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1. ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2026-now **Assistant Professor** (UD1, with ius promovendi, with tenure)
Centre for Media and Journalism Studies, University of Groningen
- 2021-2025 **Assistant Professor** (UD2, with tenure)
Centre for Media and Journalism Studies, University of Groningen
- 2018-2021 **Postdoctoral Researcher**
Centre for Media and Journalism Studies, University of Groningen
- 2013-2018 **PhD Candidate**
Centre for Media and Journalism Studies, University of Groningen
Dissertation: Haven't you heard? The connective role of news and journalism in everyday life.
Supervisors: prof.dr. Marcel Broersma (University of Groningen), prof.dr. Irene Costera Meijer (VU University Amsterdam), prof.dr. Chris Peters (Roskilde University)

For my non-academic work experience, see [LinkedIn](#).

2. EDUCATION

- 2013-2017 **PhD** at the Centre for Media and Journalism Studies, University of Groningen
- 2009-2011 **MA** in Journalism, University of Groningen (cum laude)
- 2006-2009 **BA** in International Relations (minor: Journalism), University of Groningen

3. PUBLICATIONS

1. **Swart, J.** (2025). News for all? Inequalities between news audiences in digital journalism (studies). In: Eldridge II, S., Cheruiyot, D., Banjac, S., & Swart, J. (Eds.). *The Routledge Companion to Digital Journalism Studies* (2nd ed., pp. 102-111). London, UK: Routledge.
2. Eldridge II, S., Cheruiyot, D., Banjac, S., & **Swart, J.** (Eds.) (2025). *The Routledge Companion to Digital Journalism Studies* (2nd ed). London, UK: Routledge.
3. Cheruiyot, D., Banjac, S., & **Swart, J.** (2025). New trends, old threads in the digital journalism field. In: Eldridge II, S., Cheruiyot, D., Banjac, S., & Swart, J. (Eds.). *The Routledge Companion to Digital Journalism Studies* (2nd ed., pp. 1-8). London, UK: Routledge.
4. Smit, A., **Swart, J.**, & Broersma, M. (2025). Understanding digital citizenship in everyday life: tensions between digital inclusion policies and disadvantaged citizens' experiences. *Information, Communication & Society*, online-first. doi:10.1080/1369118X.2025.2571396
5. Mensonides, D., Van Cauwenberge, A., **Swart, J.**, & Broersma, M. (2025). TikTok as a Peer Playground: Understanding How Children in Middle Childhood Use TikTok in their Peer Relations. *New Media & Society*, online-first. doi:10.1177/14614448251362690

