

Curriculum Vitae

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Professional Experience

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| 2013-present | Guest researcher (0,2fte), UNESCO-IHE, department of Integrated Water Management and Governance |
| 2010-present | Assistant Professor, Department of Human Geography, Planning and International Development Studies, Faculty of Social and Behavioral Sciences, University of Amsterdam <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thesis Supervision and lecturing in various courses in the Master International Development studies, Research Master International Development Studies, Master and Bachelor Human Geography; academic advisor and program committee member;• Involvement in several collaborative EU-funded programs with institutes in the Southern Caribbean, focused on urban planning and climate changed. Research in the field of urban development in the Caribbean, governance of medium sized cities and urban livelihoods. |
| 2009-2010 | Lecturer, Department of Methodology and Statistics, Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences, Utrecht University, Utrecht
Engaged in various courses in Methodology and Statistics to students from the departments of Anthropology, Sociology, General Social Sciences, Psychology, and University College Utrecht. |
| 2007-2009 | Post-doc Researcher, Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies (KITLV), Leiden
NWO-financed project on Surinamese social history in the 20th-century. Special focus on urban development, settlement, segregation and urban livelihoods. |
| 2002-2007 | PhD candidate, Amsterdam Institute for Metropolitan and International Development Studies (AMIDSt), University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam
Completion of dissertation and occasional teaching activities. |
| 2000-2002 | Policy Advisor Dutch Habitat Platform, The Hague
The Dutch Habitat Platform supported the implementation of the UN-Habitat Agenda in Dutch urban policies (national and international). Involved in organisation of World Habitat Day 2000, 2001, 2002; development of toolkit good governance; representation of Habitat Platform in organisations and supervision projects. |

- 1998-2001 Freelance Researcher, for University of Amsterdam, Cordaid, NIKOS and CESWO, Amsterdam, The Hague and Paramaribo
Engaged in various projects:
'Social-Economic Characteristics of Neighbourhoods in Suriname' (2001);
'Impact of Gender Sensitive Development Programs in Suriname on Target Groups (2000-2001);
'Relations between Dutch and Surinamese NGOs' (1999-2000);
'Trends and Dynamics in the Building and Construction Sector in Suriname' (1999)
'Ten Years Human Geography of Developing Countries' (1998);

Formal Education

- 2007 **PhD, AMIDSt, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam**
The study examined the conditions under which low-income urban households in the capital cities of Suriname and Trinidad use their habitat as a productive asset, by exploiting home-based economic activities. The focus is on the role of these activities in the livelihoods of the involved households and the interaction of their operators with household, neighbourhood and city-level institutions in the organization of these activities. Collection of data took place during eighteen months of fieldwork in four low-income communities in Paramaribo and Port of Spain.
- 1998 **MSc, Human Geography, University of Amsterdam, cum laude**
Specialisation in Human Geography of Developing Countries with focus on urban development and planning, livelihood and gender. Master thesis *Je diploma is je eerste man* was based on five months field research in low-income Paramaribo and focused on contributions of adult daughters to livelihood strategies of low-income households in Paramaribo.

Management Experience

- 2013 (sept) Director Research Master Urban Studies, Graduate School of Social Sciences, University of Amsterdam
- 2012 Acting Chair Program Committee Research Master programmes GSSS and MA International Development Studies
Chair Program Committee International Development Studies (MA and ResMa)
Academic Advisory Research master Students International Development studies
- 2011 Chair Program Committee International Development Studies (MA and ResMa)

Research Programs

- 2010-2013 ACP Science and Technology project "Network for the application of STI to the Urban Sector (NSUS)" together with CARICOM, University of Guyana, Anton de Kom University of Suriname, and University of the West Indies.
- 2011 Ministry of Foreign Affairs: evaluations Twinning Project Suriname

2008-2010 ACP- Edulink 1 together with Anton de Kom University of Suriname, University of Guyana and University of the West Indies

Teaching Experience

2013 BA Thesis project Paramaribo
Thesis seminar ResMa
MA thesis supervision (completed): Lennart Funck

2012 MA thesis supervision (completed) Elise van der mark, Lideke Middelbeek, Sophie Stapel, Dunja Burkhard
Thesis writing seminars. MA and ResMa International Development Studies
Course core issues and debates in International Development Studies
Development Geography

2011 Graduate Course 'development Geography', GPIO University of Amsterdam
Undergraduate Course 'Lecture Series IDS 2011 on Social Justice and Development'. GPIO, University of Amsterdam
Graduate course Research Methods and Techniques for doing fieldwork. International Development Studies, University of Amsterdam
Graduate course 'Poverty, Institutions and Development in Comparative Perspective'. Department of Geography, planning and International Development Studies, University of Amsterdam.
Back From the Field Seminar. International Development Studies, University of Amsterdam
MA thesis supervision (completed) Femke Beers, Simon Boddeus, Dagmara Marcisz, Katarzyna Cieslik and Jair Schalkwijk.

