

SUZANNE BLOKS

CURRENT POSITION

PhD Candidate, Mathematics/Computer Science, Institute for Logic, Language and Computation, University of Amsterdam, 4/2019 – present

- Focus on problems in Computational Social Choice Theory.
- Explore applications in Constitutional Law, Democratic Theory and EU Law.

EDUCATION

POSTGRADUATE: LLM, MSc

LLM, Legal Research (2-year degree), Utrecht University, 9/2016-8/2017, 9/2018-3/2019 – Graduated *Cum Laude*.

- Thesis: Referendums in Representative Democracy. Mark: 9 out of 10.
- Research Projects: National Sovereignty, The impact of Mutual Recognition in the EU on National Sovereignty, Comparative Legal Research into the Regulation of Trans Fats in Food Products in the EU and the US.
- Academic fields of interest: European constitutional law and Constitutional law.
- Obtained training in methodology: Comparative law methodology, methodology for a legal internal perspective, and qualitative and quantitative research methodology.

MSc, Applicable Mathematics, The London School of Economics and Political Science, 9/2017-9/2018, Graduated with Distinction.

- Distinction in every course and in the dissertation.
- Thesis: Condorcet Winning Sets – Computational Social Choice Theory. Mark: 84.
- Academic fields of interest: (Algorithmic) Game theory, (Computational) Social choice theory and Mechanism design.
- Courses: Algorithms and Computation, Advanced Algorithms, Games of Incomplete Information, Probability and Measure, and Rationality and Choice.

UNDERGRADUATE: BSc, LLB, BA

BSc, Mathematics, Utrecht University, 9/2013-9/2016

- Thesis about power indices for calculating power relations in the European Council. Part of a trilogy with the Philosophy and Law thesis about legitimacy and representation in the European Union titled: 'A feverish body: the quest for legitimacy and representation in the European Union'. Mark: 8.5 out of 10.

LLB, Law, Utrecht University, 9/2012-9/2016 – Graduated *Cum Laude*

- Thesis about the accession of Turkey to the European Union and the guarantees in the accession procedure. Part of the trilogy with the Mathematics and Philosophy thesis. Mark: 9.5 out of 10.

BA, Philosophy, Utrecht University, 9/2012-9/2016 – Graduated *Cum Laude*

- Thesis about legitimacy in the European Union and ways of representing the people. Part of the trilogy with the Mathematics and Law thesis. Mark: 8.5 out of 10.

OTHERS

Netherlands Asia Honours Summer School, 4/2015-10/2015

- Courses in Chinese Culture&Society and Mainstream Chinese Philosophical Thought at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.
- Research for *Het Financieele Dagblad* [the Dutch equivalent of The Financial Times].

Oxford Royale Academy, 07/2012

- Law School Preparation Programme, Winner Attainment Prize.
- Public Speaking and Debate course.

PUBLICATIONS

ACADEMIC

Under Review

- Suzanne Bloks, 'Are Referendums and Parliamentary Elections Reconcilable? The implications of three voting paradoxes'. Under review by the *Journal for Moral Philosophy and Politics*.
- Suzanne Bloks, 'The regulation of trans fats in food products. Comparative research into food regulation in the US and the EU'. Under review by the *Utrecht Law Review*.

Published

- Suzanne Bloks, 'The Impact on National Sovereignty. Assessing an Essentially Contested Concept' in: S. Hardt, A.W. Heringa, A. Waltermann (eds.), *Begrenzende Soevereiniteit* (Boom Juridische Uitgevers, November 2018).
- Suzanne Bloks, 'De regulering van transvetten in levensmiddelen. Vergelijkend onderzoek tussen de regulering in de VS en de EU' in: A.L.M. Keirse et.al. (eds.), *Ongezond en (on)geoorloofd? Publiek- en privaatrecht & legale maar gezondheidsbedreigende producten en diensten* (Boom Juridische Uitgevers, March 2018). [*About the regulation of trans fats in the US and the EU, and the economic consumerist and producerist approaches reflected in the regulations.*]
- Suzanne Bloks, 'De Wet Raadgevend Referendum afschaffen of verbeteren?' (2018) 2 *NJB* 60. [*About the Dutch Consultative Referendum Law and, particularly, ways of improving the quorum requirement.*]

POPULAR

Het Financieele Dagblad (the Dutch equivalent of The Financial Times) (volume 3 (2015))
Juncto (volume 26.1, 26.2, 26.4)
De Vakidoot (volume 2, 3, 4 (13/14))
De Filosoof (volume 58 (2012), 63 (2014))
Leidsch Dagblad (monthly 2010)
De Pers 'Lezerscolumn' (30-06-2009)
Columns: Kennisnet (2007)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Embassy of the Netherlands in Belgrade, Serbia, 09/2018 – 02/2019

Intern in the Department of Politics, Rule of Law and Public Diplomacy

Studentassistent, Willem Pompe Institute, Utrecht University, 02/2017-11/2017.

- Involved in the research project Hercule III for EU Anti-Fraud Office OLAF.
- Organisation of two conferences and contribution to the final report.

Studentassistent, Department of Mathematics, Utrecht University, 04/2017-06/2017.

- Supervisor of the seminars for the Game Theory course.

Stichting Studiebegeleiding Leiden (SSL), Leiden University, 2014-2016

- Teacher in mathematics for high school students preparing for their final examinations.

StudentsPlus, 2012-2014, 2016-2017

- Tutor in mathematics for high school students.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

Constitutional Law Conference, “Globalization as a Challenge to National Sovereignty”, Maastricht, 12/2017. Paper: “National Sovereignty: Conceptualising an Essentially Contested Concept”.

OTHER EXPERIENCE/VOLUNTEERING

(Chief) Editor, 2012-2015.

- *Juncto*, editor, magazine of Utrecht university’s Law faculty, 2014-2015.
- *Vakidoot*, editor, Mathematics students’ magazine, 2013-2014.
- *Ex Nunc*, founder and chief editor, magazine of the honours programme of the BSc in Law. 2012-2013

Debating competitions, theatre productions and Model United Nations, 2009-2017.

National Championship level Tennis, recognised LOOT-status for high school students who compete in a sport at national championship level, 2006-2012.

PRIZES

Bright Minds Award, prize of the *Dare to Cross Over* conference of Utrecht University for interdisciplinary research. My research into Referenda and Social Choice Theory was awarded this prize, 06/2017.

Attainment Prize, Oxford Royale Academy, prize for the best student in the Law School preparation programme, 07/2012.

Science Congress, Leiden University, best presented high school research in society subject-area, 2012.

Nomination Alfasteunpunt prize, University of Groningen, for the high school research paper, 2012.