

Europass Curriculum Vitae

Personal information

First name(s) / Surname(s) **Sietske Dijkstra, Ph.D.**

Nationality **Dutch**

Date of birth **14-06-1960**

Gender **Female**



Profile

Expert knowledge, cooperative, integrity, creative, multi-perspectives, interagency work, international, outside-the-box thinking, practice-based, gender- and trauma sensitive.

Author and editor

Author of numerous books and articles. See www.sietske-dijkstra.com

Recent work on post-divorce safety:

- De Vaan, K. Dijkstra, S. en B. Witkamp (2016) Gendersensitiviteit van prevalentieonderzoek huiselijk geweld: een advies aan het WODC, Regioplan/Bureau Dijkstra, Amsterdam/Utrecht.
- Dijkstra, S., Krechtig, L. en A. Menger (2017b) Leerateliers Verdiepingsomgeving ZSM Jeugd, Gezin en Zeden Reflectie op basis van drie leerateliers in Noord-Holland, Limburg en Midden-Nederland, januari KSI, Hogeschool Utrecht.
- Dijkstra, S. & W. Verhoeven (2015) Post-divorce parenting and fatal violence. Separate worlds and tense relations, *Social Work Now*, 13-19, [social-work-now-mach-r2015](http://social-work-now-mach-r2015.com).
- Dijkstra, S. (2016a) Actieagenda voor complexe scheiding: betere analyses, normstelling bij beschadigend gedrag en passende hulp. E-bundel Kenniscentrum Sociale Innovatie, Hogeschool Utrecht, 138-149.
- Dijkstra, S. (2016b). Listening to Children and Parents: Seven Dimensions to Untangle High-Conflict Divorce, in Liefwaard, T. & J. Sloth-Nielsen (Eds.) 2016, *The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child: Taking Stock after 25 Years and Looking Ahead*, Leiden: Brill Nijhoff, 855-876.
- Dijkstra, S. (2014) 'Knellende maatschappelijke normen over ouderschap. Escalatie bij vechtscheiding nader beschouwd' In: Van der Pas, A. (red.) *Hoezo probleemouders? Tien opstellen over de ongemakkelijke relatie ouders-maatschappij*, Amsterdam: SWP.
- Dijkstra, S. & W. Verhoeven (2014) *Gescheiden werelden en gespannen verhoudingen. Ouderschap na scheiding en geweld met dodelijke afloop. Maatwerk*
- Dijkstra, S. (2014) To reach out for skilful performance. The importance of Tacit Knowing in Handling Domestic Violence. *Appraisal*, 10, 1, 33-42.
- Dijkstra, S. & N. van Dartel (2011) Hidden treasures. How good professionals work with and clients experience domestic violence, SWP, Amsterdam.

Work experience

International experience in teaching, training, coordinating practice-based research and consultation. International network and leadership in understanding and treating Domestic Violence

Published author of ten books and multiple book-length studies. Highly qualified interviewer on sensitive topics. Analytical, compassionate, creative, reflective, gender-sensitive, proactive, pioneering team builder.

Main activities and responsibilities Consultation, training, project management, teaching, coaching, and applied research for social professionals in the field of Domestic Violence with knowledge of primary groups within families.

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Recognized nationally for research and publications concerning complex cases of domestic conflict and the skilful performance of social work professionals.

Supervising the thesis of master police academy students since June 2015.

Training almost 150 (youth and shelter) professionals since 2014 in a three days course on complex divorce and an in-depth course at the Rino Group,
<http://www.rinogroep.nl/opleiding/3766/complex-scheidingen.html>

External member of the examination board social studies HU, University of Applied Sciences Utrecht since October 2015.

Researcher and expert-knowledge on domestic violence and high conflict divorce, developing a project team on domestic violence since December 2015 , KSI, Faculty of Society and Law, HU, University of Applied Sciences Utrecht,
https://www.research.hu.nl/Kenniscentra/Sociale-Innovatie?_ga=1.65589160.724660539.1444250783

Date January 1998 – Present

Name and address of employer The Dijkstra Agency
 Bouwstraat 45e, 3572 SP Utrecht, NL

Occupation or position held Social Welfare Research, Consultation, Training, Publishing • 1998 - Present
 Professor and Author, Domestic Violence and Inter-agency Work • 2007-2014

Main activities and responsibilities Consultation, training, teaching, coaching, and applied research for social professionals in the field of Domestic Violence with knowledge of primary groups within families.

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Recognized nationally for research and publications concerning complex cases of domestic conflict and the skilful performance of social work professionals. Supervised, led, managed, and guided applied research in the social work field.

Author/editor of more than ten professional and trade books and numerous articles.

Appointed to Samson Commission (July 2010- December 2012), the federal investigation of sexual abuse in foster and in residential care of the Netherlands since 1945. Awarded the Raak-Pro Grant for applying the Flag System for adolescents in residential care, April 2013 - July 2014.

