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Short Bio Sketch

I am a **Full Professor in Freight Transport and Logistics** in the Operations, Planning, Accounting, and Control group at the Department of Industrial Engineering & Innovation Sciences, Eindhoven University of Technology in the Netherlands. I focus on understanding and improving freight transport and logistics systems. Alongside my research, I am the department's **Director of Education and Graduate Program Director**, a role that connects our department to the rest of the university and frees me from regular teaching duties due to its extensive responsibilities.

My **research** covers a broad and dynamic spectrum in freight transport and logistics. Together with a team of around 20 Ph.D. students, I develop advanced quantitative models and cutting-edge analytical tools—drawing on Operations Research methods such as integer programming, branch-and-price, and metaheuristics, as well as Artificial Intelligence techniques like reinforcement learning and machine learning. These approaches allow us to tackle complex challenges in vehicle routing, city logistics, last-mile delivery, network design, and crowd shipping, and to address emerging needs in digitalization, big data, and the Internet of Things. I have published over 165 papers, secured significant research funding, and contributed to top journals such as *Management Science*, *Transportation Science*, and *Transportation Research Part B*. My work is recognized with over 15,300 citations and an h-index of 66 on Google Scholar, reflecting its broad impact in both academia and practice.

As **Director of Education and Graduate Program Director**, I link our department with university-wide education efforts. I work with other education directors and with the Bachelor College and Graduate School deans to shape policies, strategies, and long-term visions for the university. This includes major projects such as redesigning the university's Bachelor College and Graduate School. In my department, I translate these university decisions into concrete actions, adapting them to our specific needs and goals. I lead a team of eight program chairs and collaborate closely with the education administration to make meaningful improvements. My **administrative and leadership roles** have strengthened my skills in collaboration, strategic planning, and decision-making. I have served on committees for recruitment and promotion, been a board member and deputy chair of our research group, and contributed to departmental policy-making. I manage programs for around 2,000 B.Sc., M.Sc., EngD, and Ph.D. students. I have chaired the Bachelor Program in Industrial Engineering and led the Exam Committee. I am also the Academic Director of the Executive Master in Operations and Supply Chain Management at TIAS Business School. Until 2024, I directed the Global Supply Chain Management program at Antwerp Management School.

Core to my research approach is close **collaboration with industry**, in which companies act as “living laboratories” by sharing real-world data and cases. Thanks to strong partnerships, including my role as Director of the European Supply Chain Forum, my research not only advances academic knowledge but also offers practical results for sustainable logistics, smart mobility, and operational efficiency.

Throughout my career, I have shown **strategic leadership in both academic and industry contexts**. I focus on bridging theory and practice to generate innovative solutions in freight transport and logistics. In education management, I aim to align our departmental direction with the university's long-term goals, ensuring our programs remain strong, relevant, and future-ready.


Current Positions

- 2011 –  **Full Professor of Freight Transport & Logistics**, Department of Industrial Engineering and Innovation Sciences, Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands.
- 2025 –  **University lead of the TU/e Portfolio AI and Education**. Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands.
- 2019 –  **Director of Education**. Department of Industrial Engineering and Innovation Sciences, Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands.
-  **Graduate Program Director**. Department of Industrial Engineering and Innovation Sciences, Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands.
- 2017 –  **Director of the European Supply Chain Forum**. Department of Industrial Engineering and Innovation Sciences, Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands.
- 2006 –  **Member of the Operations, Planning, Accounting and Control Board**. Department of Industrial Engineering and Innovation Sciences, Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands.
- 2017 –  **Collaborating member**. CIRRELT, Montreal, Canada.
- 2022 –  **Academic Director Executive Master Operations and Supply Chain Management (MOS)**. Tias Business School, Tilburg, The Netherlands.
- 2024 –  **INFORMS Senior Member**. INFORMS, USA.