6. Rebergen, M., **Swart, J.**, & Broersma, M. (2025). Navigating Digital Citizenship: How Librarians Operate the Frontline of the Dutch Digital Welfare State. *Social Inclusion*, 1-18. doi:10.17645/si.9949
7. Smit, **Swart, J.**, & Broersma, M. (2025). The Regime of Self-Optimization: Lived experiences of enforced digital inclusion by low-literate citizens. *Social Inclusion* 13, 1-23. doi: 10.17645/si.10052
8. Smit, A., Rebergen, M., **Swart, J.**, & Broersma, M. (2025). Including disadvantaged citizens in smart societies. How learning in formal and informal educational settings fosters digital literacy. In: Zaidan, E., Ibrahim, I.A., & Azar, E. (Eds.). *Smart Cities to Smart Societies* (pp. 29-50). London, UK: Routledge.
9. Skrubbeltrang Mahnke, M., **Swart, J.**, Mathieu, D., & Pruulmann-Vengerfeldt, P. (2024). Data Reflectivity and User Reflexivity: New Pathways in Bridging Datafication and User Studies. *Convergence* 30(6), 1859-1870. doi:10.1177/13548565241301459
10. Skrubbeltrang Mahnke, M., Mathieu, D., **Swart, J.**, & Pruulmann-Vengerfeldt, P. (2024, special issue). Data reflectivity: new pathways in bridging datafication and user studies. *Convergence* 30(6).
11. Menonides, D., Van Cauwenberge, A., **Swart, J.**, & Broersma, M. (2024). Playful citizens: how children develop and integrate news-related practices in their daily lives. *Journalism Studies*, online-first. doi:10.1080/1461670X.2024.2401396
12. Broersma, M., **Swart, J.**, Menonides, D., Smit, A., & Rebergen, M. (2024, special issue). Practices of Digital In- and Exclusion in Everyday Life. *Media & Communication* 12.
13. Menonides, D., Smit, A., Talsma, I., **Swart, J.**, & Broersma, M. (2024). Digital Literacies as Socially Situated Pedagogical Processes: Genealogically Understanding Media, Information, and Digital Literacies. *Media & Communication* 12. doi:10.17645/mac.8174
14. Van Cauwenberge, A., **Swart, J.**, & Broersma, M. (2024). Making sense of politics: how affective dispositions and everyday experiences connect young people with the political. *Journal of Youth Studies*, online-first. doi:10.1080/13676261.2024.2359118
15. Smit, A., **Swart, J.**, & Broersma, M. (2024). Bypassing digital literacy: Marginalized citizens' tactics for participation and inclusion in digital societies. *New Media & Society*, online-first. doi:10.1177/14614448231220383
16. **Swart, J.**, Stegeman, H., Frowijn, L., & Broersma, M. (2024). The paradox of play. How Dutch children develop digital literacy via offline engagement with digital media. *Journal of Children and Media*, 18(1), 138-154. doi:10.1080/17482798.2023.2291014
17. **Swart, J.**, & Broersma, M. (2023). What feels like news? Young people's perceptions of news(-ness) on Instagram. *Journalism*, 25(8), 1620-1637. doi:10.1177/14648849231212737
18. **Swart, J.** (2023). Tactics of news literacy: How young people access, evaluate and engage with news on social media. *New Media & Society* 25(3), 505-521. doi:10.1177/14614448211011447
19. Smit, A., **Swart, J.**, & Broersma, M. (2023). Digital Inclusion of Low-Literate Adults: Challenging the Sequential Underpinnings of the Digital Divide. In: Herlo, B. & Irrgang, D. (Eds.), *Proceedings of the Weizenbaum Conference 2022: Practicing Sovereignty - Interventions for Open Digital Futures* (pp. 72-84). Berlin: Weizenbaum Institute for the Networked Society - The German Internet Institute. <https://doi.org/10.34669/wi.cp/4>

20. **Swart, J.**, Groot Kormelink, T., Costera Meijer, I., & Broersma, M. (2022). Advancing a Radical Audience Turn in Journalism: Dilemmas for Journalism Studies. *Digital Journalism* 10(1). doi:10.1080/21670811.2021.2024764
21. **Swart, J.**, Groot Kormelink, T., Costera Meijer, I., & Broersma, M. (2022, special issue). Advancing the Audience Turn in Journalism. *Digital Journalism* 10(1).
22. Broersma, M., & **Swart, J.** (2022). Do Novel Routines Stick After the Pandemic? The Formation of News Habits During COVID-19. *Journalism Studies* 23(5-6), 551-568. doi:10.1080/1461670X.2021.1932561
23. **Swart, J.**, & Broersma, M. (2022). The Trust Gap: Young People's Tactics for Assessing the Reliability of Political News. *International Journal of Press/Politics* 27(2), 396-416. doi:10.1177/19401612211006696
24. **Swart, J.** & Broersma, M. (2022). Met het hoofd of met de buik? Tactieken van jongeren om te bepalen of politiek nieuws 'betrouwbaar genoeg' is. *Mens en Maatschappij* 97(1), 109-114. doi:10.5117/M&M2022.1.014.SWAR
25. **Swart, J.** (2022). Accessing, Evaluating and Engaging With News. The Value of a User-Centric Approach for Rethinking Media Literacy. In: Iordanidou, S., & Dagoula, C. (Eds.), *6+1 Proposals for Journalism. Safeguarding the Field in the Digital Era*. Bristol, UK: Intellect (pp. 174-186).
26. **Swart, J.** (2021). Experiencing Algorithms: How Young People Understand, Feel About and Engage with Algorithmic News Selection on Social Media. *Social Media + Society*. doi:10.1177/20563051211008828
27. **Swart, J.**, Peters, C. and Broersma, M. (2019). Sharing and Discussing News in Private Social Media Groups. The Social Function of News and Current Affairs in Location-Based, Work-Oriented and Leisure-Focused Communities. *Digital Journalism*, 7(2), 187-205. doi:10.1080/21670811.2018.1465351 *
28. **Swart, J.** (2018). Haven't You Heard? Connecting Through News and Journalism in Everyday Life. PhD Thesis: University of Groningen. Available at: https://www.rug.nl/research/portal/files/61883841/Complete_thesis.pdf
29. **Swart, J.**, Peters, C. and Broersma, M. (2018). Shedding Light on the Dark Social. The Connective Role of News and Journalism in Social Media Communities. *New Media & Society*, 20(11), 4329-4345. doi:10.1177/1461444818772063
30. **Swart, J.**, Peters, C. and Broersma, M. (2017). Repositioning News and Public Connection in Everyday Life. A User-Oriented Perspective on Inclusiveness, Engagement, Relevance and Constructiveness. *Media, Culture & Society* 39(6), pp. 902-918. doi:10.1177/0163443716679034
31. **Swart, J.**, Peters, C., & Broersma, M. (2017). The Ongoing Relevance of Local Journalism and Public Broadcasters. Motivations for News Repertoires in The Netherlands. *Participations*, 14(2), 268-282.
32. Van Damme, K., & **Swart, J.** (2017). Cross-Medial News Usage in the Dutch Language Region. A Comparative Study of News Repertoires in The Netherlands and Flanders. *Participations*, 14(2), 484-503.
33. **Swart, J.**, Peters, C. & Broersma, M. (2017). From News Use to Public Connection. Audiences' Everyday Experiences of Digital Journalism, Civic Engagement and Social Life. In: Schwanholz, J., Graham, T. & Stoll, P.T. (Eds.), *Managing democracy in the digital age. Internet regulation*,