Coordinated curriculum development with teachers, social professionals, students, peers, experts, victims, family members, and network at Avans Hogeschool within the Centre for Public Safety and Criminal Justice. Published and presented pioneering work on tacit knowing applied to social professions. Developed techniques for handling abusive partners and methods for caring for children and women in shelters and addressing abusive males as fathers. Led master classes in Domestic Violence treatment and inter agency work. www.expertisentrum-veiligheid.nl

Employees supervised 8

Date December 2015 until Present

Name and address of employer KSI, Faculty of Society and Law, HU, University of Applied Sciences Utrecht
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 3584CS Utrecht 3508 AJ Utrecht
 The Netherlands
 0031 (0)88 4817090
www.socialeinnovatie.hu.nl

Type of business or sector Higher education: University of Applied Sciences

Date February 2007 – 2014

Name and address of employer Avans Hogeschool, University of Applied Sciences
P.O. Box 732
5201 AS 's- Hertogenbosch
The Netherlands

Type of business or sector Higher education: University of Applied Sciences

Date December 1990- October 2000

Name of employer University of Utrecht

Occupation or position held Researcher and Teacher
Women's Studies, Communication and Welfare, Developmental Psychology

Main activities and responsibilities Grant-funded research in the following:
sexually abused males; group work as intervention; giving meaning to abuse in childhood; sexual harassment in home care; teaching on Domestic Violence and its consequences; policy and theory concerning Domestic Violence. Ph.D. awarded in 2000

Type of business or sector Higher education: University of Applied Sciences

Date 1984 - 1987

Name of employer University of Amsterdam

Occupation or position held Interview and train on national survey/structured interviews on sexual abuse of girls

Education and training March 1987: University of Groningen
Degree in Psychology and certification for teaching Sociology and Psychology,
October 2000: University of Utrecht
Ph.D. in Social Sciences
Dissertation: *Falling down and getting back up.*
How women and men give meaning to experiences of abuse in childhood
June 2008: Avans University of Applied Sciences, Breda,NL
Public lecture: "Bring in the family,"

Mother tongue(s) Dutch, Frysian (Friesian)

Other language(s) English, French, German

Self-assessment	Understanding		Speaking		Writing
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C1	C1	C1
French	B2	B2	B2	B2	A2
German	B1	B1	B1	B1	B2

(*) [Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#)

Additional information Major Accomplishments

Appointment to the Samson Commission, 2010-2012: Netherlands federal governmental investigation of sexual abuse in residential youth care since 1945
www.onderzoek-seksueel-kindermisbruik.nl

Authored more than ten published professional and trade books

Development of Tacit Knowing Training (TKT)

Memberships

Scientific Board of the Association of Social Work since 2008
Board of the Platform Lecturers in Care and Welfare from 2008 until 2014
Think tank of the National Police's programme in Domestic Violence, contributing member 2008 – 2014
AVG for female professionals working on Domestic Violence, Founding President, 2005
Coordinated Action on Human Rights Violations (CAHRV), Europe, Participating Member, 2002-2006
Journal on Parenting, International Issue, Co-Editor, 2005-2009.
American Philosophical Association: presenting member since 2014
Polanyi Society: presenting member since 2012

Applied Research

Panels at national and international conferences and master classes, Europe, UK, US, Canada, chair and presenting member, 2008 – Present
Interview and train on first national retrospective study on sexual abuse of girls, including doctoral research on theories about surviving and adapting to sexual abuse, 1984-1987
Sexual abuse of males and available therapeutic resources, 1996
Giving meaning to childhood experiences with abuse (sexual, physical, psychic) and its intergenerational transmission since the nineties
Parenting and family abuse since the nineties
Violence and resilience in families, 2007
Hidden Treasures: how good professionals and clients deal with Domestic Violence, 2010, 2011
Children and child workers in the shelter work, 2010
Partner violence and child abuse, 2010.
Professionals learning to deal with honour-related violence, 2010
Guided return after violence, 2010
Good professionals working in complex cases: the Polanyian perspective, since 2010
Learning from complex fatal cases: 2010 – Present
Inter-agency cooperation in delinquent youth- and domestic violence cases, since 2016

Assignments

First national study of children exposed to violence, Ministry of Justice, 2001
Evaluation of strength-based interventions to benefit children and families in shelters, 2012
Pre-pilot research on "Caring Dads", 2012-2014
Research on the Flag system: a pedagogic intervention technique for dealing with sexuality focused on young adults and professionals in residential care, a four-year project begun in 2013- 2014.

Research Site Visits and Conference Presentations

ENGV, conference on violence against women, Istanbul, 2016
Institute on Religion in an Age of Science, presentation on DV and queer theory, USA, August 2015
Workshop University of Humanistics with Jessica Benjamin, April 2015
Eurocrim (European Society of Criminology), presentation on high conflict divorce, Prague, 2014
American Philosophical Association Conference, presentation on tacit knowing, Philadelphia, 2014; presentation on high conflict divorce, Washington, 2015; presentation on trauma and decoherence, Baltimore, 2016.
University of Reykjavik, School of Social Work, masterclass on addiction and domestic violence
The Primacy of Persons, Yale University, New Haven, USA, 2014
PATNET, San Francisco, USA, May 2013
University of Leeds, UK, International Master class on DV, 2013
Polanyi Conference, Chicago, USA, 2012
University of Humanistics on Sennett & the Ethics of Craftsmanship, 2012
Master classes handling DV, organizer, 2011, 2012 Den Bosch
Oxford and Basel, European Network on Social Work research, 2011, 2012
Parenting of abusive males, Minnesota, USA, 2010
Vancouver, UBC, and Victoria 2002
Canada, London Ontario, 2001, 2007
Family Violence, San Diego, 2000