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Professional experience

2008-

Tilburg University, Tilburg (Netherlands). Assistant professor at Economics department. Managing editor of forum **MeJustice.nl**.

2008

RAND Europe, Cambridge (UK). Analyst.

2006-2007

NRC Handelsblad, Rotterdam (Netherlands). Economics reporter.

2002-2006

CPB Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis, The Hague (Netherlands). Senior Researcher.

2000-2005

RAND Corporation, Santa Monica (California). Graduate Fellow.

1999-2000

CPB Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis, The Hague (Netherlands). Researcher.

1997-1999

Netherlands Department of Economic Affairs, The Hague (Netherlands). Member of Staff to the Secretary.

Visiting positions

2010

University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley (California).

Visiting scholar at Institute for Research on Labor and Employment

2010

Rutgers University, Newark (New Jersey). Visiting scholar at the School of Criminal Justice

2005

Hebrew University, Jerusalem (Israel). Visiting researcher at Institute of Criminology.

1997

Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne (UK). Visiting researcher at Centre for Urban and Regional Development Studies

Educational profile

2000-2005

Ph.D. in Policy Analysis, RAND Graduate School. Thesis title: 'Police effectiveness: measurement and incentives'. Dissertation committee: Jim Hosek, Arie Kapteyn, Gregory Ridgeway. External reader: James Q. Wilson. (M.Phil. September 2002).

1993-1997

B.Sc. & M.Sc. Economics, Erasmus University Rotterdam. GPA 4.0.

Teaching experience

'Microeconomics II' (B.Sc.), Tilburg University, Spring 2010, Spring 2011.

'Economics of Crime' (M.Phil.), Tilburg University, Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Fall 2010.

'Incentives in Public Organizations' (MSc.), Tilburg University, Fall 2005.

Awards

Research grant Netherlands Police Academy, 2008, 2009, 2010.

Humane Studies Fellow, 2002, 2003.

Dr. Hendrik Muller Vaderlandsch Fonds, Research grant, 1997.

Publications

'Does regulation of built-in security reduce crime? Evidence from a natural experiment', *Economic Journal*, forthcoming (with Jan van Ours).

'The effect of police on crime, disorder and victim precaution. Evidence from a Dutch victimization survey', *International Review of Law and Economics*, 29 (4), 2009, 336-348 (with Pierre Koning).

Work in progress

'Why the police have an effect on violent crime after all. Evidence from the British Crime Survey' (with Joseph Hamed, revise and resubmit to *Journal of Law and Economics*).

'Decreasing returns to scale in sentence enhancements for repeat offenders' (work in progress).

'Why applying the 'broken windows theory' in street cleaning might be a bad idea: evidence from a field experiment' (with Robert Dur, work in progress).

'The engine immobilizer: a non-starter for car thieves' (with Jan van Ours, work in progress).

Books

'Het effect van langdurige opsluiting van veelplegers op de maatschappelijke veiligheid', Reed Elsevier, Amsterdam, 2010.

'Het publieke belang bij private preventie. Een economische analyse van inbraakpreventiebeleid', Reed Elsevier, Amsterdam, 2010.

'Structural reform. A road to success?', Edward Elgar, Cheltenham, 1999 (edited with Jarig van Sinderen and Peter van Bergeijk).

Refereeing

Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Experimental Criminology, Economic Policy

Research reports (English only)

'Ten years of reform in primary mathematics education in England. A review of effectiveness', RAND Europe, 2008 (with Lila Rabinovich, Richard Bowman and Chris van Stolk).

'Liberalisation of the Dutch notary profession. Review of its scope and impact', Centraal Planbureau, 2005 (with Nicole Kuypers and Joelle Noailly).

'Police numbers up, crime rates down. The effect of police on crime in the Netherlands, 1996-2003', Centraal Planbureau, 2005.

'Capacity to spare? A cost-benefit approach to optimal spare capacity in electricity production', Centraal Planbureau, 2004 (with Mark Lijesen).

'Performance contracts for police forces', Centraal Planbureau, 2003.

'Electricity Requirements for a Digital Society', RAND, 2002 (with Walter Baer and Scott Hassell).

'Assessing Gas and Oil Resources in the Intermountain West', RAND, 2002 (with Tom LaTourrette et al.).

'The Elasticity of Demand for Health Care', RAND, 2002, (with Jeanne Ringel, Susan Hosek and Sergej Mahnovski).

'Yardstick Competition. Theory, design, and practice', Centraal Planbureau, 2000 (with Marcel Canoy and Frank Hindriks).

