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current and previous appointments

Associate Professor (Tenure Track, UHD1), University of Groningen, Jan. 2025–present.

Associate Professor (Tenure Track, UHD2), University of Groningen, Jan. 2021–Dec. 2024.

Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), University of Groningen, Sep. 2015–Dec. 2020.

Lecturer and Researcher, University of Groningen, Sep. 2011–Aug. 2015.

PhD Candidate, University of Groningen, Nov. 2007–Aug. 2011.

other positions

Co-Editor, *Journal of International Trade & Economic Development*, Jan. 2025.–present.

Guest Researcher, CBS Statistics Netherlands, Jul. 2024–present.

Managing Director, European Trade Study Group (www.etsg.org), Sep. 2022–present.

Executive Secretary, International Economics & Finance Society (www.iefsweb.org), Jan. 2022–Dec. 2024.

education

PhD, Economics & Business, University of Groningen, defended Oct. 2012.

Dissertation: "Trade agreements galore: Who, what, when, where, why, how, and how much?"

Supervisors: Steven Brakman, Harry Garretsen.

Assessment committee: Rob Alessie, Jeffrey Bergstrand, Peter van Bergeijk.

Propaedeutic degree, Dutch Law, UG, Jun. 2006.

MSc Economics, University of Groningen, Dec. 2005. Distinction: *cum laude*.

Includes exchange programme to McGill University, Montreal (Canada), Fall 2004.

BSc Economics, University of Groningen, Jul. 2004. Distinction: *cum laude*.

research interests

international economics, trade policy, political economy, economic geography.

publications

refereed articles in international journals

1. Brakman S, Kohl T, Marrewijk C van (2025) DemoGravity: World population and trade in the 21st century. *Review of International Economics* 33(2): 486-501. https://doi.org/10.1111/roie.12782. [Open Access]

2. Nguyen DA, Brakman S, Garretsen JH, Kohl T (2025) "WWII Bombing and the German City System: Back to the Synthetic Mean?" *Global Challenges & Regional Science*. 100004. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.gcrs.2025.100004. [Open Access]

3. Brakman S, Kohl T, Marrewijk JGM van (2025) Demography and income in the 21st century: A long-run perspective. *Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society* 18(1): 25-40. https://doi.org/10.1093/cjres/rsae040. [Open Access]

4. Kohl T, Berg M van den, Franssen LLC (2024) Going Dutch? Firm exports and FDI in the wake of the 2014 EU-Russia sanctions. *Review of International Economics* 32(1): 190-222. https://doi.org/10.1111/roie.12717. [Open Access]

5. Brakman S, Garretsen JH, Kohl T (2023) EXITitis in the UK: Gravity estimates in the aftermath of Brexit. *De Economist* 171: 185-206. https://doi.org/10.1007/s10645-023-09421-3. [Open Access]
6. Besedeš T, Kohl T, Lake J (2020) Phase out tariffs, phase in trade? *Journal of International Economics* 127, 103385. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jinteco.2020.103385.
7. Kohl T (2019) The Belt and Road Initiative's effect on supply-chain trade: evidence from structural gravity equations. *Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society* 12(1): 77-104. https://doi.org/10.1093/cjres/rsy036. [Open Access]
8. Kaplan LC, Kohl T, Martínez-Zarzoso I (2017) Supply-chain trade and labor market outcomes: The case of the 2004 EU enlargement. *Review of International Economics* 26(2): 481-506. http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/roie.12339.
9. Brakman S, Garretsen JH, Kohl T (2018) Consequences of Brexit and options for a 'Global Britain'. *Papers in Regional Science* 97(1): 55-72. http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/pirs.12343. [Open Access]
10. Kohl T, Brakman S, Garretsen JH (2016) Do trade agreements stimulate international trade differently? Evidence from 296 trade agreements. *The World Economy* 39(1): 97-131. http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/twec.12272.
11. Kohl T, Trojanowska S (2015) Heterogeneous trade agreements, WTO membership and international trade: An analysis using matching econometrics. *Applied Economics* 47(33) 3499-3509. http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/00036846.2015.1016211.
12. Kohl T, Brouwer AE (2014) The development of trade blocs in an era of globalisation. *Environment and Planning A* 46(7) 1535-1553. http://dx.doi.org/10.1068/a46261.
13. Kohl T (2014) Do we really know that trade agreements increase trade? *Review of World Economics* 150(3) 443-469. http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s10290-014-0188-3.

