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In this newsletter, we showcase our research activities, impact cases, interdisciplinary themes and researchers.

This second issue of 2026 is focused on FEB's impact in the northern region. Björn Mitzinneck and Philip Steinberg, and PhD candidate Emma Field tell us about their research in which they investigate how energy companies can create economic, social, and communal value for the regions where they operate.

Professor Thijs Broekhuizen talks about the Northern-Netherlands Innovation Monitor, an initiative he coordinates to map the innovation dynamics of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises in the northern region.

We also spoke to PhD candidate Caitlin Kiernan, whose research focuses on the impact of municipal policies and the decentralization of youth care on child and adolescent well-being.

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Civic Wealth Creation Strategies for the Energy Transition



For a successful energy transition, new energy projects need to be scaled-up. This requires the trust of local communities and ensuring they actually benefit from these projects. In their research, associate professors Björn Mitzinneck and Philip Steinberg, together with PhD candidate Emma Field, investigate how energy companies can create not just economic, but also social and communal value for the regions where they operate. [Read further](#)

A decade of insight: Celebrating 10 years of the Northern Netherlands Innovation Monitor



This year, the Northern Netherlands Innovation Monitor will be published for the 10th time. The Northern-Netherlands Innovation Monitor is an initiative to map the innovation dynamics of SMEs (Small and Medium-sized Enterprises) in the northern region and to promote their innovativeness. FEB Research interviewed Professor Thijs Broekhuizen who is the coordinator of the NNI Monitor. He was recently appointed as Professor of Business and Management in Lifelong Learning. [Read further](#)

Decentralization of youth care: the impact of municipal policy on child and adolescent well-being

In the past decade, the responsibility for organizing and funding youth care in the Netherlands has shifted to local authorities. This decentralization was aimed at making care more accessible to care users and their families and to adapt it to the specific needs of the local community. Yet, how youth care is organized and funded varies greatly per municipality. We talked to Caitlin Kiernan, PhD candidate at FEB, who, together with her supervisors Hermien Dijk, Gerard van den Berg, and Jana Knot-Dickscheit, examines how municipal policies impact youth care. Her project is funded by the Ubbo Emmius Foundation M20 Program and embedded in the Aletta School of Public Health (AJSPH). [Read further](#)





News

NWO XS grants for 6 projects by FEB researchers

FEB is proud to announce that six research projects have each received a €50,000 grant from the Dutch Research Council (NWO). The awarded projects, led by Mariko Klasing, Maite Laméris, Mark Treurniet, Dea Tusha, Laura Viluma, and Yan Xu, cover a wide range of topics—from populism and political violence to data centres and the economic impact of menopause. These projects contribute to addressing pressing societal challenges through innovative research. [Read more](#)

Royal Decoration awarded to Jakob de Haan

Professor Jakob de Haan has been appointed as Knight of the Order of the Netherlands Lion. He received the Royal Decoration from Mayor Marco L.J. Out of the municipality of Assen. [Read more](#)

Grant for project on the integration of Finance and PPE (Philosophy, Politics, and Economics)

The interdisciplinary project titled 'Integrating Finance and PPE: Research, Dialogue, and Teaching' has received a Research Consortium Grant of \$ 64,883.00 (€ 55,135.00) from the PPE Society, hosted at the University of North Carolina. Melissa Vergara Fernández, assistant professor at FEB, is the principal investigator (PI). The team further includes Ekaterina Svetlova (University of Twente) and Ivan Boldyrev (Radboud University Nijmegen). [Read more](#)

Grant of 3.5 million euro for research on effectiveness of sanctions

Researchers from the University of Groningen have been awarded a Marie Curie Doctoral Network 2025 grant for the SENSEI project, focusing on

the effectiveness of economic sanctions. Led by Francesco Giumelli (Arts) and Tristan Kohl (FEB), the project brings together an international consortium to develop new interdisciplinary insights and practical tools for policymakers. The initiative will train a new generation of researchers and contribute to a better understanding of how sanctions work in today's complex geopolitical landscape. [Read more](#)

Netherlands eScience Center grant for Rags2Riches' new dataset

A multi-university project, Rags2Riches, has received a €500,000 grant from the Netherlands eScience Center to develop open tools for large-scale use of handwritten inheritance tax records. Assistant Professor Amaury de Vicq from the University of Groningen will co-lead the project. The initiative aims to unlock historical data at an unprecedented scale, enabling new research on wealth inequality, social mobility, and economic history. All tools developed will be released as open research software. [Read more](#)

Stefan Pichler and co-authors receive Science Award from German Health Economics Association

FEB is proud to announce that Associate Professor Stefan Pichler, together with his co-authors Johanna Catherine Maclean and Nicolas Ziebarth, has been awarded the Science Award 2026 by the German Health Economics Association (dggö). They received the award for their paper on mandated sick pay, published in the Journal of the European Economic Association, which highlights its impact on access to paid sick leave and inequality in the U.S. [Read more](#)



Recent publications

Below we list a few examples of recent publications.