Employment History

- 2013 – 2024  **Academic Director Full-time Master Global Supply Chain Management**. Antwerp Management School, Antwerp, Belgium.
 - 2018 – 2023  **Curriculum Chair B.Sc. Industrial Engineering**. Department of Industrial Engineering and Innovation Sciences, Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands.
 - 2014 – 2017  **Director 4TU.SAI Professional Doctorate in Engineering (PDEng/EngD) Graduate Program Logistics Management Systems**. Department of Industrial Engineering and Innovation Sciences, Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands.
 - 2014 – 2014  **Chair (ad interim) of the Operations, Planning, Accounting and Control Group**. Department of Industrial Engineering and Innovation Sciences, Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands.
 - 2013 – 2014  **Chair of the Exam Committee Industrial Engineering**. Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands.
 - 2011 – 2013  **Member of the Exam Committee Industrial Engineering**. Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands.
 - 2009 – 2012  **Manager Education of the Operations, Planning, Accounting and Control Group**. Department of Industrial Engineering and Innovation Sciences, Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands.
 - 2008 – 2011  **Part-time Professor of Operations Management**. Université Catholique De Louvain, Belgium.
 - 2010 – 2010  **Associate Professor of Operations Management**. Department of Industrial Engineering and Innovation Sciences, Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands.
 - 2003 – 2010  **Assistant Professor of Operations Management**. Department of Industrial Engineering and Innovation Sciences, Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands.
 - 2008 – 2008  **Visiting professor**. MIT-Zaragoza Logistics Center (ZLC), Spain.
 - 2007 – 2008  **Part-time Professor of Operations Management**. Lessius University College, Belgium.
 - 2003 – 2007  **Part-time Professor of Statistics**. Vesalius College, Free University Brussels, Belgium.
- December 29, 2025

Employment History (continued)

1997 – 2003  **Research and Teaching Assistant.** University of Antwerp, Belgium.

Education

- 1999 – 2003  **Ph.D. Operations Management and Operations Research.** University of Antwerp, Belgium.
Thesis title: *Models for uninterrupted traffic flows, a queueing approach.*
Promotor: Prof.dr. Nico Vandaele (KULeuven, Belgium)
- 1997 – 1999  **Doctorandus Operations Management and Operations Research.** UFSIA, University of Antwerp, Belgium.
- 1995 – 1997  **M.Sc. Operations Management and Operations Research.** UFSIA, University of Antwerp, Belgium.
- 1992 – 1995  **B.Sc. in Applied Economic Sciences.** UFSIA, University of Antwerp, Belgium.

Research Summary

As a professor, I work with a team of about 15-20 Ph.D. students. Together, we build **advanced mathematical models** to tackle difficult questions in Freight Transport and Logistics. Our goal is to make transport and logistics systems run more smoothly and efficiently, keeping our research focused on real-world problems and solutions that can be implemented right away.

I stay up to date on new developments, ensuring our work remains current and creative. By mixing academic knowledge with practical leadership, I help guide research. I have published more than 165 papers and brought in significant research funding in Freight Transport and Logistics. Our work is featured in respected journals like *Management Science*, *Transportation Science*, and *Transportation Research Part B*. With an h-index of 66 and over 15,300 citations on Google Scholar, our research makes an impact and helps shape the field.

We focus on the **uncertainties and complexities** of real-life logistics and transport. We start by building simple models to understand the basics, then move on to detailed mathematical models for analysis and better solutions. It is challenging to include factors such as unpredictable events, changing travel times, traffic jams, and fluctuating demand. Still, we are constantly working to make our models more accurate and valuable for messy, real-world situations.

To solve these problems, we use **advanced mathematical techniques** such as integer programming, branch-and-price, and metaheuristics. We also apply Artificial Intelligence, including reinforcement learning and machine learning, to handle complex challenges. By blending these different methods, we can solve a wide variety of problems, from optimizing delivery routes to managing massive supply chain networks. This mix of skills helps us find fresh solutions that single approaches might miss.

