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## PERSONAL DATA

Date of birth: March 26, 1983  
Place of birth: Bunnik, the Netherlands  
Citizenship: Dutch (permanent visa for Brazil)

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## EDUCATION

**PhD program in Climate Change and Sustainable Development** 09/2016 – 2020 (expected)  
Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal

**Postgraduate Course in Corporate Social Responsibility** 03/2010 – 06/2010  
ABK Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen, the Netherlands

**Master of Science (MSc) International Development Studies** 09/2006–10/2008  
Utrecht University, the Netherlands

- *Thesis: Flow or Flaw; Examining tri-national river basin management in the Amazon.*
- Minor in International Environmental Governance.

**International Honors Bachelor in Social Science (BA)** 08/2002–06/2005  
University College Utrecht, the Netherlands

- Graduated with honors (GPA 3.65)
  - *Thesis: Participatory budgeting: a comparative study of three Brazilian cities.*
  - Major in Anthropology and Geography, Minor in Spanish.
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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Technical Translator and research assistant** 11/2015 – 08/2016  
IMC (Climate Change Institute), Rio Branco, Brazil

**Fieldwork assistant and Technical translator** 08/2015 – 08/2016  
Environmental Services Inc., Jacksonville, Florida, USA

- Translated meetings and interviews with stakeholders in the Brazilian Amazon from Portuguese to English and English to Portuguese;
- Provided technical community expertise.

**Research assistant (consultant)** 05/2013 – 07/2015  
Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO), Brasilia, Brazil

- Conducted interviews and environmental risk surveys on vulnerability and adaptation strategies for the Project Integrated and Sustainable Management of Transboundary Water Resources in the Amazon River Basin Considering Climate Variability and Change;
- Analyzed and integrated trinational fieldwork data;
- Assisted the project's coordinator.

**Project Coordinator (consultant)** 08/2013-08/2015  
Municipal Environmental Department, Rio Branco, Brazil

- Conducted socioenvironmental surveys at rural properties;
- Facilitated courses, workshops and seminars with the project's stakeholders;
- Recovered 30 hectares of Permanently Preserved Areas at the Riozinho do Rôla River Basin.

**Research assistant (consultant)** 04/2014-12/2014  
I&T- Gestão de Resíduos, São Paulo, Brazil

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- Conducted interviews with stakeholders to support the elaboration of the Municipal Urban Waste Management Plan;
- Facilitated interdepartmental workshops and conferences.

### **Research assistant (volunteer) 11/2011-04/2013**

Federal University of Acre (UFAC), Rio Branco, Brazil

- Organized monthly research seminars for master students;
- Participated in the research group on sustainability;
- Assisted master students with their research proposals;
- Taught Geography, Sustainable Development and International Cooperation module, Nov. 2011 and Dec. 2012;
- Taught Geography and Regional Tourism module, April 2012.

### **Research assistant (volunteer) 09/2011-05/2013**

Amazon Environmental Research Institute (IPAM), Rio Branco, Brazil

- Conducted research on sustainable development in the Southwestern Amazon region

### **Coordinator**

Weizigt NMC, Dordrecht, the Netherlands

**10/2008 – 07/2011**

- Responsible for designing and delivering of educational program on sustainability for regional high schools;
- Responsible for designing and delivering of educational program on waste management and energy for regional primary schools
- Member of the Project Team ‘Sustainable Dordrecht’
- Member of the coordination team

### **Student assistant**

**03/2008**

University Utrecht, Utrecht, the Netherlands

- Transcribed interview data for PhD student at the Faculty of Social Sciences

### **Research assistant**

**10/2006-12/2006**

Center for Research on Multinational Corporations (SOMO), Amsterdam, the Netherlands

- Conducted research on corporate social responsibility;
- Coordinated two international NGO platforms: Red Puentes and OECD Watch.

### **Research intern**

**09/2005-02/2006**

Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Den Haag, the Netherlands

- Examined the cooperation between Dutch Embassies and NGOs in developing countries;
- Organized conferences, lectures and workshops.