refereed chapters

1. Kohl T (2021) In and out of the penalty box: U.S. sanctions and their effects on international trade. In PAG van Bergeijk (ed), *Research Handbook on Economic Sanctions* (pp. 388-410). Edward Elgar. https://doi.org/10.4337/9781839102721.00030.
2. Brouwer AE, Kohl T (2020) Trade blocs. In A Kobayashi (ed) *International Encyclopedia of Human Geography* (2 ed, pp. 335-339), Elsevier. https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-08-102295-5.10141-6.
3. Kohl T, Klein Reesink C (2019) Sticks and stones: Sanction threats, impositions, and their effect on international trade. In T. Besedeš, V. Nitsch (eds) *Disrupted economic relationships: Disasters, sanctions, dissolutions* (pp. 103-130). CESifo Seminar Series, MIT Press. https://doi.org/10.7551/mitpress/11703.003.0007.
4. Kohl T (2017) Opening the black box of trade agreements. In De Lombaerde P, Saucedo E (eds) *Indicator-based monitoring of regional economic integration: Fourth world report on regional integration* (pp. 301-315). United Nations University Series on Regionalism, Vol. 13, Heidelberg, Springer International Publishing. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-50860-3_14.
5. Kohl T (2017) The WTO's effect on trade: What you give is what you get. In Christensen BJ, Kowalczyk C (eds) *Globalisation: Strategies and effects* (pp. 459-493). Heidelberg, Springer Verlag. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-662-49502-5_19.

working papers

1. Nguyen DA, Brakman S, Garretsen JH, Kohl T (2023) "What's in a place name? Initial geography and historical urban development." CESifo Working Paper No. 10435. https://www.cesifo.org/node/75866, R&R *Journal of Economic Geography.*
2. Leusen MB, Kohl T, Garretsen JH, Giumelli F (2026) "The bigger they are, the harder they fall? Winning coalition size and sanctions success." *Under review.*

work in progress[1]

1. Franssen LLC, Kohl T, Berg M van den, Weijers S. "Trading in the shadows: Dutch firms and EU-Russia sanctions busting."
2. Leusen MB, Kohl T, Garretsen JH, Giumelli F. "The stock market effects of the 2022 Russia sanctions: Evidence from the US and EU."
3. Kohl T, Lake J. "Lobbying on phase-outs in US free trade agreements."

[1] For an up to date overview of ongoing projects, see https://sites.google.com/view/tristankohl/research.

