

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

2022-now	<i>PhD Norms and Networks Cluster, Sociology Dep., Groningen University</i>
2020-2022	<i>Master (Sc.) Behavioral Science (research), Radboud University & Environmental Psychology Institute, University of Vienna (grade 7.9)</i>
2020/Jan-Jul	<i>Ba. Thesis, Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, Nijmegen (grade 7.8)</i>
2017-2020	<i>B.Sc. Psychology, Radboud University, Nijmegen</i>
2016-2017	<i>B.Sc. Biology, Universität Duisburg-Essen</i>
2015-2016	<i>Nursing Education, St. Marienhospital Borken</i>
2007-2015	<i>Secondary School/ Abitur, priv. Gymnasium Mariengarden</i>

Academic Positions

2025 - now	<i>Research Fellow of the Rudolf Agricola School as part of the Networks and Sustainability research cluster</i>
2025 Sept-Dec	<i>Visiting Scholar Behave lab University of Milan</i>
2023-now	<i>Member Ethics Committee Sociology</i>
2022-now	<i>PhD student, Sociology department (BSS), Project: Plugged in. The sociometric embeddedness of Community Energy Initiatives</i>
2022/Feb-July	<i>Erasmus Internship, Environmental Psychology Department Vienna</i>

2021-2022	<i>Master Thesis Internship, Behavioral Change and Well Being (BSI), Nijmegen</i>
2021/Feb-July	<i>Student Teaching Assistant, Radboud University</i>
2020/Jan-Jul	<i>Internship, Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, Nijmegen</i>

Teaching Experience/Supervision

2025 - now	<i>Traineeship supervision Research Master: Max Neuhaus.</i>
2025-2026	<i>Master Thesis Supervision, (second supervisor) Marieke Teunissen Ma. Sociology & (daily supervisor) Max Neuhaus M.Sc. Behavioral and Social Sciences.</i>
2025	<i>Master Thesis Internship supervision Kim Bechstein.</i>
2024 -2025	<i>European Values Teacher: A half year course in which students conduct their first research project and learn writing and conducting academic research, with regular feedback (20 students).</i>
2024	<i>Bachelor Thesis Supervision: Students perform an academic research project and write a paper under my supervision.</i>
2023- 2024	<i>Coordination of the test days for Bachelor students (1-3 year).</i>
2023- now	<i>Inleiding Sociologie/ Introduction to Sociology (1st year Bachelor); preparation of exercises, exams, correction, feedback and lecturing.</i>
2023/ Feb - Jul	<i>Master Thesis Supervision, Michiel Bonenschansker.</i>

Current Research Projects

2025-now	<i>Adding Social influence and Tie-formation mechanisms to Diffusion Simulations. ABM.</i>
2024-now	<i>Aangesloten of geïsoleerd? Versterking van de sociale inbedding van lokale energie-initiatieven</i> - <i>Learning communities and data collection with 3 CEIs as part of Groninger Energiekoepel (GrEK). The project is financed through a PEP grant that Jacob Dijkstra and Dennis Nientimp in cooperation with GrEK were granted by the province of Groningen.</i>

2024-2025	<i>Digitale Aggregatie en Collectieve Sturing van Hybride Warmtepompen</i> - <i>Experiment: Placing 100 smart warmth-pumps and investigating social factors to prevent net-congestion</i>
2022-2025	<i>Plugged in. The sociometric embeddedness of community energy initiatives.</i> - <i>Duurzaam Dalen: Community project with a focus on integrating people between 25 and 45 and investigating energy poverty</i> - <i>Aardgas Vrije Wierdedorpen: Investigating startup difficulties in the case of three villages, where one village has started a CEI successfully and the other two try to catch up. We also focus on people's willingness to participate as moderated by the effects of earthquakes on their property.</i>
2021-now	<i>Social Mindfulness in HRI.</i>

