

JELLE VISSER curriculum vitae

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Personal status: married, two children
Professional status: Research Fellow Amsterdam Institute for Advanced Labour Studies, AIAS; Emeritus professor of sociology, University of Amsterdam

Education and degrees

1964-65 chemistry, Free University, Amsterdam
1965-67 sociology, Free University, Amsterdam
1967 kandidaats sociology, BA, *cum laude*
1968-71 sociology, Free University, Amsterdam
1971 doctoraal (Drs.) sociology, MA, *cum laude*
1976-77 Italian language & history, Università Sapienza and Gramsci Institute, Rome
1981-84 Comparative politics and political science, European University Institute, Florence
1982 European Summer School 'Neo-corporatism', European University Institute, Florence
1983 'Aggregate Statistics' and 'Time series analysis', ECPR Summer School, Essex University
1987 PhD in Social Sciences, University of Amsterdam, *cum laude*

Professional positions

1984-85 Lecturer (*universitair docent*) in sociology, University of Amsterdam
1986-87 Research Fellow Institut für Sozialwissenschaften, University of Mannheim, Germany
1988-91 Lecturer (*universitair docent*) sociology of work and organization, U. of Amsterdam
1992-96 Reader (*universitair hoofddocent*) sociology of work and organization U. of Amsterdam
1996-99 Research fellow, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne, part-time
1997-98 Research professor, Amsterdam School for Social Science Research (ASSR), part-time
1998-99 Professor of empirical sociology, University of Amsterdam
2000-11 Chair in sociology of labour and organization, University of Amsterdam
2000-10 Scientific Director *Amsterdam Institute for Advanced Labour Studies (AIAS)*
2001-04 Head of Department of Sociology and Anthropology, U. of Amsterdam

Academic guest positions and fellowships

- 1990 (April-July) Guest professor, Dept. of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
1991 Fulbright fellow, Dept. of Sociology and Industrial Relations Research Institute, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 1991-1992 Fulbright fellow, Dept. of Political Science, Stanford University
- 1995 (Jan-April) Guest fellow, Nuffield College, University of Oxford
- 1995 (May-Sept) Research fellow, Mannheimer Zentrum für Europäische Sozialforschung
- 1999 (May) Milan, Dept. of Political Science, Master class 'European industrial relations'
- 2000 (Jan-Febr) Barcelona, Universita Pompeu Fabra, Master class 'Comparative welfare states and industrial relations'
- 2000 (May) Milan, Dept. of Political Science, Master class 'European industrial relations'
- 2000 (July) Humboldt University and Wissenschaftszentrum, joint PhD course 'Labour markets and welfare states'
- 2001 (Jan-May) University College Utrecht, comparative sociology 310, 'Comparative welfare states'.
- 2001 (April) Uppsala, Institute for Economic History, PhD course 'European social and economic integration'.
- 2002 (June) Pavia, Università degli Studi, Dept. of Political Science, PhD Summer School in European Integration and Social Development.
- 2003 (May) Pavia, Università degli Studi, Interdepartment School for Advanced Studies, Ph.D course sociological theory and comparative methods.
- 2004-2005 Visiting Fellow European University Institute, Florence, Department of Social and Political Science.
- 2005 (Spring) Bocconi University, Milan, Master class International and comparative political economy
- 2007 (Spring) Milan, IBM Professor for Labour Relations, Economics and Law (Rotating Chair with Richard Freeman and Jean Tirole)

Current research interests:

My current research interests and recent publications cover the following topics: the emergence and institutional evolution of social pacts in Europe; changes and variations in trade union representation and collective bargaining across developed and emergent economies; European integration and its interaction with national employment policies and labour relations; international labour standards and the emergence of regional industrial relations regimes; migration of labour and services; the rise and regulation of non-standard employment, and the EU posted workers regime.

Recent research projects:

1. *Statistics of industrial relations and trade unions* – in cooperation with, and with financial assistance from the OECD, ILO, Bureau of Labour Statistics (USA) and EU Research – building of a comprehensive statistical database on Institutional Characteristics of Trade Unions, Wage Setting, State Intervention and Social Pacts (ICTWSS) in 44 countries (including some emergent economies) stretching from 1960 to 2010; this project is enhanced through various dissertation projects on trade unions and collective bargaining, and has its origins in my dissertation and the work with Bernhard Ebbinghaus (University of Mannheim) leading to the main Handbook on Trade Unions in Europe, originally financed by the Volkswagen Foundation.
2. *European industrial relations as a multi-level system* – various subprojects on transnational issues, migration, collective bargaining, social pacts, varieties of IR systems within Europe and comparison of the EU with other world regions, chief editor of *Industrial Relations in Europe* reports in 2004 and 2008, founded by European Commission. In May 2011 publication of *Social Pacts in Europe* at Oxford University Press, with Martin Rhodes (EUI, U. of Denver) and Sabina Avdagic (Sussex University)
3. *Governance as Learning and New Modes of Governance*: research on institutional change, policy diffusion and change in employment, labour market and welfare reforms in the Netherlands and Europe, funded by the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO) as research programme (2004-2009) and in EU 6th Framework (2004-2008) as part of the New Modes of Governance Integrated Project. Newest publication in *New Modes of Governance in Europe* (Palgrave-Macmillan), edited by Adrienne Héritier and Martin Rhodes.
4. *Inequality, associations and social cohesion* – in particular relating to issues of minimum wage setting, legitimacy, access to support and associability, founded under the EU 6th Framework as part of the Network-of-Excellence on Economic Change, Quality of Life and Social Cohesion (EQUALSOC), where I served as research co-ordinator of the cluster on Trust, Associability and Legitimacy.
5. *Global Health and Inequality* – the formation and consequences of a world market in health products and health workers. Initiated in 2009 as a joint programme of excellence of the Faculty of Health and Medicine, and Social and Behavioural Science at the University of Amsterdam, co-director of the social science part with prof. Anita Hardon (Anthropology)