popular science book

1. Brakman S, Kohl T, Marrewijk JGM van (2026) *Handel als wapen: een geopolitiek spel*, Querido.

non-refereed professional & policy writings

1. Kohl T, Tans S (2025) "Bilaterale handelsbevordering." Scientific factsheet commissioned by the Netherlands House of Representatives' Commission for Foreign Trade and Development Aid, coming online soon.
2. Berg M van den, Franssen LLC, Kohl T, Voncken R, Weijers S (2024) "Sancties tegen Rusland: gevolgen voor de Nederlandse export en mogelijke omzeilingsroutes." Chapter 1 in *Internationaliseringsmonitor 2024-III*, Centraal Bureau voor de Statistiek / Statistics Netherlands, `https://longreads.cbs.nl/im2024-3/`.
3. Berg M van den, Franssen LLC, Kohl T, Weijers S (2024) "Exporteren in de schaduw van sancties." Chapter 2 in *Internationaliseringsmonitor 2024-III*, Centraal Bureau voor de Statistiek / Statistics Netherlands, `https://longreads.cbs.nl/im2024-3/`.
4. Kohl T (2024) "Rethinking trade policy for economic development." Position paper prepared for the Roundtable on the coherence between development aid and trade policy, 23 Oct. 20024, Netherlands House of Representatives Commission for Foreign Trade & Development Aid, `https://www.tweedekamer.nl/debat_en_vergadering/commissievergaderingen/details?id=2024A05625`.
5. Kohl T (2022) Unilateral and extraterritorial sanctions symposium: Extraterritorial sanctions - overcompliance and globalization. *Opinio Juris*. `https://tinyurl.com/54cxsccy`.
6. Kohl T, Tans S (2020) "Nederland en de (hervorming van de) Wereldhandelsorganisatie." Scientific factsheet commissioned by the Netherlands House of Representatives Commission for Foreign Trade & Development Aid, `https://www.tweedekamer.nl/kamerstukken/detail?id=2020Z20266&did=2020D43534`.
7. Brakman S, Garretsen JH, Kohl T (2019) Tinbergen en de Nobelprijzen voor internationale handel. *TPEdigitaal* 13(1): 1-7 (in Dutch).
8. Brakman S, Garretsen JH, Kohl T (2017) Globalisering vs Rutte III: 2-1. *TPEdigitaal* 11: 63-67 (in Dutch).
9. Brakman S, Kohl T, Marrewijk JGM van (2015) "The impact of the Transatlantic Trade & Investment Partnership (TTIP) on low income countries." Study commissioned by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, `https://www.staten-generaal.nl/eu/id/vk02u69g0tpt/document_extern/34166_onderzoek/f=/vk02u6vvcyr1.pdf`.
10. Brakman S, Kohl T, Witteloostuijn van A (2013) De Wereldhandelsorganisatie is overbodig. *Openbaar Bestuur* 8, pp. 14-18 (in Dutch).

invited seminars & presentations[2]

2026 Workshop on "Geopolitical Tensions and Global Capital Flows", University of Groningen (The Netherlands); Keynote: "De geheime oorlog achter de handel", De Nederlandsche Bank (Amsterdam, The Netherlands); "Canada's engagement with a shrinking world ", Global Affairs Canada (virtual workshop); European Trade Study Group, University of Exeter (United Kingdom).

2025 Conference "Tightening the Thumbscrews: European Sanctions and Economic Statecraft", Clingendael Institute (The Hague, The Netherlands); Dutch Urban Economics and Trade (DUET) Workshop, Erasmus University Rotterdam (The Netherlands); Conference on "The Geopoliticization of Trade Policy", University of Salzburg (Austria), FEB Event "Making Sense of the Trade War", University of Groningen (The Netherlands); Second Annual Workshop on Sanctions, Vienna University of Economics and Business (Austria); Politicologenetmaal 2025, University of Groningen (The Netherlands), FEB Alumni Network Symposium "Trade wars and business strategy", Amsterdam (The Netherlands); European Trade Study Group, Politecnico di Milano (Italy); Nederlandse Economendag, "Beleid-B4: Wereld in transitie: demografie als gamechanger in economie en handel", The Hague (The Netherlands); CBS Symposium "Economische uitdagingen in tijden van verandering", Expert session "Handelsbeleid en handelspolitiek", The Hague (The Netherlands).

2024 Conference on "Gravity, Trade Agreements, and Policy: Celebrating Contributions of Jeff Bergstrand", University of Notre Dame (IN, USA); Conference on the Trade and Welfare Effects of European (Dis)Integration, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, Oslo (Norway); European Trade Study Group, Athens University of Economics and Business (Greece).

2023 Gravity Masterclass & Workshop, The Hague (Netherlands); University of Strathclyde, Glasgow (UK); European Trade Study Group, University of Surrey (UK).

