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## Current positions

*Assistant Professor*, Utrecht University, Netherlands

I am an Assistant Professor in Applied Economics at Utrecht University, specializing in economic history, political economy and the economics of religion. My research combines archival research, econometric methods, historical insights and economic theory to investigate the democratization, voting behavior, economic development and religion, mostly using historical data from the Netherlands.

## Publications

Machielsen, B. (2025). Democratization, personal wealth of politicians and voting behavior. *Explorations in Economic History*, 101733.

## Work in Progress

Machielsen, B. (2025). Dynamic returns to political tenure. [Draft available here](#).

Machielsen, B., De Vicq, A. (2025). Borders of Belief: Protestantism and Social Mobility. [Draft available here](#).

Domini, G., Machielsen, B. (2025). Institutions and Innovation: Evidence from the Italian Unification. [Draft available here](#).

## Academic Education

2019-2021 Tinbergen Institute, 14 Economics PhD Courses  
2018 Research Design Course, European University Institute  
2015-2016 MSc in Economics, *cum laude*, Radboud University  
2014-2015 PRE-MSc in Economics, Radboud University  
2010-2014 BSc, MSc in Business Administration, University of Twente

## Previous appointments

2017-2022 *PhD Student, Economic History*, Utrecht University, Netherlands  
2020-2022 *Visiting Lecturer*, Finance, Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University, Netherlands  
2014-2015 *Teaching Assistant* to prof. dr. Rez Kabir for Corporate Finance, Corporate Governance, Financial Accounting, University of Twente, Enschede, Netherlands

## Other Education

2025	Introduction to Supercomputing, Parallel Programming, High-performance Deep Learning, Cloud Research Environments, Utrecht University
2022	Deep Learning Summer School, Business Data Science, VU Amsterdam
2016-2020	Various completed courses on Coursera and other MOOC platforms, including <a href="#">Game Theory</a> , <a href="#">Causal Inference</a> , <a href="#">Bayesian Statistics</a> .
2019	Basic PhD Training Program, Posthumus Institute

## Presentations

2025	Political Economy of Democracy and Dictatorship, Munster, Germany; MILE Seminar, Maastricht, Netherlands; New approaches to living standards and inequality, Utrecht, Netherlands; Historical Political Economy Workshop, Madrid; European Historical Economics Society, Hohenheim, Germany, Andromeda Analytics Society, Utrecht, Netherlands
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2024	European Public Choice Society, Vienna, Austria; Economic History Society, Newcastle, UK; CBS-Princeton Money in Politics Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark; Political Economy & Long-Run Development, Wageningen, Netherlands
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2023	European Historical Economics Society, Vienna, Austria; KVS New Paper Sessions, The Hague, Netherlands; Institutions for Open Societies Seminar, Utrecht, Netherlands
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2022	Applied Economics Seminar, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium; Economic History Association, Poster Session (canceled); European Historical Economics Society, Groningen, Netherlands; KVS Dutch Economists' Day, The Hague, Netherlands, Ministry of Finance, The Hague, Netherlands; Economic History Society, Cambridge, UK
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2021	Economic History Seminar, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands; Economic History Seminar, Paris School of Economics, Paris, France; N.W. Posthumus Economic History Graduate Conference, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands
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2017-2020	Graduate Seminar, Utrecht University, Utrecht, Netherlands; Financial History Seminar, Utrecht, Netherlands; Research Design Course for PhD students, Florence, Italy; N.W. Posthumus Institute, PhD Seminar 2, Antwerp, Belgium; N.W. Posthumus Institute Seminar, Brussels, Belgium
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## Teaching

2022-2025	Empirical Economics (MSc), Data Analysis & Visualization II (Unsupervised Machine Learning) (BSc), Introduction to Applied Data Science (BSc), BSc and MSc Theses, Introduction to R (BSc), Statistics (BSc), Utrecht University
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2020-2022	BSc and MSc Thesis Supervision, Erasmus University
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2014-2020	Various courses at various universities, including Big Data, Big Questions, undergraduate level, Utrecht University; Finance Bootcamp, Summer school <i>CuriousU</i> , University of Twente, Netherlands; Teaching Assistant, Corporate Governance and Corporate Finance, University of Twente, Netherlands
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## **Programming Languages & Skills**

R, Python, QGIS, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, git, bash, Linux, HTML, CSS, SQL, Eviews

## **Languages**

Dutch (native), English (full working proficiency), Russian (full working proficiency), French (full working proficiency), German (limited working proficiency), Ukrainian (elementary), Turkish (elementary)

## **Miscellaneous & other activities**

Creator, maintainer of several R packages, Member of PhD Council (2018-2022), PhD Representative N.W. Posthumus Institute (2018-2022), in possession of a driving licence.

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