Academic activities and memberships

Co-founder (1998) and scientific Director (2000-2010) of the Amsterdam Institute for Advanced Labour Studies AIAS, the multidisciplinary centre for research and teaching, combining sociology, law, economics and health studies; member of the Executive Board Amsterdam School for Social Science Research ASSR (2000-2003), which integrates research in sociology, anthropology, political science, political economy and statistics, founder (2001) and director of the research cluster on Inequality, Institutions and Internationalisation in the ASSR (2001-2009).

Member of the Evaluation Committee for Economic, Social and Environmental Sciences in the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO, 1996-1999); member of the Advisory Board (1999-2001); Chair of the NWO-committee preparing the multidisciplinary research program on 'Shifts in Governance' program (2001-2002) and evaluating its continuation (2004-2005).

Member of the Royal Dutch Academy of Sciences' committee on the future of sociology (2004-05), member of the Federal Evaluation Committee for sociology and labour research in Belgium (1999-2001); member of the evaluation committee of the Institute for Social Policy Research POLEIS at Bocconi University in Milan (2001); member of the evaluation committee of sociology and social-economic research at the University of Padua (2006).

Co-founder and organizer of the annual PhD Summer School of the European Consortium for Sociological Research (ECSR) in Mannheim (1999), Oxford (2000) and Stockholm (2001); organizer of the 4th (2002) Graduate Summer School in Amsterdam. Co-organizer of the annual Graduate European School for Comparative and Historical Analysis of Social Policy in Europe in Amsterdam (1995), Budapest (1996), Bielefeld (1997), Barcelona (1998), Amsterdam (1999) and Budapest (2000).

Member of the Executive Council of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) (1998-2003); co-organizer of the international research network E 'Comparative political economy and industrial relations' (1997-2006, with M. Regini and later I. Regalia); co-organizer of the annual SASE conference 'The Knowledge Economy and the New Wealth of Nations' in Amsterdam, Faculty of Economics and Econometrics (2001).

Dutch representative in the management committee of the EU COST Action 15 program on 'Modernization of Social Protection Systems'; chair of the EU COST A15 Working Group 4 on 'Employment' (2000-2004); co-organiser of the International Conferences in Cologne (2000), Zagreb (2001), Oslo (2002), Amsterdam (2002) and Nantes (2004)

Member of the Board for Master programs in European Labour Studies, with universities of Louvain, Warwick and LSE, Trier, Granada, Montpellier, Florence and Milan, Lisbon, Dublin, and Budapest (CEU).

Elected member of the Society of Comparative Research (SCR, Yale University, 2002-)

Member of the International Sociological Association (ISA), founding member of ISA RC 43 on 'Labour Movements in Social and Industrial Arenas'; member of the International Industrial Relations Research Association (IRRA); Nederlandse Vereniging voor Arbeidsverhoudingen (NVA); Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE); European Community Studies Association (ECSA); Centre for European Studies (CES); European Sociological Association.

Founding member and member editorial board (1985-1995) of the European Sociological Review; member of editorial board of the European Journal of Industrial Relations; Economic and Industrial Democracy (1995-2004); Industrielle Beziehungen / German Journal of Industrial Relation (2000-2010); Comparative Labor Law and Policy Journal; and 'social science' editorial board of Amsterdam University Press and series on 'Changing European Welfare States'.

Related professional activities and advisory positions

Member EU High Level Group of Industrial Relations and Management of Change for advice to the European Commission on the implementation of the Lisbon Strategy (2001-2002); chief editor of the Industrial Relations in Europe reports for the European Commission (various years); consultant to the Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the International Labour Organization (ILO); member of the Groupe de Reflexion advising the European Trade Union Confederation; member of the Advisory Board of the European Trade Union Institute; co-founder and executive board member of the Netherlands Centrum for Sociale Innovation (NCSI), 2005-2011.