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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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- 2015 – **Associate Professor**, Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam  
2016 – 2017 **Visiting Fellow**, Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, University of California, San Diego  
2010 – 2015 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam  
2010 – **Research Fellow**, Centre for Latin American and Caribbean Research and Documentation (Cedla), Amsterdam  
2009 – 2010 **Visiting Fellow**, Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, University of California, San Diego (September – January)  
2005 – 2009 **PhD Fellow**, Department of Political Science, Leiden University  
2004 – 2005 **Junior Research Fellow**, German Development Institute, Bonn

## EDUCATION

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- 2010 Ph.D., Political Science, Leiden University  
*Supervisors:* Peter Mair (European University Institute), Petr Kopecký (Leiden University), Barbara Hogenboom (Cedla)  
*Committee Members:* Manuel Alcántara (Salamanca), Michiel Baud (Cedla), Ingrid van Biezen (Leiden University)  
2008 Visiting Researcher, European University Institute (January – May)  
2004 M.A., with distinction, Political Science, Leiden University  
2001 – 2002 Study abroad program, University of California, Berkeley

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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- 2008 Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis; Courses attended: Multilevel Modeling, Mathematics for Social Scientists, Statistical Terms and Concepts  
2006 ECPR Summer School on Methods and Techniques, Ljubljana; Courses attended: Systematic Comparative Analysis (QCA)  
2005 ECPR Summer School on Parties and Party Systems

## PUBLICATIONS

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### a. Refereed articles in ISI-ranked journal

Imke Harbers & Matthew C. Ingram. Forthcoming. "Incorporating Space in Multimethod Research: Combining Spatial Analysis with Case-Study Research", *PS: Political Science & Politics*.

Imke Harbers & Matthew C. Ingram. (2017). "Geo-Nested Analysis: Mixed-Methods Research with Spatially Dependent Data", *Political Analysis*. 75(3), 289-307.

Imke Harbers. (2017). "Spatial Effects and Party Nationalization: The Geography of Partisan Support in Mexico", *Electoral Studies*. 47, 55-66.

Imke Harbers, Rivke Jaffe & Victor Cummings (2016). "A Battle for Hearts and Minds? Citizens' Perceptions of Formal and Irregular Governance Actors in Urban Jamaica", *Política y Gobierno*, Volume XXIII, No. 1, pp. 97-123.

- Also published in Spanish as "¿Una lucha por corazones y mentes? Percepciones ciudadanas y actores de gobernanza formales e irregulares en la Jamaica urbana", *Política y Gobierno*, Volumen XXIII, No. 1, pp. 97-125.

Imke Harbers (2015). "Taxation and the Unequal Reach of the State: Mapping State Capacity in Ecuador", *Governance*, 28(3), 373-391.

Imke Harbers (2014). "States and Strategy in New Federal Democracies: Competitiveness and Intra-Party Resource Allocation in Mexico", *Party Politics*, 20(6), 823-835.

\* An earlier version of this paper won the 'Best Paper Award' of the Decentralization and Subnational Governance Section of the Latin American Studies Association

Imke Harbers & Matthew C. Ingram (2014). "Democratic Institutions Beyond the Nation State: Measuring Institutional Dissimilarity in Federal Countries", *Government and Opposition*, 49(1), 24-46.

Imke Harbers, Catherine E. de Vries & Marco R. Steenbergen (2013). "Attitude Variability among Latin American Publics: How Party System Structuration Affects Left/Right Ideology", *Comparative Political Studies*, 46(8), 947-967.

Jörg Faust & Imke Harbers (2012). "On the Local Politics of Administrative Decentralization: Applying for Policy Responsibilities in Ecuador", *Publius - The Journal of Federalism*, 42(1), 52-77.

Imke Harbers (2010). "Decentralization and the Development of Nationalized Party Systems in New Democracies: Evidence from Latin America", *Comparative Political Studies*, 43(5), 606-627.

\* An earlier version of this paper won the 'Rudolf Wildenmann Prize' of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)

Imke Harbers (2007). "Democratic Deepening in Third Wave Democracies: Experiments with Participation in Mexico City", *Political Studies*, 55(1), 38-58.

\* An earlier version of this paper won the 'Party Politics Best Paper Award, a recognition sponsored by the journal *Party Politics* for the best paper presented at the ECPR Summer School on Political Parties

## **b. Refereed book chapters**

Imke Harbers & Matthew C. Ingram (2014). "On the Engineerability of Political Parties: Evidence from Mexico" In: Ingrid van Biezen and Hans-Martien ten Napel (eds). *Political Parties and Public Law*, Leiden: Leiden University Press, 253-278.

## **c. Non-refereed articles**

Imke Harbers and Judith Illerhues (2006). "Stalled Political Reforms in Ecuador: Decentralization under the Palacio Government", *Iberoamericana*, 6(22), 170-173.

#### **d. Book reviews**

Imke Harbers (2017). Review of: Jorge I. Domínguez, Kenneth F. Greene, Chappell H. Lawson, Alejandro Moreno (eds.) Mexico's Evolving Democracy: A Comparative Study of the 2012 Elections, in: *European Review of Latin American and Caribbean Studies*. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.18352/erlacs.10247>

Imke Harbers (2011). Review of: Herbert Kitschelt, Kirk A. Hawkins, Juan Pablo Luna, Guillermo Rosas, & Elizabeth Zechmeister (2010), Latin American Party Systems, in: *Acta Politica*, 46, 86-89.

