

Curriculum Vitae.

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Education

Secondary school education 1982-1988

- Stedelijk Gymnasium Utrecht. Final exams in 8 subjects, specialising in maths, science, and Latin.

University education 1988-1994

- Econometrics at the University of Groningen. My final project consisted of a stay of 7-month in Durban, South Africa, where I gathered and analysed micro-data on interrelationships between education, discrimination and productivity in the clothing industry in the Durban Area. It led to two articles. One applied search theory to develop an empirical model of the hiring and firing policies of the analysed firm and looked at statistical discrimination issues (Frijters, 1999a). The second translated and refined sociological ideas about discrimination into a game-theoretic model (Frijters, 1998a).

Ph.D.-education 1994-1999

- a study on welfare and well-being in Russia (Frijters, 1999). This thesis applies and extends psychological insights about the causes, definition, and measurement of well-being into economics. As such, it led to publications in both economic and psychological outlets. The Ph.D. was written under supervision of and in co-operation with Prof. B.M.S. Van Praag at the Economics faculty, University of Amsterdam. The defence was on April 14th 1999.

Prior appointments after PhD

Free University Amsterdam: September 1998-December 2002

- I was a post-doc (research fellow) at the labour econometrics research group of the Vrije Universiteit headed by Professor Gerard van der Berg. My official duties were research, limited teaching, and some supervision. This period included a 12-month stay at the University of Melbourne from September 2001 to September 2002, where I engaged in teaching and research.

Australian National University: January 2003 - present

- I am an adjunct professor of the Research School of Economics.

Queensland University of Technology: January 2006 –March 2010

- Professor of Economics.

Research activities \ Fellowships \ Service \ Awards

Fellowships, organisational activities, and services to the community

- Research Director of the Rumici Project: rural to urban migration in China and Indonesia, a project sponsored by the Australian ministry of foreign aid (AusAid), the Australian Research Council (ARC), the ministries of labour in China and Indonesia, the Australian National University, the Ford Foundation, the World Bank, and the German Institute of Labour (the IZA).

- Survey editor of the Australian Economic Record since mid 2010.

- Voted Australia's best economist under 40 in 2009, involving a keynote speech at the annual conference for Australian Economists in Adelaide, 2009.
- Keynote speaker at invited national and international conferences. In 2009, this included the yearly conference for Australian Economists in Adelaide and the PhD conference in Perth. In 2010, this will include the AHES conference in Sydney and in 2011 this will include the Population economics conference in China.
- I've been chairman of the board of European Young Economists from April 1999 till April 2002. This organisation tries to promote contacts and co-operation amongst European young economists. Its main vehicle is an annual spring meeting for 200 young economists. The last meeting was in April 2005 in Geneva. The next meeting will be in Sevilla. As a chairman, I've maintained contacts with sponsors and the European Economic Association, coordinated and selected program and organisation committees, drawn up a constitution, selected and invited guest speakers, am a member of the program committees, etc. I'm currently chair of the consultation committee of this organisation.
- I now referee about 20 papers a year, including most major Economic journals (the American Economic Review, the Quarterly Journal of Economics, the Journal of Political Economy, the Review of Economic Studies, the Economic Journal, etc.).
- Senior Research Fellow of the Tinbergen Institute since January 2000. Before that, I was member of the TI-Ph.D. council; Research fellow of the ALERT research group of the Vrije Universiteit; Fellow of the Dutch Network for Quantitative Economics (NAKE) since 2001; Fellow of the Australian National University since 2002.
- Since 2005, I've become an ARC Ozreader.
- I co-organise about 2 conferences a year. The last one is the Labour Econometrics Workshop to be held in Brisbane in August 2009. The next is the economic PhD conference in Canberra\Brisbane in November 2010\2011.

International research cooperation

- Co-work with Xin Meng and associates from the Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies on rural to urban migration in China and Indonesia. Current grants to this project are in the order of AUS 5 million.
- Co-work with Dirk Bezemer and Uwe Dulleck on search theory and transition economics.
- Co-work with Bas van der Klaauw of the Free University Amsterdam on structural job-search models.
- Co-work with Rudolf Winter-Ebmer from the University of Linz (Austria) on venture capital and education.
- Co-work with L. Farrell of the University of Melbourne on fertility and welfare preconditions.
- Co-work with Ingo Geishecker on Russian happiness and outsourcing.
- Co-work with Michael Shields of the university of Melbourne and John Haiskin de New of the IZA in Bonn on roughly 15 papers, mostly happiness and health issues.
- Co-work with Anna Christina D'Addio and Tor Eriksson of the University of Copenhagen on Danish Job Satisfaction.
- Co-work with Ada Ferrer-I-Carbonel and Bernard van Praag of the University of Amsterdam on life Satisfaction.
- Co-work with Robert Gregory on Australian labour market issues.
- Co-work with Andrew Clark from Paris (INSEE) on happiness.
- Co-work with Aydogan Ulker from the Australian National University on American health issues.
- Co-work with Andrew Leigh of the ANU on conspicuous leisure and conspicuous consumption.
- I participated in an American-English-Dutch-Chinese-Russian political psychology research group headed by Sheldon Grant Levy of the University of Michigan, which looks at the determinants of attitudes towards mass killings. Within this group, I organised the Dutch effort, analyse data sets of various countries and set up descriptive and explanatory theoretical models of political conflict.