social media use, and online civic engagement. Cham, Switzerland: Springer International (pp. 181-199).

34. **Swart, J.**, Peters, C. and Broersma, M. (2017). Navigating Cross-Media News Use. Media Repertoires and the Value of News in Everyday Life. *Journalism Studies*, 18(11), 1343-1362. doi:10.1080/1461670X.2015.1129285**

* Nominated for Digital Journalism's Outstanding Article of the Year Award 2019

** Nominated for ICA's Journalism Studies Division Wolfgang Donsbach Outstanding Journal Article of the Year Award 2018 and for the Bob Franklin Journalism Article Award 2018

4. TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2026-2027:

- **Research Seminar News on Your Smartphone: Changing News Habits of Young People**
with prof.dr. Marcel Broersma | MA Journalistiek
- **MA Internship Media Studies (course coordinator)**
Internship coordination + internship supervisor for three students | MA Media, Digital Transformations Media & Society and MA Media, Cultural Industries & Innovation
- **Media Careers (course coordinator)**
with Rosa Dijkstra, dr. Rachel van der Merwe & dr. Rashid Gabdulhakov | BA Media Studies
- **Introduction to Media Studies**
with dr. Dana Mustata, dr. Qinfeng Zhu, dr. Rashid Gabdulhakov, dr. Rachel van der Merwe & dr. Josephine Lehaff | BA Media Studies
- **MA Thesis Journalism**
Supervisor for three theses; second reader for three theses | MA Journalistiek and Journalism
- **BA Thesis Media Studies**
Supervisor for two theses; second reader for two theses | BA Media Studies

2025-2026:

- **Research Seminar News on Your Smartphone: Changing News Habits of Young People**
with prof.dr. Marcel Broersma | MA Journalistiek
- **MA Internship Media Studies (course coordinator)**
Internship coordination + internship supervisor for twelve students | MA Datafication & Digital Literacy, MA Social Media & Society, and MA Media Creation & Innovation
- **MA Thesis Journalism**
Supervisor for three theses; second reader for three theses | MA Journalistiek and Journalism
- **BA Thesis Media Studies**
Second reader for four theses | BA Media Studies

2024-2025:

- **Analyzing Media Production and Use (course coordinator)**
with dr. Annamária Neag, dr. Deborah Castro, dr. Olga Pasitselska, dr. Esteban Morales and dr. Dana Mustata | BA Media Studies
- **Conceptualizing Audiences (course coordinator)**
with dr. Çiğdem Bozdağ | MA Datafication & Digital Literacy, MA Social Media & Society, and MA Media Creation & Innovation
- **Research Seminar News on Your Smartphone: Changing News Habits of Young People**
with prof.dr. Marcel Broersma | MA Journalistiek

