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Languages:

Fluent: Dutch, English
Proficient: German, French

Employment:

Present:

September 2016 - Present: Postdoctoral Researcher in the HERA Project 'HERILIGION The heritagization of religion and the sacralization of heritage in contemporary Europe', at the Meertens Institute of the Royal Dutch Academy of Sciences.

April 2015 – Present: Lecturer Religious Studies, department Religious Studies, Utrecht University. MA&BA level.

September 2015 – Present: Secretary Implementation of Foresight Committee, currently involved in creation of Netherlands Academy of Religion.

September 2015 – Present: Coordinator Annual Intensive Text Reading Seminar, National School of Theology & Religious Studies (NOSTER). Graduate & postgraduate level.

April 2015 – Present: Coordinator and senior researcher 'Postsecular Nationalism', funded by seed money Cultures, Citizenship and Human Rights for the project 'Postsecular Nationalism' (i.c.w. dr. Eva Midden)

August 2011 – Present: Lecturer humanities track, Liberal Arts and Sciences Programme, Amsterdam University College.

Past:

April 2014 – September 2015: Postdoctoral Researcher / Secretary Foresight Committee Theology and Religious Studies of the Royal Dutch Academy of Sciences.

Summer 2014: Visiting Fellow Research Institute for the Humanities, Chinese University of Hong

Kong.

September 2013 – September 2015: Research Fellow Postsecularism, Centre for the Humanities, University Utrecht. Recipient endowment Mellon Foundation for the international CHCI (Consortium of Humanities Centers and Institutes) programme 'Religion, Secularism and Political Belonging'.

April 2013 – April 2014: Lecturer Research MA Religious Studies, University of Amsterdam.

2006 - 2011: Lecturer Literary Sciences & Cultural Analysis, University of Amsterdam. MA-level & BA-level.

2006 - 2011: PhD researcher, Institute for Culture and History, University of Amsterdam.

Education:

2014: Basiskwalificatie Onderwijs (BKO)

2011: PhD Cultural History of Christianity as part of the interdisciplinary research project 'The Future of The Religious Past', University of Amsterdam. Supervisor: Dr. Burcht Pranger.

2006/2007: Visiting researcher Université Paris 8 and École Normale Supérieure, Paris.

2006: Research Master Cultural Analysis (*cum laude*), Amsterdam School for Cultural Analysis, University of Amsterdam, in cooperation with Université Paris 8 and the École Normale Supérieure, Paris. Title of thesis : John Calvin, Law and Event: Religion and Politics. Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Alain Badiou, Prof. Dr. Burcht Pranger.

2005/2006 Exchange student at Université Paris 8 and École Normale Supérieure, Paris.

2004: Bachelor Science of Literature & Metaphysics (*cum laude*), University of Amsterdam.

Publications:

Books:

Words: Situating Religion in Language, Fordham University Press, New York: 2016. (co-edited with dr. Asja Szafraniec).

Alain Badiou Inesthetiek: Filosofie, Kunst Politiek, Jan van Eyck Academy & Octavo, Maastricht & Amsterdam: 2012. (co-edited with dr. Joost de Bloois)

Tracing Circles: Literary Dimensions in John Calvin's Institutes (dissertation), University of Amsterdam: 2011. Currently under review with Fordham University Press.

Calvinisme en Politiek: Tussen Verzet en Berusting, Uitgeverij Boom, Amsterdam: 2009.

Reports:

Klaar Om te Wenden: De Academische Bestudering van Religie in Nederland: Een Verkenning. Report of the Royal Dutch Academy of Sciences Foresight Committee, 2015. (co-authored as postdoctoral resaeacher for foresight committee Theology and Religious Studies, Royal Dutch Academy of Sciences).

Articles, peer-reviewed:

‘Reading Calvin’s language: Nice Work if You Can Get It’. *Words: Situating Religion in Language*, editors: Asja Szafraniec, Ernst van den Hemel. Fordham University Press, 2016.

