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Education

- University of Virginia** September 2020 – Present
PhD in Foreign Affairs Charlottesville, Virginia, United States
- Committee Chair: David Leblang
 - Committee Members: Sonal Pandya, Anne Meng
 - Research Assistantships for Anne Meng, Dan Gingerich, & David Leblang
 - Awarded the Allison J. Melloy Award for excellence in teaching by the Department of Politics in 2023.
- University of Groningen** September 2015 – August 2016
MA in International Relations Groningen, The Netherlands
- Degree awarded *Cum Laude*
 - Thesis Supervisor: Jaap de Wilde
- Maastricht University** September 2012 – August 2015
BA in European Studies, Minor in Global Development Studies Maastricht, The Netherlands

Academic Positions

- Adjunct Faculty** August 2023 – December 2023
Department of Political Science Mary Baldwin University
- Teaching Introductory International Relations
- Lecturer** February 2018 – February 2021
Department of International Relations and International Organisation University of Groningen
- Teaching small group sections, especially for first and second year students
 - Official mentorship/guiding role for incoming first year students
 - University Teaching Qualification (UTQ/BKO) earned August 2019

Academic Service

- Editorial Assistant** September 2022 – August 2023
American Journal of Political Science AJPS
- Technical Checks and Manuscript Reviewer Proposals
- Leadership Team Member** January 2022 – Present
First Generation Graduate Student Coalition Contracted Independent Organization, UVA
- Treasurer, January 2022 – May 2023
 - Co-President, May 2023 – May 2025

Professional Experience

- Witness Data Management Assistant** May 2017 – December 2017
International Criminal Court The Hague, The Netherlands

Journal Articles

- **Scholten, Melle & David Leblang.** 2023. Land/Labor Ratios, Citizenship, and Migrants: Exploring the Hidden Links in the Political Economy of Immigration Regimes. *World Politics*, 75 (5), 1-10.
- **Scholten, Melle.** 2016. The Snowden Files and Agenda Setting in EU Foreign Policy. *European Policy Review*, 1(3), 3-14.

Under Review

- **Scholten, Melle.** Investing in Voice: Remittances and Varieties of Political Participation. **Dissertation Paper**
- **Scholten, Melle & Phuong Pham.** Complex Global Value Chains and Economic Interdependence: A New Look at the Opportunity Costs Argument.
- **Scholten, Melle & Kirill Zhirkov.** Public and Experts' Preferences for Democratic Peace: Evidence from Parallel Conjoint Experiments.

Selected Working Papers

- **Scholten, Melle.** The Prodigal Child Returns? Attitudes towards Return Migration in Developing Economies. **Dissertation Paper**
- Nones, Nicola & **Melle Scholten** Fiscal Consolidation and Support for the Common Currency.
- **Scholten, Melle.** Emigration and Political Party Membership in Central and Eastern Europe: Evidence from a Difference-in-Differences Design. **Dissertation Paper**
- **Scholten, Melle.** Trade, Migration, and the Backlash to Globalization in a Small Open Economy: The Case of the Netherlands.

Teaching Experience

International Relations, POLS112	Fall 2023
<i>Mary Baldwin University</i>	<i>Coordinator & Instructor of Record</i>
Intro to Political Economy, PLIR2050	Summer 2023
<i>University of Virginia</i>	<i>Coordinator & Instructor of Record</i>
Graduate Seminar in Regression Analysis	Spring 2024
<i>University of Virginia</i>	<i>Coordinated together with Professor Kirill Zhirkov</i>
Intro to International Relations	Fall 2023
<i>University of Virginia</i>	<i>Professor Peter Furia</i>
International Relations of East Asia	Spring 2023
<i>University of Virginia</i>	<i>Professor Leonard Schoppa</i>
Graduate Seminar in Game Theory	Spring 2023
<i>University of Virginia</i>	<i>Professor Anne Meng</i>
Foreign Policies of the Powers	Fall 2022
<i>University of Virginia</i>	<i>Professor John Owen IV</i>
Politics of Modernity	Spring 2022
<i>University of Virginia</i>	<i>Professor John Echeverri-Gent</i>