Czura, K., Englmaier, F., Ho, H., & Spantig, L. (2026). Employee Performance and Mental Well-Being: The Mitigating Effects of Transformational Leadership During Crisis. *Management Science*, 72(4), 2788-2806.

<https://doi.org/10.1287/mnsc.2023.03285>

Cole, D., **Rosca, E.**, & Taylor, K. M. (2026). From social good to operational good? How women influence sustainable operations. *International Journal of Operations & Production Management*, 46(3), 400-424.

<https://doi.org/10.1108/IJOPM-09-2024-0826>

Gijzenberg, M. J., Schmitt, J., **Wieringa, J. E.**, & Srinivasan, S. (2026). Advertising sequence response dynamics and the impact of retail environments. *Journal of Retailing*, 102(1), 95-113.

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jretai.2025.08.006>

Hanisch, M., Roozen, P., & Theodosiadis, V. (2026). Success and Failure in Blockchain-Based Interorganizational Ecosystems: A Governance Perspective. *Journal of Management*. Advance online publication.

<https://doi.org/10.1177/01492063261420752>

Kashyap, R., Schotter, A., Satyavageswaran, P., & Rose, E. L. (2026). High involvement–low investment foreign operating mode: considering Indian MNEs in emerging markets. *Journal of International Business Studies*. Advance online publication.

<https://doi.org/10.1057/s41267-026-00842-1>

Parker, V. A., Kehoe, E., **Lees, J.**, Facciani, M., & Wilson, A. E. (2026). Alluring or Alarming? The Polarizing Effect of Forbidden Knowledge in Political Discourse. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, 52(4), 743-758.

<https://doi.org/10.1177/01461672241288332>

Dirks, P., **Tillema, S.**, & Trapp, R. (2026). Management accountants' personalities and their involvement in business partnering: A job crafting perspective. *Accounting, Organizations and Society*, 116, Article 101638.

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.aos.2026.101638>



Recent PhD Graduates

Ruichen Ge

Social Influence in the Digital Age: Offline, Online, and Algorithmic Impacts on Customer Outcomes

Promotor: Prof. P.C. Verhoef, co-promotor:

Dr. E. de Haan

Defended on 12 March 2026

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Valentin Mang

Beyond Truth: Evaluative and Epistemic Perspectives on the Psychological Influence of Misinformation and Conspiracy Theories

Promotor: Prof. B.M. Fennis, co-promotor:

Dr. K. Epstude

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Linda Snippe

Navigating Climate Risk: A Qualitative Study of Decision-Making under Uncertainty

Promotors: Prof. E.P. Jansen and

prof. N. Hussain

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Zeming Wang

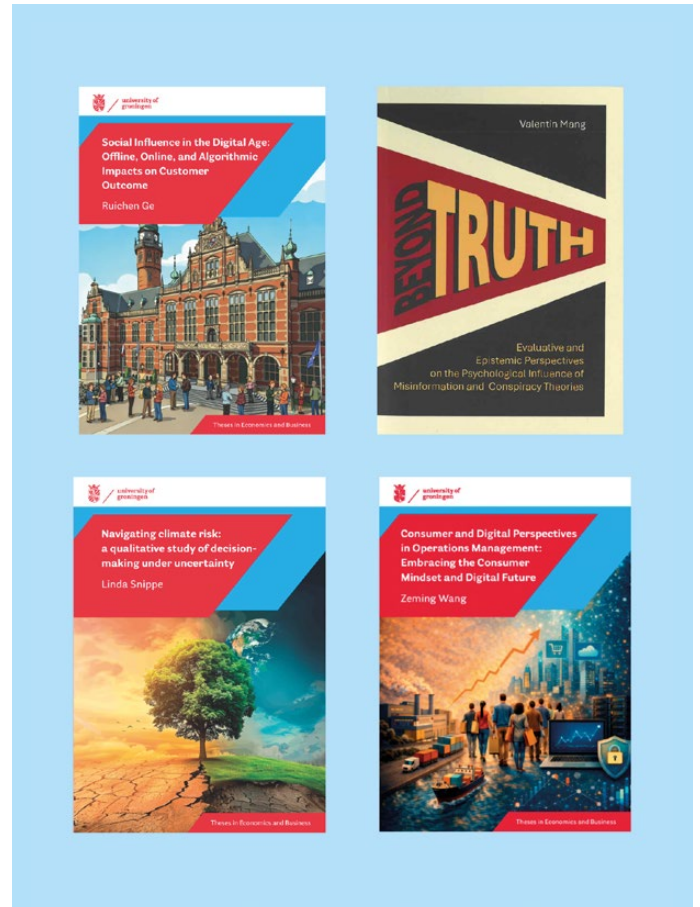
Consumer and Digital Perspectives in Operations Management: Embracing the Consumer Mindset and Digital Future

Promotors: Prof. J. Veldman and

prof. R.H. Teunter

Defended on 13 April 2026

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