

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Work experience

September 2013 to date

University of Amsterdam

PhD Candidate at the Political Science Department.

This research project studies if and how evaluations in the media on political leadership affects voter's perceptions of these leaders and subsequently their voting behavior. We believe that these leadership effects could contribute to our understanding of electoral volatility in the Netherlands.

January 2012 to date

University of Amsterdam

Junior Lecturer at the Political Science department.

Activities: lecturer of methodology and statistics courses in the first and second year of the Bachelor Political Science.

June 2012 – June 2013

University of Amsterdam

Research internship at the Political Science Department.

Title: 'Bandwagon effects: how the framing of opinion poll outcomes affects voting behavior' (supervisors: dr. T.W.G. van der Meer, dr. A. Hakhverdian).

Activities: construction of the methodological overview of the literature on bandwagon effects; contribution to the theoretical framework for the study; combining 103 polls to create a single panel data set (1VOP); performing various statistical analyses; and co-author of the resulting articles (research presented at the national conference 'Vinger aan de Polls: Peilers, pers en politicologen over opiniepeilingen' January 9, 2013; published in *Beleid & Maatschappij* (2013); currently under review at the *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*).

October 2011- June 2013	University of Amsterdam Research assistant of prof. dr. M. Fennema. Activities: contribution to Fennema's research on changing elites, background research and editorial work for his books and articles.
2007 – 2008	Maatschap Hengeveld Advocaten, Amsterdam Administrative Secretary at a small Law Office

Education

2011- 2013	<i>University of Amsterdam, Graduate School of Social Sciences, Amsterdam</i> Education: Research Master Social Sciences (cum laude) Specialization: Comparative Politics and Quantitative Methods Title of qualification awarded: Master of Science Average grade: 8 Title Thesis: 'When the Government Matters. Conditional Partisan Effects in 22 OECD countries, 1971-2010'. Thesis grade: 8.3 Thesis Supervisor: dr. A. Hakhverdian Graduation date: July 2013
2010 – 2011	<i>University of Amsterdam, Faculty of Social and Behavioral Science, Amsterdam</i> Education: Political Science Specialization: Political Theory and Political Behavior Title of qualification awarded: Master of Science Average grade: 7.5 Title Thesis: 'Political Representation and Educational Attainment: Are the Low Educated Underrepresented in Dutch Politics?' Thesis Supervisors: dr. A. Hakhverdian and prof. dr. W. van der Brug Thesis grade: 7.8 Graduation date: August 31, 2011
2009 – 2010	<i>University of Amsterdam, Political Science Department, Amsterdam</i> Education: Political Science (transition year, 50 ECTS) Specialization: Political Theory and Political Behavior Average grade: 7.8
2006 – 2010	<i>University of Amsterdam, Faculty of Law, Amsterdam</i> Education: General Law Title of qualification awarded: Bachelor of Law Average grade: 7.4 Title Thesis: - (Minor Political Science instead of Thesis) Graduation date: June 25, 2010

2000 – 2006

Isendoorn College, Warnsveld

Education: **Pre-university secondary education** (VWO)