‘So, Any More Deathless Questions? Religious Language and Ordinary Language Philosophy: History and Present’. *Words: Situation Religion in Language*, editors: Asja Szafraniec, Ernst van den Hemel. Fordham University Press, 2016.

‘Ontworteling als rite de passage van Nederland: ironie, secularisme, nationalisme en literatuur’ in: *Ontworteld: De Schrijver als Nomade*, red: Johan Goud, Uitgeverij Klement, 2015.

‘The Noble Lie: Judeo-Christian Roots and the Rise of Dutch Neo-Conservatism’, in: *Postsecular Publics*, ed. Rosi Braidotti et. al., Palgrave MacMillan, 2014.

‘The Literary Comfort of Eternity: Calvin and Thoreau’. *Religion and Memory*, editors: Babette Hellemans. Fordham University Press, 2013.

‘Things that Matter : the Extra Calvinisticum and Material Presence in Calvin’s theory of the Eucharist’. *Things: Material Religion and the Topography of Divine Spaces*, editors: Dick Houtman, Birgit Meyer. Fordham University Press, 2012.

‘History and the Vertical Canon: John Calvin’s *Institutes* and Samuel Beckett’. *How the West Was Won: Essays on Literary Imagination, the Canon and the Christian Middle Ages*. Brill Studies in Intellectual History, editors: Arjo Vanderjagt & Hent de Vries. 2010.

‘Included but not Belonging: Badiou and Rancière on Human Rights’ in: [Krisis Journal for Contemporary Philosophy](#), issue 3, 2008.

Non peer-reviewed (selection):

‘Wat moet een mens geloven? Post-secularisme voor beginners’, [Rekto Verso](#), Juni 2016.

'Nationalism: Lexical Entry of Religion, Secularism and Political Belonging' Website of the RelSec Project. <https://relsec.arizona.edu/nationalism>

'A Kingdom that no longer says whatever: Dutch reflections on *the Unintended Reformation*', The Immanent Frame, (weblog of the Social Science and Research Council), December 2nd 2013.

'Godslastering en vrijheid van meningsuiting als kenmerken van Nederland: Reve en Hirsi Ali', in: NY, Tijdschrift voor Literatuur, Kritiek en Amusement, 2013.

'Het Christendom Tegen het Populisme: een gesprek met Jérôme Heldring en Ernst van den Hemel'. In: *U Bevindt Zich Hier*. Editor: Marcel ten Hooven. Uitgeverij Boom, Amsterdam: 2010.

'Het Calvinistisch Laboratorium: Calvinisme, Populisme en de Politiek van het Nu.' Michsjol, summer 2010.

'Het Belang van Calvijn voor Hedendaagse Debatten - of: waarom wetenschappers zich in het politiek debat moeten mengen' in: *Calvijn op Scherp*, congresbundel Guido de Brès Stichting, 2010.

'Voorstel voor een Preambule voor een Europese Grondwet in de Voltooid Tegenwoordige Toekomstige Tijd.' In: *Wij Burgers van Europa*. Vlaams-Nederlands huis deBuren en Literaire Stichting Perdu, 2010.

Popular (selection):

'Religieonderwijs is juist nu heel hard nodig', NRC, November 2nd 2015. (i.c.w. William Arfman, Daan Beekers, Markus Davidsen, Brenda Mathijssen),

'Geloof Tellen is Lastig' Nederlands Dagblad, March 29th 2016.

'De Linkse Elite heeft het land weer verkwanseld: de opkomst van neo-nationalisme', in: Trouw, September 16h 2013.

'Mededogen drijft jonge christelijke tegenbeweging', in: Trouw, May 18th 2013.

'Een beperkte kijk op de Nederlandse geschiedenis' in: Trouw, September 6th , 2012.

'Waarom de SGP haar tijd juist vooruit is', in: Trouw, August 30th, 2012.