[2]For a complete and up-to-date overview, see `https://research.rug.nl/en/persons/tristan-kohl/activities`.

2022 Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, Oslo (Norway); Southern Economic Association Annual Conference, Ft. Lauderdale (FL, USA); Interdiscplinary Sanctions Workshop, University of Groningen (Netherlands).

2021 Allied Social Science Associations Annual Meeting (Virtual); European Trade Study Group, Ghent University (Belgium); Interdisciplinary Workshop on International Sanctions, Università degli Studi di Firenze (Virtual); European Regional Science Association (ERSA) Conference (Virtual).

2020 Allied Social Science Associations-American Economic Association (ASSA-AEA) Annaul Meeting, San Diego (CA, USA); European Economic Association Virtual Conference; Kent State University (Virtual).

2019 Allied Social Science Associations-American Economic Association (ASSA-AEA) Annaul Meeting, Atlanta (GA, USA); De Nederlandsche Bank, Amsterdam (Netherlands); Southern Economic Association Annual Conference, Ft. Lauderdale (FL, USA).

2018 Swedish Network for European Studies in Economics and Business (SNEE), Lund University (Sweden).

2017 Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw), Vienna (Austria); European Regional Science Association (ERSA), University of Groningen (Netherlands).

2016 European Trade Study Group, University of Helsinki (Finland); Southern Methodist University, Dallas (TX, USA); Southern Economic Association (SEA) Annual Conference, Washington (DC, USA); CESifo Venice Summer Institute on Sanctions (Italy).

2015 ESRC Workshop on Free Trade Agreements in a Changing Landscape of Global Governance, Keele University (United Kingdom); Midwest International Trade Conference, Ohio State University (OH, USA); Georgia Institute of Technology (GA, USA); Radboud University Nijmegen (Netherlands); University of Bayreuth (Germany); FIW Research Conference 'International Economics', WIFO Austrian Institute of Economic Research, Vienna (Austria).

2014 European Commission DG Trade, Brussels (Belgium); International Workshop on Trade Agreements, KU Leuven (Belgium); U4 Workshop on Globalization, Georg-August-University of Göttingen (Germany); European Trade Study Group Annual Conference, Ludwig-Maximilian University of Munich (Germany); Evolution of Networks, Industries and Clusters (ENIC) Workshop, Martin-Luther-Univeristy Halle-Wittenberg (Germany).

2013 Annual Conference on the Political Economy of International Organizations (PEIO), University of Mannheim (Germany).

2012 International Workshop on Measuring Globalization, Maastricht University (Netherlands).

2011 Conference on Globalization, Strategies and Effects, Aarhus University (Denmark); Spring Meeting of Young Economists (SMYE), University of Groningen (Netherlands), International Trade & Finance Association Annual Meeting, Ben-Gurion Univeristy of the Negev, Eilat (Israel).

2010 Utrecht School of Economics (Netherlands); European Trade Study Group, University of Lausanne (Switzerland).

research visits

ifo Institute (Munich, Germany), Apr 2026. [planned]

University of Tennessee (Knoxville TN, USA), Department of Economics, Apr 2024.

Southern Methodist University (Dallas TX, USA), School of Economics, Oct-Nov 2016.

Georgia Institute of Technology (Atlanta GA, USA), School of Economics, Feb-Mar 2015.

awarded grants

1. Dutch Research Council (NWO) Open-SSH M 2022 Grant, "(Anti-)Globalization and its Lobbyists: Who Make the Rules on Trade and Why It Matters". `https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/open-competition-ssh/granted-projects`. Grant No. 406.22.EB.002, 2023-2028.
2. University of Groningen "Interdiscipinary PhD grant on international sanctions", 2022-2026.
3. Research Council of Norway, "Shocking times for European economic integration (EUROSHOCKS)", grant number 325996 (joint with Norwegian Institute of International Affairs , Kiel Institute for the World Economy, London School of Economics). `https://tinyurl.com/46ce597c`. 2021-2024.