Past research interests

Fashion cycles; unemployment; minimum wages and unemployment in team production; sectoral complementarities and the effect of price/investment coordination on the whole economy; tournaments and implicit sales within firms in a micro-economic context; economics and the evolution of central authorities; regional influences on satisfaction.

Consultation, grants, contracts, and media activities

- Total monetary value of grants and projects obtained so far: 750,000 AUS excluding the projects with Xin Meng, and about 6,000,000 AUS including the projects with Xin Meng.
- 2012-2014: a 130,000 AUS Discovery Grant into relative utility.
- 2009-2011: a 225,000 AUS ARC Discovery grant into the rationality of optimism, jointly with Benno Torgler and Jennifer Foster.
- 2009-2011: a 480,000 AUS ARC Discovery grant into networks and migration in China, jointly with Xin Meng, Bob Gregory, Christian Dustmann, and Francesca Cornaglia.
- 2008: a series of interviews on Australian television, radio, and the newspapers about the happiness component of the QUT Smart Train initiative.

- In 2005-2008: a 150,000 AUS ARC Discovery grant to research wellbeing in Australia, consisting of 50,000 AUS for 3 years with co-Chief Investigator Mike Shields from Melbourne.
- In 2003-2004: a 105,000 AUS teaching contract with the Australian Treasury which involved guiding 46 policy analysts through the basics of economics, right up to the policy frontier (see teaching section above). This is a 12-week commercial course, which the RISS won after an intensively competitive tendering process. It is now being repeated in 2005.
- In 2000: a 100,000 AUS project on the analysis of administrative data on the transitions between various welfare categories for the Dutch ministry of Social Affairs. My involvement was doing the actual research, reporting, and managing the project. This has led to a joint paper that was presented at the World Meeting of the Econometric Society in Seattle.
- In 2002: a 60,000 AUS project on the analysis of the SEUP Australian panel data set for Facs. This was joint with Guyonne from the Melbourne Institute, has resulted in a research report has come out in the internal journal of Facs, and has also generated a paper sent off to an international journal (joint with Deborah Cobb Clark from RISS).
- In 2003: a 4,000 AUS consultancy on Canberra airport.
- A series of television interviews on the introduction of the Euro in the Netherlands. These interviews were on air for the whole month of January 2001, several times a day.
- Several popular articles on economic issues in applied local policy journals (including Economische Statistische Berichten and the Tijdschrift voor Politieke Economie).
- Following the 2004 publication of my Economic Journal work on happiness with Ada Ferrer-i-Carbonel, we did newspaper interviews for The Times, the Financial Times, the Independent, the Guardian, the Bloomsberg Group, dozens of European newspapers (including De Morgen, Belgium, and Der Bund, Germany), VEJA Magazine (the leading weekly newsmagazine in Latin America and the fourth in the world in terms of circulation), and the main Sao Paulo newspapers. We furthermore appeared on BBC radio 1 on Monday 26th 2004, 8:40 GMT.
- Another world-wide media round in 2009 on a paper into life events and happiness, including about 10 national and international radio interviews, and newspaper articles in Europe and America.
- Intermittent blogger at clubtrotto.com.au and economics.com.au.
- Best paper prize at the 2004 GSOEP conference (which had 32 presentations) in Berlin for the paper with M. A. Shields and J.P. Haisken-DeNew called 'How rational were expectations in East Germany after the falling of the wall?'

Teaching experience

- Undergraduate courses in Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Labour Economics, and Public Finance at the University of Amsterdam, the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, and the University of Melbourne.
- Courses on the analysis of longitudinal data for the Australian Department of Family and Community Services, as well as for the general Dutch Ph.D. organisation (NAKE).
- An Introductory Economics course for Australian Treasury public servants in 2003-2004, and again in 2005 and 2007.

Language and Computer skills

- Bi-lingual in English and Dutch. Some command over French, German, and Latin.
- Extensive knowledge of Gauss, Stata, SAS, WordPerfect, Word, Excell, Powerpoint, and SWP. Reasonable knowledge of SPSS, Limdep, and MacIntosh programs.

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List of publications

Thesis and monographs

- Frijters, P. (1999), *Explorations of welfare and well-being*, Tinbergen Institute Thesis, Thela Thesis: Amsterdam.
Frijters, P. (2012), *Greed, Love, Groups and power*. Under contract at Cambridge University Press.

Publications in refereed international Journals

Articles in 2011\2012

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