### **Research intern**

**05/2005-08/2005**

Federal University of Rondônia, Porto Velho, Brazil

University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

- Participated in Exchange program on transdisciplinary education, entrepreneurship and sustainable development in the river communities Nazaré and Extractive Reserve Cuniã;
  - Conducted interviews with stakeholders in Extractive Reserve Lago de Cuniã;
  - Developed an interdisciplinary project proposal for entrepreneurship in Extractive Reserve Lago de Cuniã.
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### LANGUAGES

Dutch (native), English (fluent – Cambridge FCE certificate C1 level), Portuguese (advanced), Spanish, French and German (Intermediate)

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### PUBLICATIONS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- De Wit, F.C.A. (2018), Low-Emission Rural Development in the Brazilian Amazon. In: Proceedings of the INternational CongRess on Engineering and Sustainability in the XXI cEntury – INCREaSE 2017. Springer International Publishing, 2018.
- De Wit, F.C.A. (2015), Heart, Head, Hands: Combining Environmental Education and English Language Learning. In: Cara Jr., J. & Locks, L. (eds.) Entornos e Contornos. Vol. 8. Editora CNA, São Paulo, Brazil
- Perz, S., Rojas, R., Castillo, J., Brown, I.F., Chavez, A.B., Passos, V., Mello, R., Reyes, J.F., Saavedra, M., de Wit, F.C.A., Cespedes, D.A.. “La Amazonía como un Sistema Socio-ecológico: Las Dinámicas de Cambios Complejos Humanos y Ambientales en una Frontera Tri-nacional”. In: Postigo, J.C and Young K.R. (eds.) Naturaleza y Sociedad: Perspectivas Socio-Ecológicas sobre Cambios Globales en América Latina. *Manuscript in preparation*.
- Mendoza, E.; De Wit, F.; Reis, V.L.; Brown, I.F.; Souza da Silva, S.; Palomino, W.; Fuentes, H.L.; Torres, J.L.O.; Reyes, J.F.; Lopes, E.; Gomes, J.; Bracciale, A.; Fenzl, N.; Apostolova, M.. (2015) Adaptation to Climate Change in the Transboundary MAP Region. In: *Integrative sciences and sustainable development of rivers*. Paper presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference I.S. Rivers 2015: Integrative sciences and sustainable development of rivers. Lyon, 22-26 June 2015. Graie, Lyon, France.
- De Wit, F.C.A. Impressões Internacionais da Amazônia Sul-Occidental. *Amazônia S/A*. p.15 - 17, 2012.

### Oral presentations

- 2018 – Polycentric Climate Governance and the Amazon Tipping Point – Indigenous Climate Governance in Acre-Brazil and Ucayali-Peru. Doctoral Consortium on Geographical Information Systems Theory, Applications and Management 2018. March 17-19, 2018. Funchal, Madeira – Portugal
- 2018 – Vulnerability of Water Resources and Climate Adaptation Strategies in the Southeastern Amazon. National Conference on Climate Change. February 19-20, 2018. Universidade-Tras-os-Montes e Alto Douro, Vila Real – Portugal.
- 2017 -Climate Governance in the Amazon: Examining the case of Acre through the eyes of Berta Becker. I Colóquio Luso-brasileiro de História e Teoria de Geografia. November 2-3, 2017, Lisbon, Portugal
- 2017 – Low-Emission Rural Development in the Brazilian Amazon. INternational CongRess on Engineering and Sustainability in the XXI cEntury – INCREaSE 2017. October 11-13, Faro, Portugal.
- 2016 - The Trinational Rio Acre River Basin and its possible shared management regimes. La Jornada Geográfica "Globalización y Gestión de Cuencas Transfronterizas". Geographical Society of Lima. August 2, 2016, Cobija, Bolivia.
- 2015: Adaptation to Climate Change in the Transboundary MAP region. 2nd International Conference I.S. Rivers 2015, 22-26 June 2015, Lyon, France.
- 2012: Climate Change, Environmental Services and Adaptation. 9th MAP Forum, November 15, 2012, Cobija, Bolivia.
- 2011: Sharing information and research results from the Amazon Environmental Research Institute. National Science and Technology Week 2011. October 17, 2011, Rio Branco, Brazil.

