

# Curriculum Vitae

## Personal

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## Current and past appointments

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- 2016-now **Assistant Professor, *Leiden University***  
- Institute of Political Science, Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences
- 2013- 2015 **Assistant Professor, *Trinity College Dublin***  
- Department of Political Science, School of Social Sciences and Philosophy  
- Course Director M.Sc. Politics & Public Policy (2014-2015)  
- College Tutor (2014-2015)
- 2011-2013 **Post-doctoral Researcher, *Leiden University***  
- Research Profile Area *Political Legitimacy: Institutions and Identities*  
- Researcher and coordinator
- 2010-2013 **Teaching Instructor, *Leiden University***  
- Institute of Political Science, Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences
- 2006 – 2010 **PhD Candidate, *Leiden University***
- 2008 **Visiting PhD Candidate, *University of Nottingham***  
- School of Politics and IR, from September to December
- 2005 – 2006 **Teaching Assistant, *Leiden University***

## Education

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- 2006 – 2011 **PhD in Political Science, *Leiden University***  
- Institute of Political Science, Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences  
- PhD thesis: 'Political Parties and the Democratic Mandate'  
- Supervisors: Prof.dr. R.B. Andeweg and Dr. H. Pellikaan
- 2001 – 2006 **Master of Arts in Political Science, *Leiden University***  
- June 2006: Graduated *cum laude*
- 2005 – 2006 **'Propedeuse' (first-year diploma) in Law, *Leiden University***  
- July 2006: Graduated *cum laude*
- 1995 – 2001 **Pre-university Education, *Christelijke Scholengemeenschap Walcheren***

## Professional training

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- 2017 Supervising PhD students, training programme, Leiden University
- 2012 University Teaching Qualification (*Basiskwalificatie Onderwijs*), Leiden University
- 2006-2009 PhD Course program of the Netherlands Institute for Government (NIG), including courses on the State of the Art in Political Science and Public Administration, Academic Skills, Research Methods and Philosophy of Science.
- 2008 ECPR Summer school on Political Parties and European Politics, Florence, Italy, 8 – 19 September 2008 (Organizers: Prof. P. Mair and Prof. T. Poguntke).

## Honours and grants

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2018	Research Assistance Grant, Institute of Political Science
2017	Grassroots subsidy for teaching innovation (SOLO)
2016	Research Assistance Grant, Institute of Political Science
2015	Emerging Scholars Award, Political Organizations and Parties (POP) section of the American Political Science Association (APSA)
2013	Research Support Grant, Trinity College Arts and Social Sciences Benefactions Fund 2013-2014
2012	Shortlisted for the ECPR Jean Blondel Prize 2012 for best PhD thesis in politics.
2011	Netherlands Institute for Government Travel Grant for participation in ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, St. Gallen
2010	Netherlands Institute for Government Travel Grant for participation in Conference Making Parliament Speak, Paris
2008	Netherlands Institute for Government Travel Grant for a visiting PhD fellowship at the University of Nottingham
2008	Leiden University Fund Stipend for a visiting PhD fellowship at the University of Nottingham

## Publications

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### *Journal articles (refereed)*

