

THE GRADUATE



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Date of Birth:	September 14, 1967.
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Graduation date:	September 1991.

Summary of Thesis:

The topic of my thesis was the optimal share of real estate in the portfolio of Dutch investors. At that time, there was not yet a more or less reliable index for real estate assets like the ROZ-index today. Only later I developed an interest in aviation research which has resulted in articles (often with co-authors) in journals such as *Regional Studies*, *Journal of Air Transport Management*, *Journal of Economic and Social Geography* (TESG), *ESB*, *Geografie*, *Rooilijn* and a number of books and reports (such as the preliminary cost-benefit analysis of the extension of Schiphol Airport).

Your relationship with Aerius:

Unfortunately, I don't have much time to attend the activities of Aerius (such as study trips and lectures) but I have contributed to *Aerlines* together with co-authors. Given my interest in aviation (research) I like to keep informed of what is going on in the field.

Current Employer:

Ministry of Economic Affairs

Since:

October 15, 2002

Function:

Unit manager Spatial Economic Strategy

Job Contents:

Our unit is part of the *Directie Ruimtelijk Economisch Beleid* of our Ministry, and my job is to identify trends and to provide and to comment on research output that is relevant for decision-making in the policy areas (including for example, Schiphol).

Future wishes:

I am happy where I am at the moment.

Previous employer:

CPB Netherlands Bureau of Economic Policy Analysis.

Previous function:

Scientific researcher.

Your application experiences:

So far, I have been very fortunate. In most cases I was asked to apply for a position.

Your Golden Rule for application (interviews):

Ask yourself from what part of a job you derive satisfaction before you apply.

Some short questions:	
Newspaper:	NRC Handelsblad.
Magazine:	The Economist.
Radio:	I hardly listen to the radio.
Music:	Some of my favourites are Sly and the Family Stone, Tom Waits, Zuco 103.
Last book:	<i>31 Songs</i> by Nick Hornby. As always Hornby (<i>Fever Pitch</i> , <i>High Fidelity</i> , <i>About a boy</i>) combines one of his fascinations (in this case popular music) with a deeply personal account of events in his life.
Sport(s):	Squash
Food:	A ritual every Saturday (if I am in town): a white bun with herring (with onions of course) followed by a white bun with <i>sprot</i> from my neighborhood fish seller. There is nothing like it!
You can wake me up for:	my beautiful daughter Lieve (7 months old). Unfortunately, she realizes this far too often.
City:	Maputo (capital of Mozambique).
Country:	Spain
Season:	Not one in particular, I live close to the beach and all seasons have their charm.
Holiday:	There were many good ones, but a hiking holiday in Andalusia together with my girl friend was one of the best. In one week we only met three people when following our trail. Afterwards, we had a very nice time in Seville.
Best flight:	For a number of years I used to lecture a few times a year in Cambridge (England). Suckling Airways (now Scott Airways) offered flights with a 20-seat airplane from Schiphol to the small airport of Cambridge. On board the stewardess served what looked like home-made sandwiches and plenty of drinks. Great and personal service you can only hope for at other airlines. I was once told that Suckling was founded by a husband (the pilot) and wife (the stewardess) and they could be right. I wonder what became of them.
Worst flight:	My worst flight was probably a connecting flight to University Park, Pennsylvania with US Air. Soon after we got our drinks, the turbulence got so bad that it starting raining ice cubes in the cabin. A number of people started panicking and some were sick. I was glad when we hit the tarmac.