Past research Projects

2023-2024	<i>Plugged in.</i> - <i>Planbureau Fryslan: Data collection on attitudes regarding the energy transition</i> - <i>Participation Centre North</i> - <i>Ooststellingwerf: Social network approach to CEI participation</i>
2021-2022	<i>The effect of planned hedonic goal deviations on meat consumption.</i>
2020-2021	<i>Robots needs. The effect of long term interaction on social sacrificing on behalf of social robots.</i>

Professional Activities

2023-now	Operator and show host at https://www.relateradio.com/
2023- 2024	BSS PhD council member

Conferences and workshops

2026/Feb	NIG (Netherlands Institute of Governance) Conference, Leuven
2025/Sept	Behave Summer School, Breascia 2 week Summer school on Agent Based Modelling.
2025/Jun	Sunbelt Conference, Paris Chairing 4 Sessions on Networks and Sustainability with Christina Prell. Presenting: <i>D.Nientimp and J. Dijkstra (2025). SUNBELT. Drawing the network together: A participatory modelling approach to increase community energy initiative participation through SNA.</i>
2024/Jun	SUNBELT Conference, Edinburgh <i>Nientimp, D., Dijkstra, J., Flache, A., 2024. SUNBELT. Combining Social Network Analysis and Survey Data to Facilitate Community Energy Initiative Participation</i>
2024/Feb	ETMAAL Conference, Rotterdam <i>Can we be prosocial towards robots? Dennis Nientimp, Sari RR Nijssen, Barbara C. N. Müller, Evelien Heyselaar. 2024 Etmaal. February 8-9th 2024. Rotterdam</i>
2024/Jan	Workshop Rudolf Agricola School for Sustainable development, Groningen Nientimp, D. 2024. Rudolf Agricola School. Using a Social Network Visualization and Measures to improve and understand Community Energy Initiative (CEI) Participation. 24. January 2024, Groningen. The Netherlands
2023/Nov	BEHAVE Conference, Maastricht Nientimp, D., Dijkstra, J., Goedkoop, F., Flache, A., 2023. BEHAVE. Introducing a Social Network Approach to improve and understand Community Energy Initiative Participation. 29. November 2023, Maastricht, The Netherlands
2023/Sep	European Social Network Conference, Ljubljana Nientimp, D., Dijkstra, J., Flache, A., 2023. EUSN. Using a Social Network Approach to Improve and Understand Community Energy Initiative Participation: A case study. 7. September 2023, Ljubljana, Slovenia
2023/May	Enlight Summer School. Equity and Sustainable Transitions, Galway
2023/Jan	13th Longitudinal social network modeling in R Siena. Winter School, Groningen.

Memberships and Affiliations

2022- now *Interuniversity Center for Social Science (ICS)*

2022- now *Norms and Networks Cluster (NNC)*

Awards and grants

2024 Sept *PEP Grant 25.000€: Aangesloten of geïsoleerd? Versterking van de sociale inbedding van lokale energie-initiatieven.*
- *Spend on data collection, analysis and engaged learning communities with 2 CEIs.*
- *Application written by Jacob Dijkstra, Dennis Nientimp, Marloes Otters and Jantine Koppert.*

2023 Nov *Rudolf Agricola PhD Grant 1000€*
Spend to finance a repeated data collection.

2022/Feb - July *BSI Travel Grant, for the Masters internship at the Environmental Psychology Institute at the University of Vienna 850 €.*

Peer reviewing

Journals *Energy Efficiency (Springer); Tijdschrift van de Sociologie; Collabra Psychology, Technological Forecasting and Societal Change, British Journal of Psychology*

Publications

Peer Reviewed Journal Papers

Nientimp, Dennis, Fleur Goedkoop, Andreas Flache, and Jacob Dijkstra. 2024. 'A Social Network Approach to Community Energy Initiative Participation'. *Energy Efficiency* 17(6):66. doi: 10.1007/s12053-024-10247-4.

Nientimp, D, Müller, C. N., Nijssen, S. R. R., & Heijsselaar, E. 'One Size Fits All? Transferring Social Mindfulness Measures to HRI'. *PLOS ONE* 21, 1 (2026) :e0339959.
doi:[10.1371/journal.pone.0339959](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0339959)

Under Review

Nientimp, D., Flache, A., & Dijkstra, J., 2026. Triangulating Network Methodologies to aid Community Energy Project Implementation: Central Nodes, Cluster Analysis and Empirically Informed Diffusion Simulations.