- Louwerse, Tom and Simon Otjes (published online 2018) How Populists Wage Opposition: Parliamentary Opposition Behaviour and Populism in the Netherlands, *Political Studies*, doi: 10.1177/0032321718774717
- Louwerse, Tom, Simon Otjes and Cynthia van Vonno (2018) The Dutch Parliamentary Behaviour Dataset, *Acta Politica*, 53(1): 149-166.
- Louwerse, Tom and Huib Pellikaan (2018) Estimating Uncertainty in Party Policy Positions Using the Confrontational Approach, *Political Science Research and Methods*, 6(1): 197-209.
- Otjes, Simon and Tom Louwerse (2018) Parliamentary Questions as Strategic Party Tools, *West European Politics*, 41(2), 496-516.
- Louwerse, Tom, Simon Otjes, David Willumsen and Patrick Öhberg (2017) Reaching across the aisle. Explaining government-opposition voting in parliament. *Party Politics*, 23(6): 746–759.
- Louwerse, Tom (2016) Improving Opinion Poll Reporting: The Irish Polling Indicator, *Irish Political Studies*, 31(4), 541-566.
- Louwerse, Tom and Simon Otjes (2016) Personalised parliamentary behaviour without electoral incentives: the case of the Netherlands, *West European Politics* 39(4), 778-799.
- Rosema, Martin and Tom Louwerse (2016). Response Scales in Voting Advice Applications: Do Different Designs Produce Different Outcomes? *Policy and Internet*, 8(4), 431-456.
- Louwerse, Tom and Simon Otjes (2015) The Impact of Parliamentary Specialisation on Cosponsorship, *Journal of Legislative Studies*, 21(4), 476-494.
- Otjes, Simon and Tom Louwerse (2015) Populists in Parliament: Comparing Left-Wing and Right-Wing Populism in the Netherlands. *Political Studies*, 63(1), 60-79.
- Otjes, Simon and Tom Louwerse (2014) Spatial models in voting advice applications, *Electoral studies*, 36, 263-271.
- Otjes, Simon and Tom Louwerse (2014) A Special Majority Cabinet? Supported Minority Governance and Parliamentary Behavior in the Netherlands, *World Political Science Review*, 10(2), 459-480. [This is an English-language version of Otjes & Louwerse (2013) *Res Publica* 55(4), 459-480]

- Louwerse, Tom and Martin Rosema (2014) The Design Effects of Voting Advice Applications: Comparing Methods of Calculating Matches, *Acta Politica*, 49(3), 286-312.
- Van Aelst, Peter and Tom Louwerse (2014) Parliament without government: The Belgian parliament during the long government formation processes of 2007-2011, *West European Politics*, 37(3), 475-496.
- Otjes, Simon and Tom Louwerse (2013) Een bijzonder meerderheidskabinet? Parlementair gedrag tijdens het kabinet Rutte-I, *Res Publica*, 55(4), 459-480.
- Louwerse, Tom (2012). Mechanisms of Issue Congruence: The Democratic Party Mandate. *West European Politics*, 35(6), 1249-1271.
- Louwerse, Tom (2012). Het democratisch mandaat van Nederlandse politieke partijen: crisis of continuïteit? [The Democratic Mandate of Dutch Political Parties: Crisis or Continuity?] *Res Publica*, 54(4), 413-441.
- Louwerse, Tom and Simon Otjes (2012). Design challenges in cross-national VAAs: the case of the EU Profiler. *International Journal of Electronic Governance*, 5(3/4), 279-297.
- Louwerse, Tom (2011) The Spatial Approach to the Party Mandate. *Parliamentary Affairs*, 64(3), 425-447.

*Book chapters (refereed)*

- Otjes, Simon, Tom Louwerse and Arco Timmermans (2018) The reinvention of consensus democracy, in: Elisabetta De Giorgi and Gabriella Ionszki (Eds.) *Opposition Parties in European Legislatures: Conflict or Consensus?*, Abingdon and New York: Routledge.
- Fivaz, Jan, Tom Louwerse, and Daniel Schwarz (2014) Keeping promises: VAAs and political representation, in: Diego Garzia and Stefan Marschall (Eds.) *Matching Voters with Parties and Candidates*, pp. 197-216, Colchester: ECPR Press.

*Books (non-refereed)*

- Erk, Jan, Kavita Heijstek-Ziemann, and Tom Louwerse (2013) *Politiek in een veranderende wereld: Nederland en België in vergelijkend perspectief*. [Politics in a changing world: the Netherlands and Belgium in a comparative perspective] Leuven: Acco.
- Louwerse, Tom (2011) Political parties and the democratic mandate. Comparing Collective mandate fulfilment in the United Kingdom and the Netherlands. PhD Thesis. Leiden University, 255 pp.

