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Present:

- Postdoctoral researcher at the University of Amsterdam (Institute for Logic, Language and Computation & the Humanities Faculty).
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- Visiting scholar at the Leiden University, Centre for Science and Technology Studies
- Author
- Self-employed public speaker and trainer for policymakers, health care workers, emergency first-responders, social workers and activists
- Performer, artist (theatre)
- Specializations: sociology of health and medicine, social stigma, psychiatry, the social implications of the atomic age/ nuclear sociology

In **May 2020**, I started as a postdoctoral researcher on the project ‘Collecting systematic survey data on scientists’ information-seeking and information-spreading behaviour in a time of crisis. The project looks at the current COVID-19 pandemic and the infodemic (e.g. the spread of misinformation), and adaptive strategies of scientists. I co-design the research project with the principal investigator Dr. Giovanni Colavizza, and am responsible for designing and conducting a survey.

In **September 2019**, my book ‘In verwarde staat’ (Dutch) was published (Uitgeverij Lontano). Here I analysed contemporary Dutch discourses on mental health emergencies, mental health care actors and responsibilities (‘personen met verward gedrag’). This book resulted from a fully independent project, which I conducted next to my PhD-research, indicating **my ability to work hard and independently**. An English, broadened manuscript is slowly in progress.

[POSTPONED] For a new book-project on the social implications of the atomic age, I have been studying the discourses and communication processes of the Radiation Effects Research Foundation. Moreover, I focus on public perceptions of the danger of radiation, contamination and the resulting social stigma suffered by nuclear survivors. I have **familiarized** myself with the **literature on the communications and perceptions surrounding invisible health hazards**.

Since **october 2019**, I have been a full-time freelance guest lecturer and trainer, which is now on hold for probably a year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. My lectures are known for being highly interactive and dynamic as I **made it into a craft to engage my audiences**. From the start until the pandemic, I have been earning a living wage with this, which is **exceptional amongst starting entrepreneurs**. I also successfully applied for funding (<https://www.socialrun.nl/>) to launch a training project employing external people. This shows my **ability to be organized and to**

generate funding. This project is put on hold, unfortunately, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and will only be restarted after March 2021.

After an invitation from the theatre project (<https://stormkamer.nl/>), I have co-produced a theatre show that was postponed because of the COVID-19 pandemic – and will be, realistically, be rescheduled no earlier than March 2021.

Past employment:

Januari – December 2019: Researcher at 113 Zelfmoordpreventie (Dutch Institute for Suicide Prevention), Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Here, I studied the impact of Dutch media stories of suicide on the Dutch suicide rate. I was responsible for the research design and the collection and analysis of data.

Past Studies:

Doctoral study

- **Oct 2014 – Oct 2018:** Doctoral researcher (PhD-fellow) at the *Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies*, Cologne. Defense date: 16 October 2018. Grade: *Magna Cum Laude* (1.0 German grade).

Title dissertation: Anomie, the American Dream, Shame and Diffusion: The Impact of the Economy on Suicide.

Supervisors: Prof. dr. Mark Lutter (University of Wuppertal), Prof. dr. Aaron Reeves (LSE), and Clemens Kroneberg (University of Cologne). Chair doctoral committee: Prof. dr. André Kaiser (University of Cologne).

Master/ Graduate degree

- **Oct 2013 – Sept 2014:** Master in Sociology (MSc) at *University of Oxford*, graduated with *Distinction* (GPA 3.8). Specialisation: Economic Sociology.

Thesis: Inequality and Happiness: The Role of Perceptions of the Distributive Process.

Supervisor: Dr. Tim Huijts.

Bachelor/ Undergraduate degree

- **Sept 2010 – July 2013:** Bachelor in Sociology (BSc) at *Utrecht University*, graduated *Cum Laude* (GPA 4.0; Netherlands 8 out of 10). Specialisation: Methods and Statistics (minor).

Thesis: Favouring the Competition After You Have Lost. A Study of Support for Meritocratic Values in Various Societies among Different Individuals. Supervisor: Tim Immerzeel, MSc

This thesis was **nominated for Peter G. Swanborn Award 2013** (Utrecht University award for best social science bachelor thesis)

Academic activities:

Visiting scholarships

- **Sept – Dec 2016:** Columbia University, Department of Sociology. Visiting PhD student.

