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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

2011 -Present PhD in Economics, VU University Amsterdam
Dissertation Title: “Issues in Climate Change Economics: Uncertainty,
Fossil Fuel Scarcity and Renewable Energy R&D”
Expected defense date: April, 2015

04/2014 – 06/2014 Visiting Scholar, Resources for the Future, Washington, DC

01/2014 – 03/2014 Visiting Scholar, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK

2009 – 2011 MPhil in Econometrics, Tinbergen Institute
Thesis Topic: Macro announcement effect on exchange rate dependence

2007 Visiting Student, University of Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain.

2005 – 2009 Bachelor of Science, Brandeis University (Waltham, MA, USA)
Majors: Economics, Mathematics and Computer Science
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REFERENCES

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Environmental Economics, Resource Economics, Risk and Uncertainty

WORKING PAPERS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

Climate Change Skepticism in the Face of Catastrophe (**Job Market Paper**)

Renewable Energy R&D and Uncertain Fossil Fuel Prices

Battle for Climate and Scarcity Rents; Beyond the Linear Quadratic Case
(with Cees Withagen and Rick van der Ploeg)

CESifo Working Paper No. 5041, October 2014

Subsidizing Renewables in the Presence of a Dirty Backstop
(with Jacob Jansen)

TEACHING

Spring 2013: Environmental and Resource Mgmt (BA), Amsterdam University College
Spring 2013: Environmental Economics and Mgmt (BA), VU University Amsterdam
Spring 2012: International Environmental Economics (MA), VU University Amsterdam
Spring 2011: Contract Theory (Graduate Level), Tinbergen Institute
Spring 2009: Tutor for Macroeconomics and Econometrics, Brandeis University

HONORS AND AWARDS

2014 University Research Fellow Grant
2010 – 2011 Tinbergen Institute Full Scholarship

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2014 Canadian PhD and Early Career Workshop in Environmental Economics
Resources for the Future Academic Seminar
SURED: Conference on Sustainable Resource Use and Economic Dynamics
WCERE: World Congress on Environmental and Resource Economics

2013 Belpasso Summer School on Environmental and Resource Economics,
CREE: Canadian Resource and Environmental Economics Conference

REFEREE EXPERIENCE:

Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control
Environmental and Development Economics

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Summer 2009 Statistics Intern, Pristine Infotech Technology
Spring 2009 Research Assistant, Faculty of Psychology, Brandeis University
Summer 2008 Technology Intern, Susquehanna International Group
2007 - 2008 Research Assistant, Faculty of Computer Science, Brandeis University

SKILLS

Research Numerical Methods, Integrated Assessment Models, Time Series

Languages Russian (Native) English (Bilingual) Spanish (Proficient)

Applications Stata, E-Views MS Excel, SPSS, Mathematica

Programming MATLAB, Ox, Java, C#, HTML, PHP, ASP.NET, CSS, MySQL