*Other academic and professional publications (non-refereed)*

- Louwerse, Tom and Cynthia van Vonno (2017). Naar nieuwe verhoudingen tussen Kamer en kabinet?. In: Rudy B. Andeweg and Monique Leyenaar (eds). *Alle stemmen tellen*. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press.
- Louwerse, Tom (2014) Verkiezingsbeloften: een verouderd ritueel? In: Sarah L. de Lange, Monique Leyenaar and Pieter de Jong (eds). *Politieke partijen: nodig of overbodig?*, pp. 99-110, Den Haag: Raad voor het Openbaar Bestuur.
- Otjes, Simon and Tom Louwerse (2014). Een middenkabinet of een minderheidskabinet? In G. Voerman (Ed.), *Halverwege? Tussenbalans kabinet Rutte-II*, pp. 35-48, Den Haag: Montesquieu Instituut.
- Louwerse, Tom (2013) Peilingen in het nieuws: van hypes naar trends, *Beleid en maatschappij*, 40(2), 176-179.
- Louwerse, Tom (2012) Feitenvrije vs meningenvrije politiek, *Idee: wetenschappelijk tijdschrift D66*, 3, 21-22.

- Louwerse, Tom (2012) Leven van Dick Dolman. [Book review of: Politiek samenspel: biografische notities]. *Openbaar Bestuur*, December 2012, p. 30.
- Louwerse, Tom and Simon Otjes (2011) Loyaal met een scherpe rand, Report: Universiteit Leiden.
- Otjes, Simon and Tom Louwerse (2010) Kies voor de liberale democratie, *De Helling*, 3.
- Louwerse, Tom (2009) Mapping Policy Preferences II: Estimates for Parties, Electors and Governments in Eastern Europe, European Union and OECD 1990-2003. *Acta Politica*, 44(1), 106-109.
- Popularising publications (selection)*
- Louwerse, Tom (2017) "How to use opinion polls". Saktuel.com, 6 September.
- Louwerse, Tom (2017) "The 2017 Netherlands election: Polls suggest mid-sized parties are now the new norm in Dutch politics". LSE Europp blog, 24 January.
- Van Holsteyn, Joop and Tom Louwerse (2016) "Trump kan winnen, ook als Clinton aan kop gaat in polls". NRC Handelsblad, 4 November.
- Van Holsteyn, Joop and Tom Louwerse (2016) The Dutch 2016 Referendum: Voice, No Exit. *History & Policy*, 15 June.
- Louwerse, Tom (2016) Bamboozled by opinion polls? Get up to speed in 6 simple steps... *TheJournal.ie*, 25 February.
- Louwerse, Tom (2016) General election poll of polls: Who's up and who's down?" *Irish Times*, 11 February.
- Louwerse, Tom and Simon Otjes (2013). "Actions speak louder than words". Do left-wing and right-wing populists vote alike in parliament? PSA Blog.
- Louwerse, Tom (2012). Kiezer moet huiswerk doen, ondanks stembulp. *Trouw*, 23 August, 23.
- Louwerse, Tom (2012). Cuba Libre-coalitie is nog ver weg. *Trouw*, 7 July, 25.
- Louwerse, Tom and Jannine van de Maat (2012) Verslaafd aan politieke dagkoersen, *NRC.next*, 13 February, 16-17.
- Aelst, Peter van and Tom Louwerse (2011) Het compromis is springlevend, *De Morgen*, 30 November, 23.
- Louwerse, Tom and Simon Otjes (2011) GroenLinks houdt wél afstand van de SP, *De Volkskrant*, 24 December, 30.
- Louwerse, Tom (2011) Partijen doen vaker wat ze beloven dan u denkt, *Trouw*, 27 June, 19.
- Louwerse, Tom and Simon Otjes (2011) Emile Roemer: het beste maatje van Geert?, *NRC.next*, 11 May, 18-19.
- Louwerse, Tom (2010) Tweede Kamer moet 150 leden houden, *Reformatisch Dagblad*, 9 October 2010, 6-7.