2010 Graduate Course 'development Geography', GPIO University of Amsterdam
Undergraduate Course 'Lecture Series IDS 2010 on Aid for Development'. GPIO, University of Amsterdam
Graduate course Research Methods and Techniques for doing fieldwork. International Development Studies, University of Amsterdam
Graduate course 'Poverty and Development'. Department of Geography, planning and International Development Studies, University of Amsterdam (in spring and fall semester)
Undergraduate course 'Doing a Fieldwork using Qualitative methods'. Departments of Methodology and Statistics & Psychology, Utrecht University.
Undergraduate course 'Research methodology and Statistics (ACC110)'. University College Utrecht, Utrecht University
MA Thesis Supervision (completed): Merette Schuurman, Sabrina Axter,

2009 Undergraduate course 'Kwalitatieve Onderzoeksmethoden: Achtergronden en Toepassingen' (Qualitative Research Methodologies). Departments of Methodology and Statistics & Cultural Anthropology, Utrecht University.
Undergraduate course Research Methodology and Statistics
Departments of Methodology and Statistics & ALPO, Utrecht University

2004-present Supervision of master fieldwork and thesis projects (8 students International Development Studies and Human Geography of Developing countries).

2004 Bachelor thesis project on cattle trade in Kenya (16 bachelor students Human Geography).

20-present Guest Lectures at the University of Amsterdam (8), University of Leiden (5), University of the West Indies (6), KITLV (4), University of Suriname (6).

Didactic Training

2009-2010	BKO training, Utrecht University and University of Amsterdam
2002	Didactic training course.

Publications

Academic Articles and chapters (peer reviewed)

- Under review** Middelbeek, L., K. Kolle and H. Verrest. Built to last? Local climate change adaptation and governance in Trinidad and Tobago. Submitted to Urban Climate.
- Mark, E. van der and H. Verrest. Fighting against the Odds. Submitted to Disability and Care.
- In Press** Hoefte, R. and H. Verrest. The Development of Paramaribo in the Second Half of the Century In: Hoefte, R. Suriname in the Long Twentieth Century: Domination, Contestation, Globalization. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Verrest, H. S. Moorcroft and A. Mohammed . Global urban development programs and local realities in the Caricom-Caribbean: mismatches in needs and approach. Habitat international.
- Published** Verrest, H.(2013) Rethinking micro-entrepreneurship and business development programs: Vulnerability and ambition in low-income urban Caribbean households. World Development, 47. Pp.58-70
- Verrest, Hebe & R. Jaffe (2012): Bipolar antagonism and multipolar coexistence: framing difference and shaping fear in two Caribbean cities, Social & Cultural Geography, 13:6, 625-644
- Verrest, H J L M (2010). City Profile: Paramaribo, *Cities* 27 (1), pp50-60.
- Verrest, H. (2009) Assets and Vulnerabilities in Paramaribo and Port of Spain. McGregor, Duncan, David Dodman and David Barker (eds) Global Change and Caribbean Vulnerability., University of the West Indies Press, Kingston, Jamaica (2009) (refereed).
- Verrest, H (2008) Working from Home, Urban Livelihoods in Low-Income Surinamese and Trinidadian Households. In: Jaffe, R. (ed), *The Caribbean City*. Kingston, Ian Randle.

Verrest, H (2007) *Home-Based Economic Activities and Caribbean Urban Livelihoods: Vulnerability, Ambition and Impact in Paramaribo and Port of Spain*. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press.

Verrest, H (2007) Ik groet maar bemoei niet. Bestaansverwerving, Huisgebonden Economische Activiteiten en Sociale Relaties in Nieuwweergevondenweg, Paramaribo. In: *Oso* 26 (1): 100-122 .

Verrest, H and J. Post (2007) Home-Based Economic Activities, Livelihoods and Space in Paramaribo, Suriname. In: *International Development Planning Review* 29 (2): 161-184.

Verrest, H and R. Reddock (2004, issued in 2006) Poverty and Statistics in Trinidad and Tobago: An Introduction. In: *Caribbean Dialogue* 9 (4):1-7 (refereed).

Bruijne, A. de, A. Runs & H.Verrest (2001) De NGO-Wereld als Bron van Nieuwe Transatlantische contacten. In: *Oso* 20 (1): pp36-47 (refereed).

Professional reports and articles

H. Verrest (2013); Microfinance is blind to aspects of inclusion. The Broker Online: <http://www.thebrokeronline.eu/Blogs/Spurring-economic-transition/Microfinance-is-blind-to-aspects-of-inclusion>

U. Mans, S.A. Meerow & H.J.L.M. Verrest (2012). *Best Practices in Urban Planning and Management Technologies*. Published on bluespacecaribbean.com

IOB (2012). Evaluatie van de Twinningfaciliteit Suriname-Nederland. Den Haag: Ministerie van Buitenlandse Zaken.

