

## Topics for thesis (Global and) European Studies master students 2018-2019

### a) dr. Minna van Gerven

Minna van Gerven is assistant professor of sociology of governance. She is an expert in the field of Global and European social and health policy governance. More specifically, she is interested in comparative (cross-country/multi-level) policy analysis, construction of policy ideas and policy learning, and diffusion and implementation of policies. She welcomes Master thesis proposals in the area of welfare (social security, social protection, social inclusion, poverty and basic income/minimum income, social/digital inequality), health (social care, elderly care, child care & family policy, health care systems), employment (unemployment, activation, reintegration, labour market), retirement/old age pension, gender (reconciliation work and care, gender equality) and migration (integration) in relation to technological change.

Google Scholar profile:

<https://scholar.google.nl/citations?user=ThhggUsAAAAJ&hl=nl&inst=5726176096060060532&oi=ao>

UT website: <https://www.utwente.nl/en/bms/pa/staff/gerven/#general-information>

### b) prof. Ramses Wessel

Ramses Wessel is professor of international and European law and governance. He is an internationally recognised expert in the area of EU external relations and the law of international organizations. See further and for ideas: <https://www.utwente.nl/en/bms/pa/staff/wessel/>. He welcomes Master thesis proposals in the following areas:

- Legal governance aspects of the role of the EU in the world;
- Multilevel governance / the relations between the global, EU and domestic legal and political orders;
- International organizations
- Global and European security
- Brexit

### c) dr. Martin Rosema

Martin Rosema is an assistant professor of political science who specialized in elections and referendums and also has a keen interest in political psychology. Potential master thesis topics about the European Union (EU) that link up closely to his expertise include European Parliament elections, referendums about European integration, support for the EU, European identity, and democratic quality and legitimacy in the EU. Students who are interested in writing a master thesis in one of these areas are warmly invited to write down their initial ideas about what to research and how (one page), and make an individual appointment to further discuss the possibility of a master thesis on their chosen topic. For more information about Martin Rosema's teaching and research, please refer to his personal website at

<http://www.utwente.nl/mb/pa/staff/rosema/>

**d) Shawn Donnelly, B.A. (Wilfrid Laurier), M.A. (Waterloo), Ph.D. (McGill), Dr. Habil (Bremen)**

Shawn Donnelly is Assistant Professor of International Relations and European Studies at Twente. He is the author of 3 books that use international relations theory to explain European economic governance (Reshaping Economic and Monetary Union, 2004; The Regimes of European Integration, 2010; and Power Politics, Banking Union and EMU, 2018). He is also the author of numerous articles on both European and global economic governance. He is exceptionally well versed in comparative politics and political economy, using this as a starting point to understanding how national governments cope with the pressures of competitiveness today and in the past, and as a building block in studies of international negotiations to create European and international institutions and modes of cooperation.

His current interests are in (1) the continuing problems of the Eurozone (design and functionality of financial stability provisions; North-South divisions over fiscal union and EMU membership rules); (2) continuing economic and social problems of some of its member states, particularly Italy, Spain and Greece; (3) the increasing divide between Europe and the rest of the world on economic policy and institutions; (4) European strategy for dealing with a world in which both America and China pose new challenges for the EU; and the reshaping of international relations on more realist lines, both globally and within Europe.

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