- **MA Internship Media Studies** (*course coordinator*)
Internship coordination + internship supervisor for five students | MA Datafication & Digital Literacy, MA Social Media & Society, and MA Media Creation & Innovation
- **MA Thesis Journalism**
Supervisor for three theses; second reader for three theses | MA Journalistiek

2023-2024:

- **Analyzing Media Production and Use** (*course coordinator*)
with dr. Rachel van der Merwe, dr. Annamária Neag and dr. Deborah Castro | BA Media Studies
- **Conceptualizing Audiences** (*course coordinator*)
with dr. Çiğdem Bozdag | MA Datafication & Digital Literacy, MA Social Media & Society, and MA Media Creation & Innovation
- **Capturing Media Use** (*course coordinator*)
with dr. Annamária Neag | MA Datafication & Digital Literacy, MA Social Media & Society, and MA Media Creation & Innovation
- **Research Seminar News on Your Smartphone: Changing News Habits of Young People**
with prof.dr. Marcel Broersma | MA Journalistiek
- **MA Internship Media Studies** (*course coordinator*)
Internship coordination + internship supervisor for five students | MA Datafication & Digital Literacy, MA Social Media & Society, and MA Media Creation & Innovation
- **MA Thesis Journalism**
Supervisor for three theses; second reader for three theses | MA Journalistiek

2022-2023:

- **Transformations in the Digital Society**
with dr. Robert Prey, dr. Qinfeng Zhu, dr. Geoffrey Hobbs and dr. Rik Smit | MA Datafication & Digital Literacy, MA Social Media & Society, and MA Media Creation & Innovation
- **Analyzing Media Production and Use** (*course coordinator*)
with dr. Rachel van der Merwe, dr. Helena Dedeczek and Amanda Brouwers, MA | BA Media Studies
- **Conceptualizing Audiences** (*course coordinator*)
with dr. Çiğdem Bozdag | MA Datafication & Digital Literacy, MA Social Media & Society, and MA Media Creation & Innovation
- **Capturing Media Use** (*course coordinator*)
with dr. Helena Dedeczek | MA Datafication & Digital Literacy, MA Social Media & Society, and MA Media Creation & Innovation
- **Specialization Course Media Studies I** (*course coordinator*)
with dr. Lars de Wildt | BA Media Studies
- **Research Seminar News on Your Smartphone: Changing News Habits of Young People**
with prof.dr. Marcel Broersma | MA Journalistiek
- **MA Internship Media Studies** (*course coordinator*)
Internship coordination + internship supervisor for three students | MA Datafication & Digital Literacy, MA Social Media & Society, and MA Media Creation & Innovation
- **MA Thesis Journalism**
Supervisor for four theses; second reader for four theses | MA Journalistiek and Journalism
- **Tutor**
first-year BA students, one seminar group | BA Media Studies
- **Mentor**
of five first-year PhD candidates | Graduate School for the Humanities

2021-2022:

- **Transformations in the Digital Society**
with dr. Robert Prey, dr. Qinfeng Zhu, dr. Elisabetta Costa and dr. Rik Smit | MA Datafication & Digital Literacy, MA Social Media & Society, and MA Media Creation & Innovation
- **Analyzing Media Production and Use** (*course coordinator*)
with dr. Rachel van der Merwe, dr. Auste Valinciute, Amanda Brouwers, MA and Nathalie Fridzema, MA | BA Media Studies
- **Conceptualizing Audiences** (*course coordinator*)
with dr. Çiğdem Bozdogan | MA Datafication & Digital Literacy, MA Social Media & Society, and MA Media Creation & Innovation
- **Research Seminar News on Your Smartphone: Changing News Habits of Young People**
with prof.dr. Marcel Broersma | MA Journalistiek
- **BA Thesis Media Studies**
Second reader for five theses | BA Media Studies
- **MA Internship**
Internship supervisor for three students | MA Media Creation & Innovation and MA Social Media & Society
- **MA Thesis Journalism**
Supervisor for five theses; second reader for five theses | MA Journalistiek and Journalism
- **Tutor**
first-year BA students, one seminar group | BA Media Studies
- **Mentor**
of five first-year PhD candidates | Graduate School for the Humanities
- Guest lecture for Dutch Studies Lecture Series ('Dutch Media: An Introduction') | BA Dutch Studies