'Het heilige secularisme', in: Trouw, August 23d, 2012.

Relevant experience / skills:

Member of expert group deradicalisation & religion, National Police (Summer 2015)

Radio columnist on religion, secularism and society for Radio 1 programme 'Dit is de Dag' (January 2014 – January 2016)

Peer-reviewer of manuscripts for Wiley-Blackwell (February 2014)

Peer-reviewer for NNCORE, Nordic Network for Comics Research (2012)

Peer-reviewer of manuscripts for Fordham University Press (2010)

Columnist for Trouw, on the topic of religion and philosophy (summer 2012)

Academic Conferences / Seminars organized:

Series of seminars entitled: 'Postsecular Nationalism: integration, emancipation and citizenship'. In collaboration with dr. Eva Midden (Gender Studies department, UU), CFH, and department of Philosophy and Religious Studies UU. April 2015 – September 2016.

Third Meeting of the Consortium of Humanities Centers and Institutes (CHCI) project 'Religion, Secularism and Political Belonging', (Centre for the Humanities, Utrecht University, January 2015)

Focusgroup Junior Researchers Foresight Committee Theology and Religious Studies, Royal Dutch Academy of Sciences. October 8th 2014.

Focusgroup Senior Researchers Foresight Committee Theology and Religious Studies, Royal Dutch Academy of Sciences. September 15th 2014.

Focusgroup Deans and Administrators Foresight Committee Theology and Religious Studies, Royal Dutch Academy of Sciences. June 30th 2014.

Public lecture prof. dr. Stathis Gourgouris: 'Can Democracy Not Be Secular?' (Centre for the Humanities, Utrecht University, March 20th 2014)

Seminar with prof. dr. Stathis Gourgouris: 'Lessons in Secular Criticism' (Centre for the Humanities & Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Utrecht University, March 19th 2014).

Seminar with prof. dr. Herman Philipse: 'Scientific Atheism and its Consequences for the Study of Religion' (Centre for the Humanities & Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Utrecht University, March 10th 2014)

Seminar & Public Lecture with prof. dr. Simon Critchley: 'The Faith of the Faithless: Experiments in Political Theology' (Centre for the Humanities, Utrecht University, October 17th 2013)

Seminar series 'Postsecularism & Political Belonging: conservatism, religion and national identity' (Centre for the Humanities, Universiteit Utrecht, May 2nd, May 11th & June 11th 2013).

'Deportation, Detention and Drowning in La Mer Mortelle: critical perspectives on the irregularization of migration' (University of Amsterdam, February 22nd & 23d, 2013). In collaboration with dr. Yolande Jansen, dr. Robin Celikates and dr. Joost de Bloois.

Panel 'Housing in Conflict' for symposium Housing the Social / Social Housing. (Goldsmith's College, University of London & Stichting Kunst in Openbare Ruimte, Felix Meritis Amsterdam, 2011).

'On Religion and Pastness, International Conference on Religion, Memory and History' (University of Amsterdam, December 2008).

'Militancy vs. Fundamentalism : Art and Politics in the Work of Alain Badiou' (University of Amsterdam, October 2007).

Relevant (media) appearances (selection):

'84% van de wereldbevolking is religieus' interviewed by Groene Amsterdammer, April 2016.

'In alle redelijkheid geloven: wetenschap en religie zijn complementair', interviewed by Groene Amsterdammer, 22nd January 2014.

'What's the use? Directions for the study of religion in the Netherlands today' Lecture given during the symposium 'Past trajectories – New directions: The study of religion today', Utrecht University, July 12th, 2013.

Panel member 'Democratie: Opstand en Verzet', Nacht van de Filosofie, April 12th, 2013.

'Een ongelovige bestudering van Calvijn', interviewed by: Reformatorisch Dagblad, 5th July 2011.

'Calvijn was niet zo star', interviewed by: Volkskrant, 13th June 2011.

* Full list of publications, invited lectures and media appearances available upon request:
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