### **Invited presentations (selection)**

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| 2017 | Role and scope of opinion polls [Rol and reikwijdte van peilingen], Social Sciences Council, Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences            |
| 2016 | Beyond intuition: how sensible use of methodology can improve scientific research, Food For Thought Faculty Research Seminar Series, Leiden University |
| 2014 | Aggregating Irish Public Opinion Polls: The Irish Polling Indicator, Maynooth University   |
| 2014 | The exceptional Belgian case? Government formation duration in comparative perspective, University of Limerick   |
| 2014 | Parliament without government: the case of Belgium, Conference Parliaments without Parties, National University of Ireland                             |

2013 Personalised parliamentary behaviour without electoral incentives, Trinity College Dublin

## Teaching experience

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### *Bachelor/ undergraduate level*

2016-2018 Lecturer *Statistics I & II* (BSc Political Science Leiden, 1<sup>st</sup> year), 235-339 students.  
2017 Instructor Introduction to Comparative Politics (Bachelor Leiden University College, 1<sup>st</sup> year), 14 students.  
2016-2017 Instructor *Bachelor Project IBO: International Parliamentary Assemblies* (BSc Political Science Leiden, 3<sup>rd</sup> year), 4-14 students.  
2013-2015 Lecturer PO3600: *Research Methods for Political Science* (JS TCD), 35 students  
2014-2015 Lecturer PO4740: *Topics in Political Science* (SS TCD), 15 students  
2011-2013 Lecturer/Coordinator *Bachelor Project* (BSc Political Science Leiden, 3<sup>rd</sup> year), 65-100 students  
2009-2013 Lecturer *Political Parties and Representation* (BSc Political Science Leiden, 3<sup>rd</sup> year), 20 students  
2012-2013 Instructor *Bachelor Project Dutch Politics* (BSc Political Science Leiden, 3<sup>rd</sup> year), 15 students  
2011 Instructor *Bachelor Project Dutch Politics* (BSc Political Science The Hague, 3<sup>rd</sup> year), 5 students  
2011 Tutorial Instructor *Statistics I* (BSc Political Science Leiden, 1<sup>st</sup> year), with Dr. H. Pellikaan, 2x 25 students.  
2010 Tutorial Instructor *Dutch Politics II: Political History* (BSc Political Science Leiden, 1<sup>st</sup> year), with Dr. J.P. Vollaard, 2x 25 students.  
2010 Tutorial Instructor *Research Methods in Political Science* (BSc Political Science Leiden, 2<sup>nd</sup> year), with Dr. M. Meffert, 2x 25 students  
2009 Tutorial Instructor *Comparative Analysis of Political Systems* (BSc Political Science Leiden, 2<sup>nd</sup> year), with Dr. J. Erk, 3x 20 students  
2008 Lecturer *Politics and Political Science* (BA Political Science Leiden, 1<sup>st</sup> year), with Dr. F. Meijerink, 90 students  
2006 Tutorial Instructor *Dutch Politics* (BA Political Science Leiden, 1<sup>st</sup> year), with Prof. R.A. Koole, 2x 25 students  
2005-2006 Tutorial Instructor *Political Science Practicum* (BA Political Science Leiden/The Hague, 1<sup>st</sup> year), with Dr. F. Meijerink and Dr. J. Beyers, 2x 20 students

### *Master/ postgraduate level*

2018 Instructor *Master Thesis Seminar MSc Parties, Parliaments and Democracy*, 8 students.  
2015 Lecturer PO8003: *Research Design* (M.Sc. Politics & Public Policy TCD)  
2014-2015 Lecturer PO8001: *Government Institutions* (M.Sc. Politics & Public Policy TCD), 17 students, with Prof. Gail McElroy  
2015 Instructor PO8200: Dissertation seminar (M.Sc. Politics & Public Policy and International Politics TCD), 32 students, with Dr. Peter Stone  
2013 Lecturer PO7001: *Quantitative Methods I* (PhD Political Science TCD/UCD), 18 students  
2011-2012 Lecturer *Democracy in the Netherlands: Political Analysis* (Master Political Science The Hague), 10 students  
2011-2012 Instructor (Seminars and Several Lectures) *Political Science: Approaches and Concepts*, with Prof. P. Kopecky (Master Political Science Leiden), 75 students