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### Poster presentations

- De Wit, F.C.A., Ribeiro, F. (2015) Transdisciplinar Exchange Project on Sustainable Development between Holland and Brazil. X Jornada Científica CEDSA. Porto Velho, Brazil.
- De Wit, F.C.A, Reis, V.L., Mendoza, E., Gomes, J., Fuentes, H., Reyes J.F.; Brown, I.F. (2015). Expedição Trinacional no Rio Acre; Análise de risco e vulnerabilidade na parte alta da bacia. 10th Trinational MAP Forum: New ways for adaptation and resilience to climate events in the MAP Region. 9-11 November, 2015, Rio Branco, Brazil.
- De Wit, F.C.A.; Reis, V.; Rioja-Ballivian, G.(2015). The transboundary Acre river basin in Southwestern Amazonia and possible shared management regimes. 10th Trinational MAP Forum: New ways for adaptation and resilience to climate events in the MAP Region. 9-11 November, 2015, Rio Branco, Brazil.
- De Wit, F.C.A. (2015) EaD como Estratégia para a Sustentabilidade. Seminário Acreana de Educação a Distancia, 30/09 – 2/10/2015, Rio Branco, Brazil.

### Other conference participation:

- Translated *Workshop and Seminar on Community Forest Monitoring*. Global Canopy Program (GCP). April 20-24, 2015 Xapuri, Brazil.
  - Representing the Amazon Environmental Research Institute (IPAM) at the *United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20)*, 13 to 15 June, 2012, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
  - Participated in the *1st International Simposia on Regional Development in the Amazon/ 3th Symposium on Regional Development in Acre. Frontiers: Great Projects and Geopolitics*. Federal University of Acre, 30/11 -02/12/2012, Rio Branco, Brazil.
  - Member of the Organizaing Commity, *7th Trinational MAP Forum, “Mudanças Globais: Sociedades locais desenhando soluções regionais”*. 15-17 November, 2007. Epitaciolandia and Brasileira, Brazil.
  - Participated in the *Eurotope.net Conference*. Ekologicke Centrum Toulcv Dvur, Prague. August 9, 2006. Salto Youth, European Union. Prague, Czech Republic.
  - Participated in the *8th annual United Nations International Student Conference of Amsterdam (UNISCA)*, Universiteit van Amsterdam, January 11-21, 2005. Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
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## CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING

- **Climate-KIC Summer School, The Journey 2017**  
EIT Climate-KIC. July 31 – Sept 3. Paris, Dublin and Riga.
- **Anthropological Perspectives on Indigenous People in Brazil**  
ICS, June 26 – July 12 2017. Lisbon, Portugal
- **Nature-Based Design Frameworks**  
CE3C - University of Lisbon. May 15-19 2017. Lisbon, Portugal.
- **Governing Climate Change Spring School**  
INOGOV. March 27-31. Heerlen, the Netherlands.
- **Sustainable Transition - participatory & holistic methodologies**  
CE3C - University of Lisbon. March 14-16, 2017. Lisbon, Portugal
- **Leadership Innovation for Accelerated Energy Transition: A Gaming Approach**  
EIT Climate-KIC. November 24-25, 2016. Wroclaw, Poland
- **Permaculture Research Design Course**  
PND, Base, Liberation Ecology & CE3C, Vale de Lama, Portugal. October, 2016
- **Amazon Biome and Deforestation**  
IBAM, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. January, 2016. Online.

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- **Municipal Environmental Management**  
IBAM, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. November, 2015. Online.
  - **Brazilian Rural Environmental Registry System** (Cadastro Ambiental Rural)  
Federal University of Lavras, Brazil. February, 2015.
  - **Integral River Basin Management.**  
CATIE, Tropical Agronomy Research Center, Costa Rica. July – September, 2013. Online.
  - **Governance and Forest Management with emphasis on REDD+.**  
CATIE, Tropical Agronomy Research Center, Costa Rica. November 14-24, 2011. Xapuri, Brazil.
  - **Developing Strategies for Collaborative Environmental Management in the Southwestern Amazon.**  
University of Acre (UFAC) and University of Florida (UF). August 1-7, 2011. Xapuri, Brazil.
  - **International Project Management in the European Union.**  
Portimão, Portugal. SALTO Youth, European Union. March 12-16, 2008
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### MEMBERSHIP

- **Member of the Association K-Evolution**  
Education on Sustainable development for the local municipality of Setúbal, Portugal. 2018 - ...
- **Member of the Directing Council**  
National Dutch Association of Professionals in the Environmental field (VVM), section Environmental Education. 2010-2011
- **Member of the Executive Council**  
Student Network for Sustainable Development in the Netherlands (MORGEN). 2005-2006
- **Member International Advisory Council of Dutch Government**  
De Derde Kamer - Advising the Dutch government on issues related to international cooperation and sustainable development. 2004-2005