2020-2021:

- **Conceptualizing Audiences** (*course coordinator*)
with dr. Çiğdem Bozdogan | MA Datafication & Digital Literacy, MA Social Media & Society, and MA Media Creation & Innovation
- **Journalism Studies II: Methodology**
with dr. Scott Eldridge and dr. Frank Harbers | MA Journalistiek and MA Journalism
- **Research Seminar News on Your Smartphone: Changing News Habits of Young People**
with prof.dr. Marcel Broersma | MA Journalistiek and MA Journalism
- **BA Thesis Media Studies**
Second reader for five theses | BA Media Studies
- **MA Internship**
Internship supervisor for one student | MA Media Creation & Innovation
- **MA Thesis Journalism**
Supervisor for six theses; second reader for six theses | MA Journalistiek and Journalism
- **Tutor**
first-year BA students, one seminar group | BA Media Studies
- **Master Work**
Mentor for one student | MA Honours College Leadership Program

2019-2020:

- **Conceptualising Media Use** (*course coordinator*)
with dr. Çiğdem Bozdogan | MA Datafication & Digital Literacy, MA Social Media & Society, and MA Media Creation & Innovation
- **Capturing Media Use** (*course coordinator*)
MA Datafication & Digital Literacy, MA Social Media & Society, and MA Media Creation & Innovation
- **Research Seminar - News on Your Smartphone: Changing News Habits of Young People**
with prof.dr. Marcel Broersma | MA Journalistiek

- **MA Thesis Media Creation & Innovation**
Supervisor for one thesis | MA Media Creation & Innovation
- **MA Thesis Journalism**
Supervisor for one thesis | MA Journalistiek
- **BA Thesis Media Studies**
Second reader for six theses | BA Media Studies

2018-2019:

- **Media Theory I: Mediatisation and Effect**
with dr. Anna Van Cauwenberge, dr. Elisabetta Costa and Kim Smeenk, MA | BA Media Studies
- **BA Thesis Media Studies**
Second reader for five theses | BA Media Studies
- **Research Seminar - What Does the Audience Expect of Online Regional Journalism?**
with prof.dr. Marcel Broersma | MA Journalistiek

2016-2017:

- Guest lecture for Research Seminar - Millennials, News and Social Media | MA Journalistiek
- Guest lecture for Knowledge is Power | University College Groningen

2015-2016:

- **Research Seminar - Millennials, News and Social Media**
with prof.dr. Marcel Broersma | MA Journalistiek
- Guest lecture for Knowledge is Power | University College Groningen

Teaching qualifications:

- University Teaching Qualification (BKO) obtained from the University of Groningen in April, 2020.

5. CONFERENCE PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

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| 2026 | <p>‘News is not really for people like me anyway.’ Digital exclusion and the production of news inequities among Dutch low-literate adults.
with dr. Alexander Smit (University of Groningen)
International Communication Association <i>Cape Town, South Africa</i></p> |
| 2026 | <p>‘They Tell It Like It’s for Eight-Year Olds’: Understanding How Tweens Experience and Appreciate News Media
with dr. Denise Mensonides (University of Groningen), prof.dr. Marcel Broersma (University of Groningen), dr. Kenza Lamot (Ghent University) and Silke Brandsen (KU Leuven)
ECREA Journalism Studies <i>Groningen, The Netherlands</i></p> |
| 2025 | <p>Moving from print to digital news: How the materiality of news consumption affects media habits
with prof.dr. Marcel Broersma (University of Groningen)
Future of Journalism <i>Cardiff, UK</i></p> |
| 2024 | <p>Navigating friendships: Children’s use of TikTok as a playground for social capital in the digital era
with Denise Mensonides (University of Groningen), dr. Anna Van Cauwenberge (Ipsos)</p> |

Research) and prof.dr. Marcel Broersma (University of Groningen)
ECREA | *Ljubljana, Slovenia*

