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University of Virginia

International and Comparative Political Economy,
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Education

University of Virginia

September 2020 – Present (ABD)

PhD in Foreign Affairs

Charlottesville, Virginia, United States

- Committee Members: David Leblang (Chair), Sonal Pandya, Anne Meng
- Outside Readers: Margaret Peters (UCLA)
- Major: *International Relations*, Minor: *Political Methodology*
- Research assistantships for David Leblang, Dan Gingerich, Anne Meng

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 Appointments

Adjunct Faculty

August 2023 – December 2023

Department of Political Science

Mary Baldwin University

Lecturer

February 2018 – February 2021

Department of International Relations and International Organisation

University of Groningen

- University Teaching Qualification (UTQ/BKO) earned August 2019

Academic Service

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

Editorial Assistant

September 2022 – August 2023

American Journal of Political Science

AJPS

Professional Experience

Witness Data Management Assistant

May 2017 – December 2017

International Criminal Court

The Hague, The Netherlands

Publications and Selected Research in Progress

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), 1-12.

Under Review & In Preparation

- **Scholten, Melle.** The Prodigal Child Returns? Attitudes towards Return Migration in a Developing Economy.
- **Scholten, Melle.** Emigration, Welfare, and Politics in Central and Eastern Europe.
- **Scholten, Melle.** Investing in Voice: Remittances and Varieties of Political Participation.
- **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.
- **Nones, Nicola & Melle Scholten** Fiscal Consolidation and Support for the Common Currency.

Selected Working Papers

- **Scholten, Melle, & Sonal Pandya.** Trade, Migration, and the Backlash to Globalization in a Small Open Economy: The Case of the Netherlands.
- **Scholten, Melle.** Remittances, Clientelism, and Voter Turnout in Africa
- **Scholten, Melle.** The Political Economy of Agricultural Protests
- **Zhirkov, Kirill, Fabian Neuner, & Melle Scholten.** Validating Individual Estimates from Conjoint Experiments
- **Scholten, Melle.** Compassion through Immersion: Interactive Fiction Can Shape Attitudes to Immigrants
- **Scholten, Melle.** Dealing with the Devil? Migration Agreements and Civil Liberties in the European Neighborhood

Teaching Experience

International Relations, POLS112

Mary Baldwin University

Fall 2023

Coordinator & Instructor of Record

Intro to Political Economy, PLIR2050

University of Virginia

Summer 2023

Coordinator & Instructor of Record

Graduate Seminar in Regression Analysis

University of Virginia

Spring 2024

Coordinated together with Professor Kirill Zhirkov

Intro to International Relations

University of Virginia

Fall 2023

Professor Peter Furia

International Relations of East Asia

University of Virginia

Spring 2023

Professor Leonard Schoppa

Graduate Seminar in Game Theory

University of Virginia

Spring 2023

Professor Anne Meng

Foreign Policies of the Powers

University of Virginia

Fall 2022

Professor John Owen IV

Politics of Modernity

University of Virginia

Spring 2022

Professor John Echeverri-Gent

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>
First Year Mentorship Program <i>University of Groningen</i>	Fall 2018, Spring 2019 <i>Professor Xavier Guillaume</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>
Selected 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
Bankard Pre-Doctoral Fellowship Award <i>Bankard Fund for Political Economy</i>	2024–2025 \$18,000
Expense Support IHS017966 <i>Institute for Humane Studies</i>	April 2024 \$1,500
Quantitative Collaborate Bynum Grant <i>University of Virginia, Quantitative Collaborative</i>	2023–2024 \$2,000
Visualizing Labor Migration Lab <i>University of Virginia, Prof Adam Slez and Prof Jonathan Kropko</i>	July 2023 \$500
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>	2022–2023 \$8,000
Don Lavoie Fellowship <i>George Mason University, Mercatus Center</i>	2021–2022 \$1,000

2024

- Graduate Students in IPE Workshop (GSIPE, presenter, discussant)
- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA, presenter, chair, discussant)
- European Center for Populism Studies Workshop (presenter)
- *Politicologenetmaal* (presenter)
- European Political Science Association (EPSA, presenter, discussant)
- American Political Science Association (APSA, presenter)
- International Political Economy Society (IPES)
- Bocconi University (invited presenter)

2023

- Old Dominion University Graduate Research Conference (presenter)
- MPSA (presenter, discussant)
- UVA Graduate Political Economy Workshop (organizer, presenter, discussant)
- Lansling-Lee/Bankard Research Seminar (UVA, presenter)
- IPES
- GSIPE

2022

- IPES
- GSIPE

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, Northwestern Advanced CI Summer School), Game Theory (Virginia), Linear Regression & GLM (Virginia), Bayesian Statistics (Virginia) Spatial & Network Regression (Virginia)

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

References

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