Military Force in International Relations <i>University of Virginia</i>	Fall 2021 <i>Professor Dale Copeland</i>
Statistics for International Relations <i>University of Groningen</i>	Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020 <i>Professor Saliha Metinsoy</i>
History of International Relations <i>University of Groningen</i>	Fall 2020 <i>Professor Julia Costa Lopez</i>
Academic Skills for International Relations <i>University of Groningen</i>	Fall 2020 <i>Professor Xavier Guillaume & Dr. John Hogan</i>
Policy & Governance <i>University of Groningen</i>	Fall 2018, Fall 2019 <i>Professor Francesco Giumelli & Professor Marek Neuman</i>
International Politics <i>University of Groningen</i>	Fall 2018, Fall 2019 <i>Professor Nadine Voelkner & Professor Suvi Alt</i>
Political Science <i>University of Groningen</i>	Spring 2018, Spring 2019 <i>Professor Gerda van Roozendaal & Bastiaan Aardema</i>
International Organisation <i>University of Groningen</i>	Spring 2018, Spring 2019 <i>Professor Frank Gaenssmantel & Dr. John Hogan</i>
Student evaluations: https://uva.theopenscholar.com/melle-scholten/student-testimonials	

Awards & Honors

Fully Funded PhD Scholarship <i>University of Virginia, Department of Politics</i>	2020–Present
Quantitative Collaborative Graduate Student Affiliate <i>University of Virginia, Quantitative Collaborative</i>	2021–Present
Visualizing Labor Migration Lab <i>University of Virginia, Prof Adam Slez and Prof Jonathan Kropko</i>	\$500 July 2023
Quantitative Collaborate Bynum Grant <i>University of Virginia, Quantitative Collaborative</i>	\$2,000 2023–2024
Allison J. Melloy Award for Excellence in Teaching <i>University of Virginia, Department of Politics</i>	May 2023
Quantitative Collaborate Research Grant (with Kirill Zhirkov) <i>University of Virginia, Quantitative Collaborative</i>	\$8,000 2022–2023
Don Lavoie Fellowship <i>George Mason University, Mercatus Center</i>	\$1,000 2021–2022

Conference Presentations & Invited Talks

Midwest Political Science Association <i>Austerity and Support for the Common Currency</i>	April 2024
Midwest Political Science Association <i>Attitudes Towards Return Migration in Developing Economies</i>	April 2024
Lansing-Lee/Bankard Research Seminar (University of Virginia) <i>Investing in Voice: Remittances and Varieties of Political Participation</i>	September 2023
Midwest Political Science Association <i>A Conjoint Experimental Approach to Democratic Peace</i>	April 2023
Old Dominion University Graduate Research Conference <i>Complex Global Value Chains and Economic Interdependence</i>	February 2023

Specialized Skills

Languages: English (professionally fluent), Dutch (native), French (intermediate, B2+)

Statistical Software: R Studio (advanced), Stata (advanced), Shiny (intermediate), SPSS (intermediate)

Other Analytical Software: ArcGIS (intermediate), SocNetV (basics)

Teaching Training: Freshman Faculty Mentor Program (Groningen), University Teaching Qualification (Groningen), Intro to Equitable and Inclusive Pedagogy (Virginia), Navigating Race in the US (Virginia)

Research Training: IRB-SBS Researcher Basic Course (Virginia), Causal Inference (Virginia), Game Theory (Virginia), Linear Regression & GLM (Virginia), Bayesian Statistics (Virginia)

Office Software: Microsoft Office Suite (advanced), L^AT_EX (advanced), Collab (advanced), Blackboard (advanced), Google (advanced), Dropbox (intermediate), OSF (intermediate)