Verrest, H., A. Mohammed and S. Moorecroft (2011). Towards a Caribbean Urban Agenda. Published on <http://bluespacecaribbean.com/posts/uncategorized/caribbean-urban-agenda/>

Verrest, H. (2011) Stadsstudies ontmoeten ontwikkelingsstudies [Bespreking van: Beall, J and S. Fox Cities and Development. Routledge, Abingdon]. In: *Rooilijn* 44 (5), 382-384.

Verrest, Hebe (2010). Paramaribo: Caribische stad zonder scheidslijnen. *Rooilijn* 43 (3) pp162-169

Verrest, H. (2005) Gonzales-Gonzalig? In: *Nieuwskrant C.M.Kan Instituut*, nummer 8, 2005. Op: <http://www.fmg.uva.nl/gpio>.

Verrest, H. (2005) 4 columns: Een bijzonder gesprek; Trinidad Blues; Kansen in onderwijs, Suriname en Trinidad in perspectief; (Surinaams) Chinese Restaurants. Op: www.apura.org onder "community", "Columns".

Verrest, H (2003) Het is Geen Zaak, meer een Bezigheid. In: *Paramaribo Post*, jaargang 1, nr 14, 22 mei 2003.

Verrest, H. (2002) (ed.) *Training van de Basis als Ontwikkelingsinstrument? Effecten van Cordaid Gefinancierde Vrouwenprogramma's in Suriname*. Paramaribo: Paramaribo.

Runs, A & H. Verrest (2000) *Relaties tussen Surinaamse en Nederlandse NGO's: Een Perspectief op de Samenwerking*. Paramaribo: NIKOS.

Bruijne, A. de, T. Dietz & H. Verrest (1999) Is SGO milleniumproof? In: *Geografie*, jaar 1999 (4-5). KNAG, Utrecht.

Selected Conference Papers and Lectures

- 2013 H. Verrest Caribbean urban planning, governance and spatial justice: Who has access to Port of Spain's sea? 38th Annual CSA Conference, Grenada Grand Beach Resort, Grand Anse, Grenada, 3-7 June 2013.
- H. Verrest and G. Hosein. Participation in urban planning through invited and claimed spaces: the case of Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. RC-21 Berline, 29th -31st August 2013
- 2012 H. Verrest; Urban governance, planning and spatial justice in Port-of-Spain: who has access to the sea? Paper presented at the CEDLAONALACs conference 'Research Wealth and regional Transformations in Latin America and the Caribbean. December 13-14 2012, Amsterdam
- H. Verrest; Towards an Understanding of Caribbean Urban Governance
Global Urban Development Programs and Caribbean Realities: A Mismatch? Conference paper presented at 37th The Caribbean Studies Association annual conference. Guadeloupe, May 28th-June 2nd 2012
- U. Mans, S.A. Meerow & H.J.L.M. Verrest (2012). Best Practices in Urban Planning and Management Technologies. Conference paper presented at Caribbean Urban Forum, Kingston Jamaica. 14-17 March 2012
- 2011 *Something to Keep Me Going - The Role of Vulnerability and Ambition in Understanding Micro-Entrepreneurship and the Irrelevance of Business Development Programs for Low-Income Groups in Caribbean Cities*. Conference paper presented at EADI/DSA General Conference Rethinking Development in the age of scarcity and Insecurity: new values, voices and new alliances for increased development. York: 19-22 September 2011
- Towards a Caribbean Urban Agenda*. Paper presented at NSUS Annual Policy Meeting, Georgetown Guyana Establishing a Policy and Research Agenda for the Urban Sector in the Caribbean. Georgetown, Guyana April 6-9 2011.
- 2009 'Coping Mechanisms under Military Rule: Livelihoods in Suriname 1980-1987. Paper presented at the Caribbean Studies Association Annual Conference, June 1st-5th, Kingston, Jamaica.

