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Employment

2011 - pres. Postdoctoral Researcher, School of Business and Economics, Maastricht University

2010 - 2011 Assistant Professor/ Postdoctoral Researcher, Radboud University Nijmegen

2009 - 2011 Visiting Scholar, School of Management and Governance, Twente University (host: Ariana Need)

2006 - 2010 Junior Researcher, Interuniversity Centre of Social Science Theory and Methodology, Radboud University Nijmegen

2005 - 2006 Research Assistant, Radboud University Nijmegen (to: Rob Eisinga)

2005 - 2006 Student Assistant, Radboud University Nijmegen (to: Peer Scheepers)

Education

2011 PhD Radboud University Nijmegen, Social Sciences (advisors: Ariana Need and Wout Ultee) (manuscript approved)

2008 Visiting Student, Nuffield College, University of Oxford (host: Nan Dirk de Graaf)

2006 MSc Radboud University Nijmegen, Sociology (*cum laude*; gpa 9.2)

2006 BSc Radboud University Nijmegen, Sociology (*cum laude*; gpa 8.3)

2005 Visiting Student, European University Institute (host: Jaap Dronkers)

2003 Propedeuse Sociology, Radboud University Nijmegen (*cum laude*)

1995 VWO Atheneum [pre-university education] from Bisschoppelijk College Broekhin, Roermond

Publications

Papers in peer-reviewed journals

- Levels, Mark, Ariana Need, Rense Nieuwenhuis, Roderick Sluiter & Wout Ultee. Forthcoming. 2010. Unintended Pregnancy and Induced Abortion in the Netherlands 1954-2002 *European Sociological Review*; doi: 10.1093/esr/jcq065
- Levels, Mark, Jaap Dronkers & Gerbert Kraaykamp. 2008. "Immigrant Children's Educational Achievement in Western Countries: Origin, Destination, and Community Effects on Mathematical Performance". *American Sociological Review* 73(5): pp. 835 - 853.
- Levels, Mark & Dronkers, Jaap. 2008. "Educational performance of native and immigrant children from various countries of origin". *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 31(8): pp. 1404 - 1425.
- Need, Ariana, Wout Ultee, Mark Levels & Marike van Tienen. 2008. "Meningen over abortus in West Europa, 1981-2000". *Mens & Maatschappij* 83(1): pp. 5 - 22.
- Levels, Mark, Gerbert Kraaykamp & Jaap Dronkers. 2008. "Leesvaardigheid van allochtone leerlingen in Westerse landen. Een vergelijkende studie met macrohypothesen." *Migrantenstudies* 24(2): pp. 94 – 112.
- Dronkers, Jaap & Mark Levels. 2007. "Do School Segregation and School Resources Explain Region of Origin Differences in the Math Achievement of Immigrant Students?" *Educational Research Evaluation* 13, pp. 435-462.

Books

- Levels, Mark. 2011. *Abortion laws in Europe between 1960 and 2010. Legislative developments and their consequences for women's reproductive decision-making*. Nijmegen: ICS Dissertation.
- Kraaykamp, Gerbert, Mark Levels & Ariana Need (eds.). 2011. *Problemen en Theorieën in Onderzoek: Een staalkaart van de Nederlandse hedendaagse empirisch-theoretische sociologie*. Assen: Koninklijke Van Gorcum.

Chapters

- Levels, Mark & Rense Nieuwenhuis. 2011. Groei van kennis en stagnatie in de empirisch-theoretische sociologie: Een onkiese beschouwing. Pp. 15-32 in Kraaykamp, Gerbert, Mark Levels & Ariana Need (eds.). *Problemen en Theorieën in Onderzoek: Een staalkaart van de Nederlandse hedendaagse empirisch-theoretische sociologie*. Assen: Koninklijke Van Gorcum.
- Levels, Mark, Jaap Dronkers & Gerbert Kraaykamp. 2006. "Het belang van herkomst en bestemming voor de schoolprestaties van immigranten. Een crossnationale vergelijking." In

F. Van Tubergen & I. Maas (red.) *Allochtonen in Nederland in Internationaal perspectief* (pp. 137 – 159). Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press.

Levels, Mark & Jaap Dronkers. 2006. “Verschillen in wiskundekennis in hoog ontwikkelde landen van Europa, Australië en Nieuw-Zeeland tussen eerste en tweede generatie migrantenleerlingen uit verschillende herkomstregio’s en autochtone leerlingen.” In S. Waslander & R. Bosman (red.) *Over kansen, competenties en cohesie* (pp. 53 – 76). Assen: Van Gorcum.

Dronkers, Jaap & Mark Levels. 2005. “Migranten en schoolsegregatie in hoogontwikkelde landen.” In S. Karsten & P. Slegers (red.), *Onderwijs en ongelijkheid: grenzen aan de maakbaarheid* (pp. 23 – 52). Antwerpen/Apeldoorn: Garant.

Data sets

Eisinga, Rob, Nan Dirk de Graaf, Ariana Need, Mark Levels & Peer Scheepers. Forthcoming. “Religion in Dutch Society 2005. Documentation of a national survey on religious and secular attitudes in 2005.” *The Hague: DANS*.

Work in progress

“Induced Abortion in Europe 1960-1999” Levels, Mark, Nan-Dirk de Graaf, Ben Pelzer and Ariana Need Status: under review

“Abortion: laws, practice and attitudes in Western Europe between 1981-2000.” Need, Ariana, Wout Ultee, Mark Levels & Marike van Tienen. Status: under review.