Imke Harbers (2010). Review of: George W. Grayson (2010), Mexico: Narco-Violence and a Failed State?, in: *European Review of Latin American and Caribbean Studies*, 89, 161-163.

Imke Harbers (2006). Review of: Kevin Casas-Zamora. (2005), Paying for Democracy: Political Finance and State Funding for Parties, in: *European Review of Latin American and Caribbean Studies*, 81, 138-139.

#### **e. Popular scientific and policy reports**

Imke Harbers (2014). "Onschuldig veroordeeld: Een kritische blik op het Mexicaanse strafstelsel" In: Marc Simon Thomas (ed). *Latijns Amerika in beeld. Visies op een bewogen regio*, Amsterdam: Cedla, 131-139. [in Dutch]

Imke Harbers (2012). "Autoritaire enclaves in democratische landen: Decentralisatie en vrije verkiezingen geven lokale elites vrij spel", *La Chispa - Latijns Amerika Magazine*, 360, 46-49. [in Dutch]

Jörg Faust, Florian Arneth, Nicolaus von der Goltz, Imke Harbers, Judith Illerhues, and Michael Schloms (2008). *Political Fragmentation, Decentralization and Development Cooperation: Ecuador in the Latin American Context*, Bonn: German Development Institute.

Jörg Faust and Imke Harbers (2005). "Lateinamerika: Demokratischer als jemals zuvor. Die Zivilgesellschaft kann politische Parteien nicht ersetzen", *Zeitschrift Entwicklungspolitik*, 14/2005, 24-62. [in German]

Jörg Faust, Imke Harbers, Judith Illerhues, Florian Arneth, Nicolaus von der Goltz and Michael Schloms (2005). "Staatskrise in Ecuador. Die erneute Amtsenthebung eines Präsidenten offenbart ungelöste Defizite des demokratischen Staates und zugleich neue Formen politischen Protests", *Brennpunkt Lateinamerika*, 9, 105-115. [in German]

#### **f. Non-refereed chapters and reference work**

Imke Harbers (2010). "Der mexikanische Senat: Von Kooperation zu Konflikt", In: Sven Leunig (ed.), *Zweite Kammern in Föderalen Systemen*. Opladen/Farmington Hills: Budrich. [in German]

Imke Harbers (2010). "Der argentinische Senat: Zwischen Präsidenten, Gouverneuren und Parteibossen", In: Sven Leunig (ed.), *Zweite Kammern in Föderalen Systemen*. Opladen/Farmington Hills: Budrich. [in German]

Imke Harbers (2006). "Vom autoritären Zentralismus zum demokratischen Pluralismus? – Der mexikanische Föderalismus im Wandel", In: Europäisches Zentrum für Föderalismus-Forschung (ed), *Jahrbuch des Föderalismus 2006. Föderalismus, Subsidiarität und Regionen in Europa*, Baden-Baden: Nomos, pp. 447-462. [in German]

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## ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS

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- “Subnational Authoritarianism in a Global Age”, subproject within the ERC-funded study “Authoritarianism in a Global Age”, led by Prof. Marlies Glasius.
- “Neither Dwarf nor Leviathan: Explaining Territorial and Functional Variation in State Capacity”, research project funded by a Marie Curie grant (€175.000)

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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- 2012 Best Paper Award, Decentralization and Subnational Governance Section, Latin American Studies Association
- 2011 Shortlisted for ‘NKWP Jaarprijs’ (Award of the Dutch Political Science Association for the best dissertation in Political Science)
- 2009 ECPR Wildenmann Prize (awarded annually to a young scholar [within five years of receiving their PhD] for a paper presented at the Joint Sessions of Workshops)
- 2008 Academic Grant for Fieldwork, Netherlands Institute of Governance
- 2007 Academic Grant for Fieldwork, Leiden University Fund
- 2007 Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association
- 2006 *Party Politics* Best Paper Award (Recognition sponsored by the journal *Party Politics* for the best paper presented at the ECPR Summer School on Political Parties)
- 2005 ‘Facultaire Scriptieprijs’ (Award for the best MA thesis in the Faculty of Social and Behavioral Sciences)
- 2000 – 2004 *Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes* (German National Academic Foundation)

## SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

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- 2007 – 2014 Netherlands Association of Latin American and Caribbean Studies (NALACS)  
2010–2014: Chair  
2007–2010: Board Member

Nalacs seeks to promote debates on issues related to Latin America and the Caribbean in the Netherlands. Every year, it organizes – among other things – an international conference, a masterclass for PhD students, and an award for the best MA thesis.

Member of the Editorial Advisory Board of *Regional & Federal Studies*

Manuscript Reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*, *America Latina Hoy*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Politics*, *Electoral Studies*, *Environment and Planning: D*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *European Review of Latin American and Caribbean Studies*, *Governance*, *Italian Political Science Review*, *Journal of Elections*, *Public Opinion and Parties*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Politics in Latin America*, *Journal of International Relations and Development*, *Latin American Research Review*, *Party Politics*, *Political Studies*, *Publius: Journal of Federalism*, *Regional and Federal Studies*, *West European Politics*, *World Politics*