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Academic Work

Postdoc, Empirical Political Science

Université libre de Bruxelles, Belgium

Project: [Integrating deliberation for impact \(i4i\)](#)

Topics: Democracy, Citizen participation, Democratic innovation

Tasks: Conduct survey experiments on the impact of design features on citizens' attitudes and behaviour.

Ph.D., Empirical Political Science, 2024

Radboud University, the Netherlands

Project: [Democratic innovations and populism: For better or worse?](#)

Topics: Democracy, Populism, Political attitudes, Citizen participation

Thesis: 'A bridge over troubled water: The effect of democratic innovations on populist attitudes'

Visiting Researcher, 2023

Université libre de Bruxelles, Belgium

Research Assistant, 2019

London School of Economics and Political Science, UK

Tasks: Conduct focus groups and communicate research to stakeholders.

Education

M.Sc., Social and Cultural Psychology, 2019

London School of Economics and Political Science, UK

Thesis: 'A populist common sense?' (Distinction)

Program aimed at understanding how culture and society shape how people think and behave.

B.A., European Studies, 2017

Maastricht University, the Netherlands

Multi-disciplinary study aimed at understanding Europe by using historical, international relations, legal, economic and sociological perspectives.

Publications

Theuwis M.-I., van Ham C. and Jacobs K (2024). "A meta-analysis of the effects of democratic innovations on participants' attitudes, behaviour and capabilities". *European Journal of Political Research*. (Online first).

Theuwis M.-I. (2024). “Power to the People? How participatory budgets affect citizens’ populist attitudes”. *Political Studies*. (Online first).

Thematic analysis of 35 post-participation semi-structured interviews to study mechanisms of populist attitudes change.

Theuwis M.-I. and Kindt R. (2024). “Through the looking glass: the effect of participation in a participatory budget on citizens’ populist attitudes”. *European Political Science Review*, 16(3), 448–464.

Difference-in-differences analysis to assess effects of participation in participatory budgeting on populist attitudes.

Ruth-Lovell S., Kindt R., Van Lit J. and Theuwis M.-I. (2024) “Populism and democracy”, in: Huber R.A. and Jankowski M. “Populism: An Introduction”. SAGE Publications.

Chapter for undergraduate students on populism’s relationship with democracy.

Theuwis M.-I. “Taking democracy’s temperature: Populist attitudes as a vehicle for expressing democratic discontent”. *Political Psychology*. Under review as part of special issue on political beliefs.

Latent growth curve analysis of longitudinal panel data to assess the changeability of populist attitudes.

Valorisation **Invited talks**

- Workshop for the Members of Parliament of the Province of Drenthe regarding the organisation of a citizens’ assembly (2023)
- Debate De Balie/DemLab ‘How much democracy can the climate tolerate? It’s up to the citizens’, LUX Nijmegen (2022)
- Workshop on deliberative democracy for high school teachers (2021)

Writings

- Blog article for The Loop ECPR blog with Kindt R.: ‘Populist attitudes as thermometers of democratic quality’(2024)
- Policy report with Jacobs K. (in Dutch): ‘How to Organise a Citizens’ Assembly’(2023)
- Opinion article (in Dutch): ‘A Citizen Climate Assembly could work’(2022)
- Blog article with Jacobs K. (in Dutch): ‘A Citizen Climate Assembly: does that work?’(2022)

Teaching **Supervisor of five bachelor theses (2020 - 2022)** Radboud University, B.Sc. Political Science

Guest lecturer ‘Deliberative Democracy’ (2021)
Radboud University, M.Sc. Comparative Politics

Conference Presentations	ECPR General Conference, 2023, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic Panel co-chair ‘Populism versus representative democracy’ Dutch-Belgian Political Science Conference, 2023, KU Leuven, Belgium ECPR General Conference, 2022, Universität Innsbruck, Austria Selected for Best Paper Award in the Democratic Innovations-section Discussant in panel ‘Inclusiveness in the Political Realm’ COST Action Conference ‘Under-Representation, Direct Democracy and Deliberation’, 2021, Univerza v Ljubljani, Slovenia ECPR General Conference, 2021, online Selected for Best Paper Award in the Democratic Innovations-section Dutch-Belgian Political Science Conference, 2020, online ECPR General Conference, 2020, online
Languages	Dutch (native), English (full professional working proficiency), French (professional working proficiency), Spanish and Italian (elementary knowledge)
Software	R, Stata, SPSS, NVivo, ATLAS.ti, Qualtrics, Canva, Illustrator
Methods Courses	Panel Data Analysis, Structural Equation Modelling, Process Tracing, Latent Growth Curve Modelling