

Research interests

Partnership dynamics; family complexity; labour market participation; internal migration; residential mobility

University education

- 2022 **PhD** | University of Groningen (UG), Population Research Centre (PRC)
(4 July) *Title:* 'Moving On: Union formation in the context of family complexities'.
Supervisors: Prof. C.H. Mulder, Prof. H.A.G. de Valk and Dr V.A. Venhorst.
Pregnancy/maternity leave December 2020 - March 2021; 0.8 FTE appointment since then.
- 2017 **European Doctoral School of Demography** | Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research / Sapienza University
11-month postgraduate programme, under the auspices of the European Association for Population Studies. Courses in statistical and mathematical demography; population data, modelling, simulation, and forecasting; and causes and consequences of demographic change.
- 2016 **Research Master in Regional Studies: Spaces and Places, Analysis and Intervention (English)** | UG
Average grade: 8.6 out of 10 (cum laude/with honours).
Specialisation: Population Studies and Economic Geography.
Thesis: 'Pathways to commitment in living-apart-together relationships in the Netherlands: A study on satisfaction, alternatives, investments and social support'.
Service: Board of Appeal for Examinations (2014-2016); Education Committee (2014-2015).
- 2013 **Bachelor's specialisation modules – Erasmus exchange** | University of Reading
- 2014 **Bachelor's in Human Geography and Urban and Regional Planning (Dutch)** | UG
Average grade: 7.9 out of 10.
Service: Faculty Council (2012-2013); board of Stichting Pro Geo (2012-2013).

Professional and research experience

- 2023 to date **Assistant Professor Social Demography** (0.8 FTE) | UG, PRC
- 2022-2023 **Postdoctoral researcher** (0.8 FTE) | UG, PRC
Project: FamilyTies, focussing on the topic of labour-market outcomes of family-motivated migration.
- 2017 **Research assistant** | UG, PRC
Preparing longitudinal data from the Netherlands Kinship Panel Study for the PartnerLife project, resulting in the publication 'Separation, divorce, and housing tenure: A cross-country comparison'.
- 2016 **United Nations Intern & Coordinator Intern Board** | Economic Commission for Europe, Population Unit
Drafting a policy brief on migration and old age, analysing Generations and Gender Survey data on rural-urban differences in care involvement, representative of UNECE interns engaged with UN institutions.
- 2014-2015 **Student assistant** | UG, Faculty of Spatial Sciences
Teaching assistant and research assistant in the following projects:
- ERC project FamilyTies (Prof. C.H. Mulder) – literature review for ERC advanced grant proposal.
- Project on couples' migration to the countryside in the Netherlands (Prof. T. Haartsen & Prof. A. Stockdale) – conducting, transcribing and analysing 24 in-depth interviews.
- NWO project 'Smoking, alcohol and obesity - ingredients for improved and robust mortality projections' (Prof. F. Janssen) – literature and data management, creating graphs and GIS maps.

Teaching

Training: University Teaching Qualification (2024); Supervising Thesis Students (2018); Start to Teach (2017)

Coordination & lecturing

2024 to date Coordinator of Master Internship Population Studies

2023 to date Course coordinator of Master Thesis Population Studies

2022 to date Course coordinator of Migration, Families & Households (MA)

2023 to date Lecturer of Statistics 1 and Statistics 2 (BA)

2023 to date Lecturer of Methods in Academic Research (BA)

Supervision

2018-2024 Supervision of three Master Thesis projects for the Master Population Studies

2017-2018 Spatial Problems and Spatial Policies (BA course) – supervising three students in writing a research paper

Further training

2019 Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis, Multilevel Models: Practical Applications (Essex)

2019 Marie Jahoda Summer School on Divorce and Children (Vienna)

2018 Summer School on Longitudinal and Life Course Research (Milan)

Grants and awards

2023 €5000 TAG Scholarship grant for Learning and Teaching, co-applicants Dr B. De Haas & Dr A.P.P. Remund

2016 €500 NIDI-NVD Master Thesis Award

2016 €2500 GUF-100 prize for best student of the faculty

2016 Student-assistant position for most excellent Research Master student

2016 €1000 travel grant for excellent students provided by The Groningen University Fund (GUF)

Research stays

2018/2019 Visiting scholar at Aalborg University, Denmark (host: Dr L. Tølbøll) (6 weeks)

2018 Visiting scholar at Statistics Netherlands, The Hague (host: N. Kooiman) (3 weeks)

2015 Visiting student at University of Cologne, Germany (hosts: Dr S. Krapf & Prof. M. Wagner) (1 week)

Invited academic presentations and lectures

2024 Invited speaker at the VSPA Psychology Conference, Amsterdam: 'Commitment in living-apart-together relationships'.

2022 Invited talk for the SocMap research group at Aalborg University, Denmark: 'Moving union: Union formation in a context of family complexities.'