student supervision

PhD theses[3]

1. P Gole (starting Sep. 2025). Role: promotor (with KM Wacker).
2. NJ Lesterhuis (starting Sep. 2025). Role: promotor (with J Ross and S Brakman).
3. AJ Mahapatra (Sep. 2023–present). Role: promotor (with RHT Wiese).
4. MB Leusen (Nov. 2022–present). Role: promotor (with F Giumelli, JH Garretsen).
5. DA Nguyen (defense Feb. 2022). Role: co-promotor (with S Brakman, JH Garretsen).
6. SK Samplonius-Raut (defense Mar. 2021). Role: co-promotor (with S Brakman & JH Garretsen).

MSc & BSc theses

Research Master in Economics & Business.

MSc International Economics & Sustainable Development.

MSc International Business & Management.

BSc Economics & Business Economics.

(recent) teaching experience[4]

PhD & Research Master courses

International Trade, Research Master in Economics & Business, as of 2024/2025.

Learning and Practising Research, Research Master in Economics & Business, 2016/2017–2019/2020.

MSc & BSc courses

Political Economy and Sustainable Society (MSc International Economics & Sustainable Development), designed for 2025/2026.

Foreign Direct Investment and Trade (MSc International Economics & Sustainable Development), 2016/2017–present.

Globalisation Debates (MSc International Economics & Sustainable Development), 2025/2026–present.

International Economics (BSc Economics & Business Economics), 2019/2020–present.

International Economics (Pre-MSc Economics & Business Economics), 2020/2021–2023/2024.

professional activity

referee[5]

reviewer for international journals

Applied Economics, Applied Economics Letters, Asian Development Review, Canadian Journal of Economics, Contemporary Economic Policy, De Economist, Economic Modelling, Economic Systems Research, Economics of Transition and Institutional Change, Empirical Economics, European Economic Review, European Journal of Political Research, Journal for Labour Market Research, Journal of African Economies, Journal of Economic Integration, Journal of Forest Economics, Journal of International Business Studies, Journal of Regional Science, Regional Studies, Review of International Economics, Review of International Organizaiton, Review of World Economics, Social Networks, Spatial Economic Analysis, Studies in Comparative International Development, The Journal of International Trade & Economic Development, The World Economy.

grant reviewer

Swiss National Science Foundation, 2018, 2024.

Polish Science Council, 2019.

[3] *ius promovendi* awarded, 2023.
[4] For a complete and up-to-date overview, see `https://ocasys.rug.nl/current/staff/t.kohl`.
[5] For a complete and up-to-date overview, see `https://www.webofscience.com/wos/author/rid/I-7133-2019`.

PhD examining committee membership

2017 S Soete (KU Leuven).

2020 A Jiang, T Bohn.

2021 Y Duan.

2024 T Grohmann, R Konietzny, I Shaheen.

2025 B Yan.

reviewer of PhD proposals

FEB Research Institute, 2014, 2021, 2022, 2024

policy research & consulting

De Nederlandsche Bank, CPB Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis, CBS Statistics Netherlands, The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands House of Representatives, Stichting Economisch Onderzoek.

conference organizer

2026 European Trade Study Group (ETSG) Exeter (United Kingdom).

2025 Allied Social Science Associations (ASSA)-American Economic Association (AEA): Allied IEFS sessions.

European Trade Study Group (ETSG) Milan (Italy).

2024 Allied Social Science Associations (ASSA)-American Economic Association (AEA): Allied IEFS sessions.

European Trade Study Group (ETSG) Athens (Greece).

Southern Economic Association (SEA): Allied IEFS sessions.

Conference on "Trade and Welfare Effects of European (Dis)Integration", Oslo (Norway).