- 2024 **Overcoming news inequalities? How access to paid journalism affects low-income citizens' news habits, informed citizenship and social involvement**
with prof.dr. Marcel Broersma (University of Groningen)
ECREA Journalism Studies | *Sheffield, UK*
- 2023 **What feels like news? Young people's perceptions of news(-ness) on Instagram.**
with prof.dr. Marcel Broersma (University of Groningen)
Future of Journalism | *Cardiff, UK*
- 2023 **A non-news-centric audience turn in journalism: a critical reflection on approaches, challenges, and implications.**
presentation & panel organized with dr. Tim Groot Kormelink (VU University Amsterdam)
ICA | *Toronto, Canada*
- 2023 **Playing with the digital. How children build digital literacy via offline engagement with online media.**
with Hanne Stegeman, MA (University of Amsterdam), Lucy Frowijn, MA and prof.dr. Marcel Broersma (University of Groningen)
ICA | *Toronto, Canada*
- 2023 **Reconsidering Participation in the Digital Society: How adults employ tactics to circumvent low (digital) literacy**
with Alex Smit, MA and prof.dr. Marcel Broersma (University of Groningen)
ICA | *Toronto, Canada*
- 2022 **Making space for news. How young people organize their home screens to form and sustain news on the smartphone.**
with prof.dr. Marcel Broersma (University of Groningen)
ECREA | *Aarhus, Denmark*
- 2022 **Appropriating digital literacies in everyday life: How low-literate adults develop tactics of media use to overcome linguistic limitations.**
with Alexander Smit, MA and prof.dr. Marcel Broersma (University of Groningen)
ECREA | *Aarhus, Denmark*
- 2022 **Enhancing digital citizenship or increasing governmental efficiency? How digital inclusion policies clash with people's lived experiences.**
with Maud Rebergen, MA and prof.dr. Marcel Broersma (University of Groningen)
Democracy & Digital Citizenship conference | *Roskilde, Denmark*
- 2022 **A plea for a haptic turn in journalism studies.**
with prof.dr. Marcel Broersma (University of Groningen)
ECREA Journalism Studies | *Utrecht, The Netherlands*
- 2022 **No sense of time. Towards a theory of news and in-betweenness.**
with prof.dr. Marcel Broersma (University of Groningen)
International Communication Association | *Paris, France*
- 2022 **What feels like news to you? Young people's perceptions of news(ness) on Instagram.**
with prof.dr. Marcel Broersma (University of Groningen)

- 2021 **Composing social media repertoires. The proliferation of social media platforms and young people's patterns of news use.**
Future of Journalism | *Online*
- 2021 **The paradox of play. How children develop digital literacy through practices of offline play.**
with prof.dr. Marcel Broersma (University of Groningen), Lucy Frowijn, MA (University of Groningen), and Hanne Stegeman, MA (University of Amsterdam)
ECREA | *Online*
- 2021 **Journalism as place-making. How citizens perceive the geographies of digital news.**
with prof.dr. Marcel Broersma (University of Groningen)
ECREA | *Online*
- 2021 **Do novel routines stick after the pandemic? The formation of news habits during COVID-19**
with prof.dr. Marcel Broersma (University of Groningen)
International Communication Association | *Online*
- 2020 **Tactics of algorithmic literacy. How young people understand and negotiate algorithmic news selection**
Association of Internet Researchers | *Online*
- 2019 **Practicing news literacy. How young people develop and express knowledge, skills and competences around news on social media**
Future of Journalism | *Cardiff, United Kingdom*
- 2019 **The value of digital local journalism. User practices, preferences and expectations**
with prof.dr. Marcel Broersma (University of Groningen)
Future of Journalism | *Cardiff, United Kingdom*
- 2019 **The news gap. Young people's tactics for determining the reliability of political news**
with prof.dr. Marcel Broersma (University of Groningen)
International Communication Association | *Washington DC, USA*
- 2018 **The relevance of news within different communities. Conversations on current affairs in location, work and leisure-based social media groups**
with prof.dr. Chris Peters (Roskilde University) and prof.dr. Marcel Broersma (University of Groningen)
International Communication Association | *Prague, Czech Republic*
- 2017 **News conversations in the everyday. The connective role of current affairs in location-based, work-oriented and leisure-based social media communities**
with prof.dr. Chris Peters (Roskilde University) and prof.dr. Marcel Broersma (University of Groningen)
Future of Journalism | *Cardiff, United Kingdom*
- 2017 **Cross-mediaal nieuwsgebruik in het Nederlands taalgebied. [Cross-medial news use in the Dutch language area]**
with dr. Kristin Van Damme (Ghent University)
NeFCA: Wanted. Dead or alive. Journalists, journalism and their audiences in a changing media landscape | *Rotterdam, The Netherlands*