Specialization: **Science and Technology**

Extra courses: Economy 1&2

Graduation date: June 30, 2006

Scientific Output

- Van der Meer, T.W.G., Hakhverdian, A. and Aaldering, L. (2015). 'Off the fence onto the bandwagon? A large-scale survey experiment on the effect of actual poll outcomes on subsequent vote intentions', *International Journal of Public Opinion Research* (forthcoming).
 - Aaldering, L., and Van der Meer, T.W.G (2014). 'Veranderlijk maar standvastig: Partijvoorkeuren en de rol van de media', in P. van Praag en K. Brants (red) *Media, macht en politiek. De verkiezingscampagne van 2012*. Diemen: Uitgeverij ABM.
 - Van der Meer, T.W.G., Hakhverdian, A. and Aaldering, L. (2013). 'De invloed van peilingen op kiezers: het bandwagon effect', *Beleid en Maatschappij* 40 (2).
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- Aaldering, L. (...). 'Political Representation and Educational Attainment. Are the Low Educated Underrepresented in Dutch Politics?', (is to be submitted to Political Studies in early December 2014).
MA-thesis was rewritten to an article and has already been cited by Mark Bovens and Anchrit Wille ('The education gap in participation: A rejoinder' in *Acta Politica*, 2012), by Meindert Fennema (*Van Thomas Jefferson tot Pim Fortuyn. Balans van de democratie*, 2012; and *Help! De elite verdwijnt*, 2012), by the Raad voor Maatschappelijke Ontwikkeling ('*Het onbehagen voorbij. Een wenkend perspectief op onvrede en onmacht*', 2013), by the Sociaal Cultureel Planbureau ('*Sociaal en Cultureel Rapport*', forthcoming) and discussed in *de Volkskrant* and *de Groene Amsterdammer*.
- Aaldering, L. and Hakhverdian, A. (...). 'Practice what you Preach? Conditional Partisan Effects in 22 OECD countries, 1971-2010', (is to be submitted to an academic refereed journal).
- Aaldering, L. and Vliegthart, R. (...). 'Political leaders and the Media. How Political Leadership is Evaluated in Dutch Newspapers', (is to be submitted to an academic refereed journal).

Grants

- 2013 **Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO) - Research Talent (Onderzoekstalent):**
Title proposal: 'Continuously Campaigning for Volatile Voters? How policy positions and leadership images affect citizens' vote intentions before and during election campaigns, the Netherlands 2006-2012'

Additional Courses

- 2014 **Summer School in Political Communication and Electoral Behaviour '(New) Media Effects on Electoral Behaviour'**
University of Milan, Department of Social and Political Sciences, and International Communication Association (ICA), Political Communication Division.
Date: July 7th till July 11th
Credits: 6 ECTS
- 2014 **ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques 'Content Analysis'**
University of Ljubljana
Date: August 4th till August 8th
Credits: 2 ECTS

Conference presentations

- 2014 **Politicologenetmaal 2014, June 12-13, Maastricht.** 'Media Coverage on Political Leadership Evaluations before and during Campaign Periods in the Netherlands, 2006-2012', L. Aaldering and R. Vliegthart. Workshop: Political Communication.
- 2014 **Politicologenetmaal 2014, June 12-13, Maastricht.** 'Practice what you Preach. Conditional Partisan Effects in OECD Countries, 1971-2010', L. Aaldering and A. Hakhverdian. Workshop: What, how and why do parties and politicians decide? Innovative and established approaches in political decision-making.
- 2014 **Master Class KU Leuven, May 7th, Leuven.** 'A New Conceptualization of Political Leadership Images', L. Aaldering. Class of Excellence for PhD students with International Francqui Professor Shanto Iyengar 'Media effects and Priming'.

2013 **Politicologenetmaal 2013, May 30-31, Ghent.** ‘Media en Electorale Volatiliteit. Het potentieel van mediaeffecten op veranderende partijvoorkeuren van de kiezer’, L. Aldering en T. van der Meer. Workshop: De Nederlandse verkiezingscampagne van 2012.

2013 **Politicologenetmaal 2013, May 30-31, Ghent.** ‘Political Representation and Educational Attainment. Are the Lower Educated Underrepresented in Dutch Politics?’, L. Aldering. Workshop: The Presumed Legitimacy Crisis of Representative Democracy in Advanced Industrial Democracies: Myth or Reality.

Personal Skills and Competences

2012 **Certificate ‘Basic training educational skills’ (design and implementation), University of Amsterdam**
Graduation date: March 8, 2012
Grade: -

2011 **IELTS (International English Language Testing Score)**
Date: May 13 and 14, 2011
Grade: 8

2009 to date Experienced SPSS, Stata, MSPwin, Mudfold, DTSearch and Amcat user.