Review work

- **November 2018:** Reviewer for *Psychiatry Research* (Impact Factor 2017: 2.223)
- **Jan 2017 – August 2018:** Reviewer for *Social Indicators Research* (Impact Factor 2016: 1.380)
- **April 2018:** Reviewer for *Acta Sociologica* (Impact Factor 2016: 1.225)

Conferences, lectures & Talks (a selection)

- **March 2019:** Guest lecture at Erasmus School of Health Policy & Management, Erasmus University Rotterdam, (Netherlands).
- **April 2018:** Guest lecture at course ‘Filosofie voor social work’ at Hogeschool Rotterdam, Rotterdam (Netherlands)
- **Nov 2017:** Oral presentation ‘The Obamacare impact: States that provide for accessible health insurance have lower suicide rates’. European Public Health Conference, Stockholm.
- **July 2017:** Paper presentation ‘Unemployment and Suicide in Highly Protected Labour Markets’ at the 24th International Conference for Europeanists, Glasgow
- **June 2016:** Paper presentation ‘Individual Social Mobility and Inequality Tolerance: the Role of Public Meritocratic Perceptions about ‘Winners’ and ‘Losers’ at the 2016 Dag van de Sociologie Tilburg (Netherlands)

Publications

Books

- Roex, K. (2019). *In verwarde staat. Kritiek op een politiek van normaliteit*. Amsterdam: Uitgeverij Lontano.
<https://lontano.vrijeboeken.com/book/9789083003726-in-verwarde-staat.html>

Journal articles

- Lutter, M., Roex, K.L.A. & Tisch, D. (2019). Anomie or Imitation? The Werther Effect of Celebrity Suicides on Suicide Rates in 34 OECD Countries, 1960-2014. *Social Science and Medicine*, 0(XX) <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0277953619307506>
- Roex, K.L.A. (2018). Inkomensongelijkheid en de stijging in ‘verward’ gedrag [Income Inequality and the Increase of Police Calls on Mental Breakdowns]. *Mens en Maatschappij*, 93(2), 139-162 <https://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/aup/mem/2018/00000093/00000002/art00003>
- ***Within the top 3 most read papers of this journal (August 2018):*** Roex, K.L.A., Huijts, T. & Sieben, I. (2018). Attitudes Towards Income Inequality: ‘Winners’ versus ‘losers’ of the perceived meritocracy. *Acta Sociologica*. <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0001699317748340>
- Roex, K.L.A. & Rözer, J.J. (2017). The Social Norm to Work and the Well-Being of the Short- and Long-Term Unemployed, *Social Indicators Research* <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11205-017-1723-0>
- Roex, K.L.A. & Riezen, Van. B. (2012). Counter-terrorism in the Netherlands and the United Kingdom: a comparative literature review study. *Social Cosmos*, 1 (3), 97-110. See at: <http://socialcosmos.library.uu.nl/index.php/sc/index> .

Publications/ interviews in popular media

I have an extended experience with media performances in the national (Dutch) press. Recently, I started appearing in the written press with my thoughts on how to inform the public about the existential threat of nuclear weapons (see <https://www.parool.nl/columns-opinie/discussies-over-feiten-gaan-ons-niet-beschermen-tegen-kernwapens~bd57d335/>).

See the full list at:

<https://www.karlijnroex.net/Nederlands/In-de-media/>

Summer schools

- **Aug 2015** (two weeks + reading preparation): Summer School Essex course Prof. Dr. Rob Walker.
- **July 2012** (one week + essay + reading preparation): Oslo Summer School in Comparative Social Science Studies, “Citizenship: Inclusions and Exclusions”, lectured by prof. dr. Yasemine Soysal (University of Essex).

Past Employment:

- **October 2012 – March 2013:** tutor for students having difficulties with statistics (at USOCIA, association of sociology students at Utrecht University)

- **March 2012 – 2013:** Student assistantship with the department of Sociology; project New Families in the Netherlands (<http://nfn-onderzoek.nl/>).

Skills

Work skills: Logics, innovative and critical thinking, entrepreneurship, perseverance.

Languages: Dutch, English, German, French (basic), Japanese (basic).

Software & coding: Office-package, Adobe Photoshop, SPSS, Stata, R, html, CSS.