Innovation and Governance Studies, University of Twente
2005	**Fellow**, Netherlands Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences (NIAS), Wassenaar
1990 – 2005	**Assistant Professor /Associate Professor**, University of Twente
1985 – 1990	**Researcher**, University of Twente
1980 – 1985	**Research and Teaching Assistant**, Instructor, University of Amsterdam

EDUCATION

1990	Ph.D., University of Twente.
1985	M.A., Political Science, University of Amsterdam
1981	Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis, University of Essex
1979	B.A., Political Science, University of Amsterdam

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2015 – current	Elected member of the Royal Holland Society of Sciences and Humanities (KHMW)
2011 – current	Elected member of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW)