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CURRENT POSITIONS

- 2021-
Present Thammasat University, Faculty of Political Science, Public Administration
Lecturer, Bangkok, Thailand
- 2021-
2022 (Jan) **University of Groningen**, Faculty of Spatial Sciences,
Department of Spatial Planning and Environment,
Junior Researcher, Groningen, the Netherlands
- 2017-
2021 **University of Groningen**, Faculty of Spatial Sciences,
Department of Spatial Planning and Environment,
Ph.D. Researcher, Groningen, the Netherlands

EDUCATION

- 2021 Ph.D. in Spatial Planning and Environment,
Department of Spatial Planning and Environment, Faculty of Special Sciences,
University of Groningen, the Netherlands.
Ph.D. Thesis Title: *Planning for inclusive flood resilience in Southeast Asia*
- 2017 M.Sc. in Spatial Sciences (Research), Department of Spatial Planning
and Environment, Faculty of Special Sciences,
University of Groningen, the Netherlands.
- 2014 B.A. in International Relations and Politics (First Class Honors),
Faculty of Political Sciences, **Thammasat University**,
Bangkok, Thailand

EARLIER EXPERIENCE

- 2015 **The Office of United Nations Resident Coordinator in Thailand**,
Information Analyst, Bangkok, Thailand
- 2014-
2015 **Asian Disaster Preparedness Center**, Department of Resilient
Cities and Urban Risk Management, *Project Assistant*, Bangkok Thailand
- 2014 **Post Publishing Company**, *Journalist Intern*, Bangkok, Thailand

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

Laeni, N., van den Brink, M., & Arts, J. (2021). Institutional Conditions for Inclusive, Flood Resilient Urban Deltas: A Comparative Institutional Analysis of Two International Resilience Programs in Southeast Asia. *Water*, 13(18), 2478.

Laeni, N., Brink, M. V. D., Busscher, T., Ovink, H., & Arts, J. (2020). Building Local Institutional Capacities for Urban Flood Adaptation: Lessons from the Water as Leverage Program in Semarang, Indonesia. *Sustainability*, 12(23), 10104.

Laeni, N., van den Brink, M. A., Trell, E. M., & Arts, E. J. M. M. (2020). Going Dutch in the Mekong Delta: a framing perspective on water policy translation. *Journal of Environmental Policy & Planning*, 1-18.

Laeni, N., van den Brink, M., & Arts, J. (2019). Is Bangkok becoming more resilient to flooding? A framing analysis of Bangkok's flood resilience policy combining insights from both insiders and outsiders. *Cities*, 90, 157-167.

Book Chapter

Laeni, N., Ovink, H., Busscher, T., Handayani, W., & Brink, M. V. D. (2021). A transformative process for urban climate resilience: The case of Water as Leverage Resilient Cities Asia in Semarang, Indonesia. In *Climate Resilient Urban Areas* (pp. 155-173). Palgrave Macmillan, Cham.

Scientific and Technical Reports

"Water as Leverage Reflect" (2021), Envoy for International Water Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Architecture Workroom Brussels (AWB), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), University of Groningen. Available online the www.worldwateratlas.org.

"Characterizing Public and Private Adaptation to Climate Risks and Implications for Long-Term Adaptive Capacity in Asian Megacities" 2015, Asia Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN) and Thammasat University.

"Bringing Collaborative Governance in Community Early Warning System for Flood Risk Reduction" 2015, the Program for Reduction of Vulnerability to Floods in Thailand, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

2020-2021 PhD Research Project: "Institutional design for the transition to flood resilience in developing countries", Faculty of Spatial Sciences, University of Groningen. Supervised by Professor Jos Arts and Dr. Margo van den Brink.

2020-2021 Research Project funded by the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO): "Spatial designers as boundary spanners in spatial transformations towards a sustainable society", Faculty of Spatial Sciences, University of Groningen. In collaboration with Dr. Margo van den Brink, Dr. Ir. Annet Kempenaar, Dr. Ir. Terry van Dijk, Henk Ovink.

2020-2021 University of Groningen research contribution to: "reflect on the front-end and planning phase of the Water as Leverage program". In collaboration with the Dutch Special Envoy for International Water Affairs, the OECD and Architecture Workroom Brussels

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

Papers presented

- 2021 Webinar Scientific Conference Climate and Sustainable Development Challenges of Governance in ASEAN and the Asia-Pacific, on the occasion of Climate Adaptation Summit (CAS2021), 25 January. *“Response to Flood Risk in Bangkok, Thailand: Essential institutional conditions for inclusive flood resilience in Southeast Asia”*.
- 2020 Online Conference on Regional Design: A Transformative Approach to Planning, Association of European Schools of Planning Thematic Group on Regional Design, 2 October. *“Water as Leverage’ – A Transformative design-led approach to urban flood resilience in Asia”*. Co-authored with Dr. Ir. Annet Kempenaar, Dr. Margo van den Brink, Dr. Tim Busscher.
- 2020 International Conference – Delta Design in Times of Climate Crisis, the Delft University of Technology, Delft, the Netherlands, 5-6 March. *“The resilience strategy formulation and local institutional capacities”*.
- 2017 Association of European Schools of Planning Annual Congress, Gothenburg, Sweden, 10-14 July. *“Going Dutch in water management: transferring the Dutch Delta Approach for global water”*.
- 2017 12TH Association of European Schools of Planning Young Academic Conference, Groningen, the Netherlands, 26-29 March. *“Dealing with uncertainties: framing resilience in Bangkok flood risk management”*.

Discussant

- 2018 SEA-ASEAN Fall Conference 2018 Challenges of Governance for Innovation, Resilience and Sustainability, SEA-ASEAN Research Center, University of Groningen, Brussels, Belgium, 28 October- 1 November.

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Journal Manuscript Review

International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction (2019)
WIREs Water (2022)

PERSONAL INFORMATION and INTERESTS

Date of Birth 26 February 1993
Place of Birth Narathiwat Province, Thailand
Language Thai (Native), English (Intermediate), Malay (Basic)
Interest Debate, Cross-cultural learning, Development in Southeast Asia, Urban Governance, Media and Politics, Peace-Building, Resilience Planning and Climate Adaptation, Place-based Policies, Intra-Inter Regional Learning and Cooperation