- 'Twentieth Century Paramaribo: A Spatial Lay-out of Social Change. Paper presented at the conference 'Critical Issues in Caribbean Urban Planning', January 8-10th, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.
- 2008 'Paramaribo: People, Space and Change in the 20th Century'. Paper presented at the Caribbean Studies Association Annual Conference, May 26th-30th, San Andres, Colombia.
- "Something I do to keep me going". Home-Based Economic Activities (HBEAs), Livelihoods and Entrepreneurship in Paramaribo and Port of Spain'. Lunch lecture at Center for Gender and Development Studies, February 13th, University of the West Indies, Trinidad and Tobago.
- 2006 "Ik groet maar bemoei niet". Bestaansverwerving, Huisgebonden Economische Activiteiten en Sociale Relaties in Nieuwweergevondenweg, Paramaribo. Paper presented at IBS-Colloquium 2006, October 28th, KIT, Amsterdam.
- 'Caribbean Urban livelihoods and policies. Targeting Assets, vulnerability and diversity'. Paper presented at the conference 'Global Change and Caribbean Vulnerability; Environment, Economy and Society at Risk?' July 24th-28th, University of the West Indies, Jamaica.
- 2005 'Home Based Economic Activities as situated Practices; experiences in Paramaribo, Suriname'. Paper presented at the Conference of the Society For Caribbean Studies, 29th June-July 1st, University of New Castle Upon Tyne, UK.
- 'Poverty, home-based economic activities and credit in Trinidad and Tobago and Suriname: a matter of access and trust'. Lunch lecture at the Centre for gender and Development Studies, May 11th, University of the West Indies, Trinidad and Tobago.
- 2004 'Working from home, a house as place of production. Urban livelihoods in low-income Surinamese and Trinidadian households'. Paper presented at the 4th Joint Dutch-German-Austrian Geographers Symposium 'Territory, Local- Governance and development in Latin-America'. July 2nd 2004, Utrecht.
- 2003 'Poverty an Livelihoods in Trinidad ad Tobago'. Lunch lecture at the Centre for Gender and Development Studies, February 13th, University of The West Indies, Trinidad and Tobago.

Organization of Conferences and Panels

- 2012 Organiser CEDLA-NALACS conference Research Wealth and regional Transformations in Latin America and the Caribbean. December 13-14 2012, Amsterdam
- 2011 Organiser IBS Colloquium: I Love Su!? 11 November 2011, Amsterdam.
- Organiser NSUS conference october 2011: EU-ACP NSUS Network for the application of Science, Technology and Innovation to the Urban Sector- Technical meeting. 24-26 October 2011, Amsterdam.
- 2008 Co-organizer of international workshop 'Cultural dynamics in 20th-century Suriname in Caribbean context,' KITLV, September 26-27, Leiden.
- 2007 Convener of workshop on the use of Atlas.ti, Research day Amidst, June.

- 2005 Co-Convener one day seminar on 'Social capital in Social Science', University of Amsterdam, October 11, Amsterdam.
- Convener of workshop 'Poverty and statistics in Trinidad and Tobago', University of the West Indies, March 11, St. Augustine.

Fieldwork Experience

- 2013 5 weeks in Trinidad: governance and urban planning
- 2012 3 weeks in Trinidad: governance and urban planning
- 2011 4 weeks in Suriname evaluation research for Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 2011 7 weeks Trinidad archive and data research on urban agenda's for the Caribbean
- 2009 10 days project appraisal in Jinja, Uganda. Visiting and monitoring two Xplore projects.
- 2009 Nine weeks research trip in Suriname, interviewing Paramaribo citizens on daily life and survival in the 1980s.
- 2008 Three months fieldwork trip in Suriname, collecting data on development of Paramaribo in the 20th Century; interviews, archives, statistical data and survey.
- 2004-2005 Seven months research in Paramaribo and Port of Spain, interviews with representatives of formal and informal institutions on entrepreneurship, focus group discussion with community members and entrepreneurs on quality of the neighbourhood and entrepreneurial policies.
- 2004 Two months fieldwork in Kenya, supervision of students conducting research on cattle markets.
- 2003 Eleven months fieldwork in Paramaribo and Port of Spain, household survey in four communities (n=393), in-depth interviews with eighty operators of home-based economic activities, collection of GIS data.
- 2002 Three weeks preparatory work in Port of Spain in the light of PhD-research: exploring the city and establishing contacts.
- 2000 Six week research trip to Paramaribo, collection of data on impact Cordaid-projects. Interviews with program managers and participants.
- 1999 Six month research trip to Paramaribo to collect data for studies on the building and construction sector (three months) and relations between Surinamese and Dutch NGO's (three months). Mainly structured and open interviews.
- 1997 Five months research project for Master thesis in Paramaribo. In three communities semi-structured interviews were conducted with fifty young women and their mothers.

Research Grants and Awards

- 2012 Selected for ECR U-21 workshop on Ecological urban planning/citizenship, 3-6th December 2012, Sjanghai China
- 2010 Nomination Lecturer of the year 2010, University of Amsterdam

2002-2007	NWO/WOTRO grant for full four-year PhD-scholarship at Amist/UvA.
1997	Grants covering fieldwork expenses from several private funds

Research Interests

Urban geography and planning, climate change and resilience, urban livelihoods, urban governance, development studies, social stratification and inequality, medium sized cities, gender studies, mixed methods, small entrepreneurship, development policies, climate change and coastal cities, Suriname/Trinidad and Tobago/Guyana, Caribbean.

Languages

English: fluent
 French, German and Spanish: reasonable
 Sranantongo: reasonable
 Dutch: native speaker