Western International Economic Association (WEAI): Allied IEFS sessions.

2023 Allied Social Science Associations (ASSA)-American Economic Association (AEA): Allied IEFS sessions.

European Trade Study Group (ETSG) Surrey (UK)

Gravity Masterclass & Workshop (with CPB NL Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis), The Hague.

Southern Economic Association (SEA): Allied IEFS sessions.

2022 European Trade Study Group (ETSG) Groningen, `https://tinyurl.com/3m277p9p`.

Interdisciplinary Sanctions Workshop, University of Groningen, `https://tinyurl.com/2zfxcsrj`.

Southern Economic Association (SEA): Allied IEFS sessions.

media contributions[6]

My research and expert comments have featured in (a selection of) the following media outlets:

printed press including *El País* (global), *Het Financieele Dagblad, de Volkskrant, NRC Handelsblad, Trouw, Dagblad van het Noorden* (the Netherlands) and *The National* (Scotland).

radio including BNR *Nieuwsradio*, NOS Radio 1 *Journaal*, NPO Radio 1 *EenVandaag*, NOS Radio 1 *Met het Oog op Morgen*, NPO Radio 1 *Vroeg!* (BNNVARA).

podcasts including *Boekestijn & De Wijk*, a Top-3 podcast series in the Netherlands.

digital press and blogs including *nu.nl, NEMO Kennislink, FEB Research Blog, Me Judice, VoxEU, RTV Noord, Telos-EU.*

[6] For a complete and up-to-date overview, see `https://research.rug.nl/en/persons/tristan-kohl/clippings`.

invited discussant/panelist

Clingendael, 2014, 2016, 2025.

De Nederlansche Bank, 2026.

Forum for Research on Empirical International Trade (FREIT): Empirical Investigations in International Trade (EIIT), 2018.

Het Financieel Dagblad & BNR Nieuwsradio, 2019.

Nationaal Coördinator Terrorismebestrijding en Veiligheid, 2023.

Provincie Groningen, 2024.

Rudolf Agricola School for Sustainable Development, University of Groningen, 2021, 2022, 2024.

Stichting Economisch Onderzoek, 2023.

The Netherlands House of Representatives, 2020, 2024.

The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 2016, 2024.

VPRO, 2015.

university service

Third party observer, Annual Results & Development Interviews, 2023–present.

Member, Appointment Advisory Committee, Director MSc Economic Development & Globalisation, 2023.

Member, Curriculum Working Group BSc Economics & Business Economics, Sep. 2021–Aug. 2023.

Member, Curriculum Working Group MSc Economic Development & Globalisation, Sep. 2021–Aug. 2023.

Secretary, FEB Research Institute Mid-Term Reviw Assessment committee, 2019.

Programme coordinator, Research Master in Economics & Business, Sep. 2016–Aug. 2020.

Course coordinator, FEB Honours Bachelor, Sep. 2013–Aug 2016.

Member, FEB Binding Study Advice Committtee, Sep. 2013–Apr. 2016.

Member, FEB Faculty Council, Sep. 2013–Aug. 2015.

Coordinator, GEM Peer-Review Education Project, Feb. 2012–Aug. 2014.

Participation in AACSB/EQUIS Peer Review Visits.

professional development

Leadership Academic Leadership I (2023); Active Bystander (2024); Coaching PhD students (2019).

Teaching Tutor Training (2013); University Teaching Qualification (2013).

Grant Writing Vici pre & full proposal training (2025); ERC Starting/Consolidator Grant writing (2022); How to write a convincing Vidi proposal (2021); How to write a convincing Veni proposal (2014); How to write a competitive proposal for Horizon 2020 (2014).

Recruitment Inclusive Recruitment (2023).

General Career Orientation (2010).

professional memberships

American Economic Association, European Economic Association, International Economics and Finance Society, Nederlandse Kring voor de Wetenschap der Politiek, Regional Science Association Nederland.