'Tackling the Journal Crisis. When authors pay with money instead of copyrights', Centraal Planbureau, 2000 (with Maarten Cornet).

'The Offshore Oil and Gas Fabrication Cluster in North-East England', Center for Urban and Regional Development Studies, 1997.

Research reports and other publications (in Dutch)

- Beperkte invloed rechter op gebruik celstraf, *NJB*, 2009 (with Debora Moolenaar).
- Veelbelovende verklaringen voor de daling van de criminaliteit na 2002, report commissioned by Politie & Wetenschap, February 2009 (with Peter Versteegh and Jan van den Brakel).
- Goed verdienen aan een veiliger Nederland. Verzekeraars houden premie hoog, terwijl schadelast daalt, *NRC Handelsblad*, February 28, 2009 (and numerous other articles in this newspaper).
- Concurrentie en kwaliteit in het notariaat, *ESB*, 91 (4489), pp. 308-310, 2006 (with Joelle Noailly).
- Effectiviteit van de politie: van meer naar beter blauw, Chapter 6 in: Macro Economische Verkenning, Centraal Planbureau, pp. 139-150, 2006.
- Van meer naar beter blauw, *Tijdschrift voor Politie*, November, nr. 11, 2006.
- Meer hondenontlasting door hondenbelasting, *ESB*, 90 (4464), pp. 296-7, 2005 (with Pierre Koning).
- De kunst van het wegdenken. Effectiviteit van de politie, *Secondant*, 19 (4), pp. 17-20, 2005.
- Doelmatigheidswinsten in de AWBZ, CPB Memorandum 121, Centraal Planbureau, 2005.
- 'Meer geld voor politie helpt wel degelijk', op-ed in *NRC Handelsblad*, 15 juli 2005.
- Meer politie helpt, CPB Nieuwsbrief, 2 (1), March 2005.
- Nederland veiliger dankzij meer blauw, *Algemeen Politieblad*, 154 (8), p. 7, 2005.
- Onderweg naar morgen: een economische analyse van het digitaliserende medialandschap, Centraal Planbureau, 2005 (with Richard Nahuis, Daniel Waagmeester, Machiel van Dijk, Marja Appelman). Also published in WRR report 'Trends in het medialandschap'.
- Budgetverdeling leidt tot verschillen in politiestatistiek, *ESB*, 89 (4429), pp. 135-137, 2004.
- Gelijke beschikbaarheid, ongelijke handhaving? Een onderzoek naar de consequenties van de regionale verdeling van het politiebudget, Centraal Planbureau, 2004.
- Case II: de regionale politiekorpsen, hoofdstuk 5 in: Centrale doelen, decentrale uitvoering. Over de do's en don'ts van prestatieprikkels voor semi-publieke instellingen, Centraal Planbureau, 2004.
- Als simpele oplossingen niet werken: de beoordeling van politiewerk, 'signalement' in *Tijdschrift voor Veiligheid en Veiligheidszorg*, nr. 3, pp. 58-60, 2003.
- Prestatieprikkels door verantwoording, *ESB*, 88 (4409), pp. 346-347, 2003.
- Afrekenen op resultaten vereist deskundig oordeel, *Tijdschrift voor de Politie*, 65 (7/8), pp. 4-8, 2003.
- Trek elke wedstrijd drie kaarten, gastcolumn in *Algemeen Politieblad*, 152 (12), p. 9, 2003.
- Beleidsanalyse is een vak apart, *ESB*, 87 (4389), pp. 907, 2002.
- Publiek-private samenwerking bij combinatieprojecten, Centraal Planbureau, 2001 (with Marcel Canoy and Maarten Janssen).
- Arbeidsbemiddeling en reïntegratie van werklozen, Centraal Planbureau, 2000 (with Pierre Koning).
- Middelen om te bemiddelen, *ESB*, 84 (4213), pp. 536-538, 1999 (with Marcel Canoy).
- Arbeidsbemiddeling in Australië, *ESB*, 84 (4213), pp. 539, 1999.
- Mythen van de publieke financiering, *ESB*, 84 (4189), pp. 109-111, 1999 (with Casper van Ewijk). Also published in Jaarboek van de Koninklijke Vereniging voor de Staathuishoudkunde 1999.
- Economie van publiek-private samenwerking, *ESB*, 83 (4170), pp. D5-D8, 1998 (with Eric Bartelsman, Marcel Canoy, Casper van Ewijk). Also published in Jaarboek van de Koninklijke Vereniging voor de Staathuishoudkunde 1999.
- Private kennis voor publieke behoeften, *ESB*, 83 (4170), pp. D32-5, 1998 (with Wiebe Witteveen).