- 2016 **What feels like news to you? News use of millennials on social media platforms**
with prof.dr. Marcel Broersma (University of Groningen)
ECREA | *Prague, Czech Republic*
- 2016 **New rituals for public connection. Audiences' everyday experiences of digital journalism, civic engagement and social life**
with prof.dr. Chris Peters (Roskilde University) and prof.dr. Marcel Broersma (University of Groningen)
ECREA | *Prague, Czech Republic.*
- 2015 **The changing faces of public connection. The impact of cross-media news use on civic engagement**
with prof.dr. Chris Peters (Roskilde University) and prof.dr. Marcel Broersma (University of Groningen)
U4 | *Groningen, The Netherlands*
- 2015 **Frequently used, highly appreciated? The value of news in people's everyday lives**
with prof.dr. Chris Peters (Roskilde University), prof.dr. Marcel Broersma (University of Groningen) and prof.dr. Kim Schrøder (Roskilde University)
Future of Journalism | *Cardiff, United Kingdom*

6. GRANTS

- 2025 **NRO Samenwerken aan onderwijskwaliteit in de regio | €579.000**
PI. With prof.dr. Yael de Haan (University of Groningen and Utrecht University of Applied Sciences)
- 2025 **Jantina Tammes School Grassroot Grant | €4.000**
Co-applicant. With dr. Qinfeng Zhu (University of Groningen)
- 2024 **Ubbo Emmius Foundation M20 Grant | €290.000**
Co-applicant. With prof.dr. Marcel Broersma (University of Groningen) and prof.dr. Bart Verheij (University of Groningen)
- 2020 **NWO Digital Society: The Informed Citizen grant | €581.000**
Co-author. With prof.dr. Marcel Broersma (University of Groningen) and dr. Anna Van Cauwenberge (University of Groningen)
- 2020 **Team Science grant: Digital Literacy in the Public Library | €45.000**
Co-applicant. With prof.dr. Marcel Broersma (University of Groningen), prof.dr. Liesbet van Zoonen (Erasmus University Rotterdam), dr. Jiska Engelbert (Erasmus University Rotterdam), dr. Aodhán Kelly (Open University) and Martine Schopphuizen, MSc (Open University)
- 2020 **Grant Groningen Research Institute for the Study of Culture (ICOG) | €1.999**
Co-applicant. With dr. Çiğdem Bozdog (University of Bremen & University of Groningen)
- 2020 **Grant Groningen Research Institute for the Study of Culture (ICOG) | €1.999**
Co-applicant. With dr. Jian Lin (University of Groningen)
- 2019 **Writing-up grant Faculty of Arts | €5.000**
Applicant.

7. PHD SUPERVISION

2026-	Nadia Swijtink (third promotor)
2026-	Sophie Duvekot (third promotor)
2025-	Mark van der Wijk (second promotor)
2025-	Emelie van der Vinne (third promotor)
2020-2025	Alexander Smit (co-promotor, dissertation defended 29 January 2026)
2020-2025	Denise Mensonides (co-promotor, dissertation defended 6 February 2025)

8. AWARDS

2024	Faculty of Arts Impact Award [with Marcel Broersma, Alexander Smit and Denise Mensonides] €500
2021	Wetenschapsprijs RUG/Campus Fryslân [Science Prize UG/Campus Fryslân], second place €3.000

