
Curriculum Vitae

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Education

2014 – Present

PhD. Candidate Università degli Studi di Milano, Italy
department of Social and Political Sciences

PhD. Project: Consumerism, Moralism and the Law: Intersections between international prostitution policies and the endeavour for gender equality.

2013-2014

Master Sociology ‘Gender, Sexuality and Society’, University of Amsterdam

This program integrated the social and cultural imperatives that shape gendered identities and sexual relationships into research repertoires. It offered me a multidisciplinary and transnational approach and trained me to analyse worlds’ contemporary complexities related to gender and/or sexuality whilst incorporating sociological theories, concepts and methodologies. Specialized courses: Gender and sex in the city, Intersections of culture, sexuality and gender and Theorizing gender.

Thesis: *‘Feeling like a natural woman: female demand and male supply in the world of gigoloism’* (Publication forthcoming)

2007-2011

Bachelor Sociology, University of Amsterdam

The Bachelor in Sociology at the UvA focused on the spatial and socio-economic mobility of the (Western) population and the ever-changing social relations between individuals and groups. This study enhanced my ability to nuance sociological problems and to analyse them on a micro, meso and macro level and understand the influence of institutions and larger social systems. During this program I developed my interest in gender studies and followed courses on theorizing gender, labor stratification, feminist history, human trafficking & prostitution and the cultural complexities of (in)fertility.

Thesis: Motivations of post-migrant women to participate on the Dutch labour market. (Published in the bundle: *‘Unexpected Merits’*)

Professional experience

2013-2014

Case Manager - Financial Administrator at CAV, Amsterdam

Responsible for the financial welfare of 120 clients who were in severe debts and/or mentally disabled.

2010-2013

Sales attendant and visual merchandiser at Kipling, Amsterdam

Supporting the manager with the daily sale processes and responsible for the visual merchandising of the brands’ specific materials.

- 2013** **Research and Editorial trainee, Women Inc. Amsterdam**
Collecting and analysing news on Women Inc. topics to enhance women equality in the Netherlands.
- 2012** **Customer Care Professional American Express, Amsterdam**
Besides daily contact with customers through phone and light administrative work I analysed and evaluated account information to conceptualise new communicative techniques.

Secondary Activities and Voluntary Work

- 2013-present** Editorial support for think-tank 'Peer' a 'no-nonsense happy activism group' led by, amongst others, Anja Meulenbelt.
- 2010-2012** Buddy for the buddy project Bounded Labour in the Netherlands (BLinN), which was during those years part of Humanitas-Netherlands.

Computer competences

Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, Powerpoint
Academic Programs: Atlas.ti, NVivo, SPSS Statistics Data Entry, Stata

Languages

Dutch (native), English (fluent)

Publications

'Opleiding is mijn man', in: Elshout, J., Kampen, T. en Teijmant, I. en Tonkens, E. (Eds.), *Onverwachte verdiensten: over activering en zelfrespect in een veeleisende samenleving*, Amsterdam: Stichting de Driehoek.

'Feeling like a natural woman: gigoloism and female desire', in: *LOVA* (forthcoming)

Awards and Grants

- 2014** PhD Scholarship (3 years)
Università degli Studi di Milano, Italy
- 2015** LOVA - Marjan Rens Thesis Award 2015: 1st Place