- 2009 Tutorial Instructor *Quantitative Data Collection and Analysis* (Research Master Political Science Leiden), with Dr. H. Pellikaan, Dr. R. Best and Dr. M. Meffert, 6 students
- 2008-2009 Lecturer *Policy Representation by Political Parties* (MA Political Science Leiden), 15 students
- 2006 Lecturer *Theories and Methods* (MA Political Science Leiden), with Dr. T. Capelos, 25 students

### PhD supervision and examination

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Co-promotor (co-supervisor): Marijn Nagtzaam (Leiden, 2017-now, with Prof. Andeweg and Prof. Van Holsteyn), Charlotte de Roon (Leiden, 2018-now, with Prof. Van Biezen)

Internal examiner (year of examination): Seppe Verheyen (TCD, 2014), Mark Canavan (TCD, 2015)

Member of dissertation committee (year of defence): Tim Mickler (Leiden, 2017)

### Professional service

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- Ongoing Reviewer for *Acta Politica*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Government & Opposition*, *Italian Political Science Review*, *Journal of Economic Policy Reform*, *Journal of Elections*, *Public Opinion & Parties*, *Journal of Legislative Studies*, *Parliamentary Affairs*, *Party Politics*, *Policy & Internet*, *Political Behaviour*, *Political Psychology*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Political Studies*, *Politics*, *Quality & Quantity*, *Res Publica*, *Research and Politics*, *Scandinavian Political Studies*, *South European Society and Politics*, *West European Politics*.  
Detailed reviewer record: <https://publons.com/a/1229399/>
- since 2016 **Varieties of Democracy Project**  
Regional Manager Western Europe
- since 2015 **ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments**  
Member of the Steering Committee, since 2018 Convenor
- since 2015 **Acta Politica**  
Member of the Editorial Board
- 2017 & 2018 **Politologenetmaal (Dutch-Flemish Annual Political Science Conference)**  
Member of the local organizing committee
- 2017 **Emerging Scholars Award, APSA POP Section**  
Member of the Jury
- 2015 **Political Studies Association of Ireland (PSAI)**  
Member of the Executive Committee
- 2012-2015 **Varieties of Democracy Project**  
Country Coordinator for the Netherlands

### Outreach activities

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- Ongoing Media interviews with national and international outlets, including BBC World, Bloomberg, BNR, NOS, NRC Handelsblad, RTE, Volkskrant & ZDF. A list of recent appearances [can be found on my website](#).
- since 2014 **Irish Polling Indicator**  
Poll aggregation model, published on [politicalreform.ie](http://politicalreform.ie)
- since 2013 **Stukroodvlees.nl** (Dutch politics/political science weblog)  
Co-founder and contributor
- since 2012 **Peilingwijzer** (*'Polling indicator'*)  
Poll aggregation model developed, published via NOS

## Professional memberships

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ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments, European Political Science Association (EPSA),  
*Nederlandse Kring voor Wetenschap der Politiek* (NKWP, Dutch Political Science Association)

## Skills

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### Statistics and research methods

- All major statistical techniques (e.g., regression, logistic regression, analysis of variance)
- Spatial modelling (PCA, multidimensional scaling, Bayesian analysis)
- Manual and computer-assisted text analysis (Wordscores, Wordfish, dictionary-based approaches, confrontational approach)
- Analysis of roll call data (Nominat, Ideal, Optimal Classification).

### Computer skills

R, SPSS, BUGS/JAGS, Microsoft Office, Latex, some Python and VB.net.

## Languages

	<i>Speaking</i>	<i>Reading</i>	<i>Writing</i>
Dutch	Native	Native	Native
English	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
German	Basic	Intermediate	-
French	Basic	Basic	-

## Volunteering

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- 2012-2013 & **GroenLinks Leiden**  
2016-2017 Member of local candidate committee (Leiden)
- 1999-2014 **Model European Parliament**  
2004-2014: Board member, 2010-2014: Secretary of the board.  
Between 1999 and 2002: Participant, chair
- 2004-2005 **A.S.V. Prometheus Leiden**  
Cultural Student Association, President
- 2000-2002 **EuroScenarios / Youth 2002 / Youropa**