Conference Papers

Nientimp, D. & Dijkstra, J. 2026. NIG. Drawing the network together: Combining Social Network Analysis and Co-creation to aid Governance of Community Energy Projects. February 2026, Leuven, Belgium.

Nientimp, D., Dijkstra, J., Goedkoop, F., Flache, A., 2023. BEHAVE. Introducing a Social Network Approach to improve and understand Community Energy Initiative Participation. 29. November 2023, Maastricht, The Netherlands.

Professional publications

Talks

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| 2026/Feb | <i>Nientimp, D. 2026. Drawing the network together: Combining Social Network Analysis and Co-creation to aid Governance of Community Energy Projects.</i>
NIG conference, Leuven. |
| 2025/Sept | <i>Nientimp, D. 2025. Community Energy, Networks and Participation.,</i>
Behave-Lab, University of Milan. |
| 2025/Mar | <i>Nientimp, D. & Dijkstra, J., 2025. Drawing the network together: A participatory modelling approach to increase CEI participation.,</i>
Internal Colloquium NNC, Sociology Department Groningen University. |
| 2025/Mar | <i>Nientimp, D., Goedkoop, F., 2025. A social network approach for Behavior Change.,</i>
Behavior Change Group, Nijmegen. |
| 2024/Oct | <i>Nientimp, D., Dijkstra, J. 2024. The advantages of a Social Network Approach.,</i>
Dienst Publiek en Communicatie, Ministerie van Algemene Zaken, Den Haag. |
| 2024/ Mar | <i>Nientimp, D., Dijkstra, J., Flache, A. 2024. Combining Social Network Analysis and Survey Data to Facilitate Community Energy Initiative Participation.,</i>
Planbureau Fryslan, Leeuwarden. |
| 2023/ Sept | <i>Nientimp, D., Dijkstra, J., Goedkoop, F., Flache, A. (2023) Introducing a Social Network Approach to improve and understand Community Energy Initiative (CEI) Participation.</i> |

2022/ Nov	<i>Nientimp, D., (2022) Plugged in. Cei Participation in Relation to Individual, Community and Sociometric Factors over Time., ICS Forum Day, Nijmegen.</i>
2022/ Oct	<i>Nientimp, D., (2022) Empirical work in NNC, Sociometric embeddedness of CEIs., Internal Colloquium NNC, Sociology Department, Groningen University.</i>
2022/ Aug	<i>Nientimp, D. (2022), A Social Perspective on Sustainability, Nature Perception and related Affective States with a focus on Mariz and Lestnice., Slavonice 2022.</i>
2021/ Nov	<i>Nientimp, D. (2021, November). The influence of planned hedonic goal deviations on meat reduction. Colloquium Environmental Psychology Group, Vienna 2021.</i>
2021/ Sep	<i>Nientimp, D., Meijer, M. & Rijk, I., (2021, September) Do We Consider a Familiar Robot when Making Daily Choices?, Nijmegen SHAI Group, Behavioural Science Institute 2021.</i>

Book/Chapters

Aliya, S, Nientimp, D.,Hamel, E., & Yang, J., (2024). 'Moving Forward? Rethinking Mobility, Liveability and Sustainability in the City'.

Current research interests

Citizen Participation, Community Energy, Diffusion of Innovation, Energy Transition, Social Networks, Social Influence, Behavioral Change, Environmental Social Sciences, Climate Mitigation, Calibrated Simulations

Skills

- Academic writing
- Statistics: Advanced Regression Analysis, Bayesian Regression, Social Network Analysis, Simulations & ABM (R, SPSS, NetLogo)
- Qualitative and participatory research methods
- Research software (Qualtrics, Gorilla, Labvanced, Sosci survey)
- Management (data collection, grant application)
- Science communication
- Critical thinking
- Teamwork
- Languages: German (native), English (advanced), Dutch (advanced),