2020 Invited talk at the ESRC Centre for Population Change seminar series, Scotland: 'Migration for co-residence: The role of family ties and family complexity.'

2018 Invited lecture 'Internal migration, immobility and the family' at the University of Aalborg Copenhagen (MA course)

Science communication

2022 Interview Linda.nl 'Vorige relaties en kinderen van flinke invloed op nieuwe liefde'

2019 *Psychologie Magazine* (edition 6) feature on living-apart-together, referencing my *Demos* publication

2018 BNR Ochtendspits radio interview about *Demos* publication

2018 Publication in *Demos* (2018, nr 10) 'Hoe sterk zijn latrelaties?'

- 2018 Population Europe PopDigest: 'How Does Commitment Work in Living-Apart-Together Partnerships?'
- 2017 Demotrends.org blog post: 'Commitment in 'Living-apart-together' (LAT) relationships: Less is more?'

Skills

Computing Stata, SPSS, R, Python (basic), MLwiN (basic), ArcGIS (basic)

Academic service

- 2022 to date Member of Inter-university Working Group on Social Inequality and Life Courses (ISOL)
- 2018 to date Board member Dutch Demographic Society
- 2022-2023 Chair of Dutch Demography Day organising committee (committee member 2019-2021)
- 2022 European Population Conference local organising committee
- 2020-2024 Reviewer for *Educational Gerontology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Comparative Population Studies*, *Journal of Economic and Human Geography*, *Demographic Research*, *Journal of Family Studies*

Conference contributions

Oral presentations at Divorce Conference (2020), Dutch Demography Week (2020), Nordic Demographic Symposium (2019), British Society of Population Studies Conference (2018), European Population Conference (2018), Dutch Demography Day (2018; 2017) and PartnerLife Conference (2017).

Poster presentations at European Population Conference (2024; 2022), Population Association of America Conference (2017) and Dutch Demography Day (2015).

Working papers

Van der Wiel, R. (presented at European Population Conference 2022). 'Single mothers' labour market position and the interplay between repartnering and migration.' To be submitted to an international scientific journal.

Van der Wiel, R., Venhorst, V., Lyneborg Lund, R. & McMullin, P. (presented at European Population Conference 2024). 'The income and employment consequences of migration for partner co-residence'. To be submitted to an international scientific journal.

Publications

Van der Wiel, R., Gillespie, B.J. and Tølbøll, L. (2022). Migration for co-residence among long-distance couples: The role of local family ties and gender. *Population, Space and Place*, e2631. <https://doi.org/10.1002/psp.2631>

Van der Wiel, R., Kooiman, C. & Mulder, C.H. (2021). Family complexity and parents' migration: The role of repartnering and distance to non-resident children. *European Journal of Population*, pp. 1-31. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10680-021-09594-0>

Van der Wiel, R., Mulder, C.H., de Valk, H. (2020). From living apart to living together: Do children born before the current partnership matter? *Comparative Population Studies*, 45. <https://doi.org/10.12765/CPoS-2020-07>

Mikolaj, J., Kulu, H., Vidal, S., Van der Wiel, R., Mulder, C.H. (2019). Separation, divorce, and housing tenure: A cross-country comparison. *Demographic Research*, 41(39), pp. 1131-1146. <https://doi.org/10.4054/DemRes.2019.41.39>

Van der Wiel, R. & Kooiman, N. (2019). 'Children of separated parents: Registered versus reported place of residence.' CBS Paper. The Hague: Statistics Netherlands (CBS). <https://www.cbs.nl/-/media/pdf/2019/24/2019ep12-children-of-separated-parents.pdf>

Van der Wiel, R., Mulder, C.H., & Bailey, A. (2018). Pathways to commitment in living-apart-together relationships in the Netherlands: A study on satisfaction, alternatives, investments and social support. *Advances in Life Course Research*, 36, pp. 13-22. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.alcr.2018.03.001>