9. INVITED KEYNOTES, TALKS & WORKSHOPS

2025	Panel YouNDigital conference Porto, Portugal Rethinking the news: dilemmas of children and youth engagement
2024	Keynote ECREA Preconference Young People and News (panellist) Ljubljana, Slovenia Becoming news fluent: cross-contextual, cross-temporal and between-group approaches to young people's development of news literacy.
2024	Open seminar Infomedia, University of Bergen Bergen, Norway Overcoming news inequalities? Towards accessible, relevant and inclusive journalism for young, low-literate and immigrant news users.
2023	Opening keynote MediaTrust.Lab conference, University of Coimbra Coimbra, Portugal What trusting the news means: news fluency in the age of disinformation.
2022	Opening keynote Algocount conference, University of Milan Milan, Italy Making sense of algorithms. The epistemological and methodological challenges of studying users' algorithmic literacy.
2022	Invited lecture Leiden University Leiden, The Netherlands Leren door te doen? Ervaringen van nieuwsgebruik en de ontwikkeling van mediawijsheid bij jongeren [<i>Learning by doing? Experiences of news use and the development of media literacy in young people</i>]
2022-2025	Graduate School for the Humanities (GSH) Groningen, The Netherlands Format of the thesis. Designing a publication strategy for PhD dissertations.
2021 & 2022	PABO Hanzehogeschool Groningen, The Netherlands Mediawijsheid in het onderwijs [<i>Media literacy in education</i>]
2019	Alumni Network University of Groningen / ABN-AMRO Amsterdam, The Netherlands Online bankieren en digitale geletterdheid [<i>Online banking and digital literacy</i>]

- 2019 **Noordelijke Dagbladcombinatie** | Groningen, The Netherlands
What's it in for me? Denken vanuit het perspectief van de nieuwsgebruiker. [*Thinking from the perspective of the news user.*]
- 2019 **Research School for Media Studies (RMes)** | Groningen, The Netherlands
Digital literacy: Growing up with media
- 2019 **Omrôp Fryslân** | Leeuwarden, The Netherlands
Wat verwacht het publiek van de regionale omroep? [*What does the audience expect of the regional broadcaster?*]

10. VISITING SCHOLARSHIPS

- May-June 2024 Visiting scholarship University of Bergen (Bergen Media Use Research Group)
- Sept-Oct 2022 Visiting scholarship Roskilde University (Institut for Kommunikation og Humanistisk)

11. CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

- 2026 ECREA Journalism Studies section conference, April 9-10, University of Groningen
- 2026 ECREA Journalism Studies PhD Colloquium, April 8, University of Groningen
- 2023 Conference 'Practices of Digital In- and Exclusion in Everyday Life', University of Groningen
- 2019 Colloquium 'Advancing the Audience Turn in Journalism', KNAW, Amsterdam

12. ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2025-2026 **Member of BSA committee, Faculty of Arts**
- 2023-now **Member Board of Examiners, Expertise Team Cluster 5, Faculty of Arts**
- 2023-2025 **Theme coordinator Digital Inclusion & Digital Literacy Jantina Tammes School**
- 2022-2025 **Young Arts Network (YARN), Faculty of Arts** | Treasurer (2022-2024) & Member (2022-2025)
- 2026 Reviewer defense committee PhD thesis Diego Garusi, University of Vienna
- 2021 & 2024 External reviewer (*sluttseminar*) PhD thesis Hilde Sakariassen (2021) and PhD thesis Marianne Borchgrevink-Braekhus (2024), University of Bergen
- 2021-now **Editorial Board member** for *Digital Journalism*
- 2019-2025 **Dr. Catharine van Tussenbroekfonds** | Vice Chair
The Dr. Catharine van Tussenbroek Fund supports female research talent by awarding travel grants for research trips abroad
- 2015-2017 **Member PhD Council of the Graduate School for the Humanities**
- 2015-now **Ad-hoc reviewer** for various academic journals, including *New Media & Society*, *Digital Journalism*, *Journalism Studies*, *Journalism*, *Journalism Practice*, *International Journal of Communication*, *Mass Communication & Society*, *Information*,

11. IN THE MEDIA

My research has been featured frequently in national and international news media, including:

- Dagblad van het Noorden
- Leeuwarder Courant
- Nu.nl
- NRC Handelsblad
- BNR Nieuwsradio
- de Volkskrant
- [Het Parool](#)
- Villamedia
- De Nieuwe Reporter
- European Journalism Observatory
- #UsetheNews
- Achter de Klacht (podcast NPO Ombudsman)
- NiemanLab