“The development of abortion laws and family planning policies in European countries between 1950 and 2010: country descriptions and cross-national comparisons.” Levels, Mark, Roderick Sluiter and Ariana Need. Status: under review.

“Unintended Pregnancy and Abortion in the United States.” Levels, Mark, Ben Pelzer and Ariana Need. Status: in preparation.

“Explaining the reading ability of immigrant pupils in Western countries: a cross-national test of macro-level hypotheses.” Levels, Mark, Gerbert Kraaykamp & Jaap Dronkers. Status: 1st draft.

“Educational systems as a resource or hindrance for immigrants? The effects of educational system characteristics of both countries of origin and destination on the scientific literacy of immigrant children in Western countries.” De Heus, Manon, Jaap Dronkers and Mark Levels. Status: under review.

Academic activities

Academic prizes, honors and grants

- 2011 Listed in Marquis' *Who's Who in the World 2011*
- 2008 Erasmus Training Grant for attending Nuffield College (Oxford University) as visiting student (2k)
- 2008 Nederlandse Sociologische Vereniging Masterscriptieprijs 2006-2007 [Dutch Sociology Association Master Thesis Award: Best Sociological Master Thesis in The Netherlands 2006 and 2007]
- 2005 Nijmegen University Foundation Grant for attending European University Institute (1k)

Post graduate courses

- 2009 Introduction to event history analysis with a special focus on cross-national comparisons (QMSS II Summer School: Paris)
- 2007 Advanced methods and techniques of empirical research (ICS Postgraduate course: Groningen/ Utrecht/ Nijmegen)
- 2007 Theory construction and modelling (ICS Postgraduate course: Groningen/ Utrecht/ Nijmegen)

Referee

European Sociological Review, Child Development, Educational Research Evaluation, Western European Politics

Network memberships

- 2010- Interuniversity Centre of Social Science Theory and Methodology (ICS)
- 2010- European Research Centre on Migration and Ethnic Relations (ERCOMER)
- 2006- ISA Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28)
- 2005- Nederlandse Sociologische Vereniging (NSV)
- 2005- Nederlandse Vereniging voor Demografie (NVD)

Administrative responsibilities

- 2010 Curriculum Committee Radboud University Sociology Department
- 2007 – 2010 Executive Board Radboud University Sociology Department
- 2005 – 2006 Quality Assessment Netherlands Universities Visitatiecommissie Sociale Wetenschappen (QANU): Inspection Committee for Social Sciences
- 2005 – 2006 Curriculum Committee Radboud University Sociology Department

Teaching

Courses taught and/ or coordinated

- 2006 – 2011 Leerproject Sociologie [Sociological Research Project] (Radboud University: BSc)
- 2007 – 2011 Sociologische Vraagstukken [Sociological Problems and Questions] (Radboud University: BSc)
- 2010 – 2011 Hedendaagse Sociologische Theorieën [Contemporary Sociological Theories] (Radboud University: BSc)
- 2010 – 2011 Social Map of Poland (Radboud University: BSc)

MSc thesis supervision

- 2011 Zeala Fortescu and Dionne Verrijt (Radboud University, Economics Department)
- 2011 Elma Wesselink (Radboud University, Sociology Department)
- 2011 Marloes de Rooij (Radboud University, Sociology Department)

Invited lectures

- 2011 “*Evaluating the effectiveness of restrictive abortion laws.*” Social Participation and Policy Analyses. Sociology Department, Radboud University.
- 2011 “*The transformation of intimacy? Anthony Giddens and the sociology of sex.*” Contemporary Sociological Theories. Sociology Department, Radboud University.
- 2007 “*L'enfer, c'est les autres. Een sociologische benadering van vragen over de vrije wil*”. Honours Program Lecture Series on Free Will, Radboud University.

Published teaching material

- Levels, Mark. Sociology: The art of asking questions. Pp. 18-22 in Roderick Sluiter, Mark Levels and Tim Huijts. 2011. Workbook Sociological Problems and Questions. Nijmegen: Radboud University.
- Sluiter, Roderick, Mark Levels and Tim Huijts. 2011. Workbook Sociological Problems and Questions. Nijmegen: Radboud University.
- Levels, Mark and Tim Huijts. 2010. Workbook Sociological Problems and Questions. Nijmegen: Radboud University.
- Jaspers, Eva and Mark Levels. 2009. Workbook Sociological Problems and Questions. Nijmegen: Radboud University.
- Jaspers, Eva and Mark Levels. 2008. Workbook Sociological Problems and Questions. Nijmegen: Radboud University.

Non-academic experience

Student Journalism

- 2005 – 2006 Regular contributor to “Algemeen Nijmeegs Studentenblad” [magazine for students at the Radboud University Nijmegen]
- 2003 – 2005 Copywriter for “Het Blaatje” [magazine for sociology students in Nijmegen]

Corporate Professional Experience

- 2000 – 2003 Management Assistant. Aon Insurance (Venlo)

Voluntary Military Service

- 2000 – 2000 Royal Dutch Army / North Atlantic Treaty Organisation:
1 (NL) Engineer Aid Battalion KFOR II (Prizren, Kosovo)
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1 (US) Battalion 63rd Armour Regiment (Gnjilane, Kosovo)
Fusilier First Class (infantry: rifleman)
- 1997 – 2000 Royal Dutch Army:
17 Armoured Infantry Battalion Guards Regiment Fusiliers Princes Irene (Oirschot, The Netherlands)
Fusilier First Class (infantry: Dragon AT operator)
- Decorations: Medal for Service in Kosovo (NATO), Commemorative Medal Multinational Peacekeeping Operations (the Netherlands), Kosovo Medal (the Netherlands)