

## Keynote

17:30-17:50 at the “Blauwe Zaal”

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#### **Pathways to commitment in living-apart-together relationships in the Netherlands: a study on satisfaction, alternatives, investments and social support**

Living-apart-together (LAT) relationships are sometimes interpreted as symbolizing individualisation and a reduced interest in life-long partnerships. The level of commitment in LAT relationships is therefore highly debated. To better understand the implications and meanings of LAT as modern partnership arrangement, I explore commitment and its determinants in LAT relationships by means of in-depth interviews. Commitment is explained on the basis of people's satisfaction level with, quality of alternatives to, investment size in and social support for a relationship.