I regularly **collaborate** with researchers from around the globe, including Europe, the United States, Canada, and China. Working with top international partners has led to numerous publications. Our different perspectives lead to high-quality research, and we often team up on large projects that cross country borders. These worldwide efforts help grow our field and increase the global reach and impact of our work.

I also build and maintain **strong ties with industry leaders**, using companies as “living laboratories.” This means our work is always both scientifically interesting and practically relevant. We get to test our ideas in the field, making sure our findings hold up outside the classroom. Companies gain from innovative solutions, while we gain valuable data and insights. These partnerships also provide valuable experience for our Ph.D. students, preparing them for careers in both academia and industry.

By combining advanced research, collaboration with global experts, and strong industry partnerships, we aim to push what’s possible in Freight Transport and Logistics. My research not only adds to academic knowledge but also improves global supply chain management, benefiting businesses and society as a whole.

Research Publications

Journal Articles

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- 1 Marieh Kadivar, 2nd promotor (Promotor: F. Langerak, co-promotor dr. S. Gelper), expected 2026
- 2 Saba Siadati, promotor (Co-promotor: dr. M. Mohammadi, dr. V. Lurkin), expected 2026
- 3 Aria Dahimi, promotor (Co-promotor: dr. M. Mohammadi, dr. V. Lurkin), expected 2026
- 4 Edhem Sakarya, promotor (Co-promotor R. van Lieshout, expected 2026
- 5 Fabio Mercurio, promotor (Co-promotor: dr. L. Schlicher), expected 2026

- 6 Marloes Remijnse, promotor (co-promotor: dr. A. Marandi), expected 2026
- 7 Krissada Tundulyasaree, promotor (co-promotor: dr. L. Martin), expected 2026
- 8 Şifanur Çelik, promotor (co-promotor: dr. L. Martin, dr. A. Schrotenboer), expected 2026
- 9 Dawei Chen, promotor (co-promotor: dr. C. Imdahl), expected 2026
- 10 Alfaima Solano Blanco, promotor, expected 2027
- 11 Miguel Chastre, promotor (co-promotor: dr. C. Imdahl, dr. A. Schrotenboer), expected 2027
- 12 Casper Bazelmans, promotor (co-promotor: dr. A. Schrotenboer), expected 2028
- 13 Neslihan Cevik, promotor (co-promotor: dr. A. Schrotenboer), expected 2028
- 14 Tuğçe Canbilen Suticen, promotor, expected 2028
- 15 MirMohammad Musavi, promotor (co-promotor: Layla Martin, Nevin Mutlu), expected 2029
- 16 Ling li, promotor (Willem van Jaarsveld, co-promotor: Layla Martin, Nevin Mutlu), expected 2029

Finished PhD Students

- 2025
 - **Arya Zamal.**
Thesis title: *Logistics optimization in metropolitan areas.*
Promotor (co-promotor: dr. A.H. Schrotenboer).
 - **Vincent Karels.**
Thesis title: *Last Mile Logistics: Integration and Collaboration.*
Promotor (co-promotor: dr. L.P. Veelenturf).
 - **Albina Galiullina.**
Thesis title: *Optimizing Transportation Through Demand Management.*
Promotor (co-promotor: dr. N. Mutlu).
 - **Sara Charaf.**
Thesis title: *Advances in Inventory Routing Problems: New Models and Algorithms.*
Promotor (co-promotors: dr. S.D. Flapper, dr. D. Tas).
 - **Somayeh Torkaman.**
Thesis title: *Product Exploration and Exchange in Omni-channel Retail.*
Promotor (co-promotors: dr. N. Multu, dr. S. Gelper).
- 2023
 - **Natasja Sluijk.**
Thesis title: *From Chaos to Control: Effective Approaches for Addressing Demand Uncertainty in Vehicle Routing.*
Promotor (co-promotor: dr. J. Kinable).
 - **Sami Ozarik.**
Thesis title: *Data-Driven Decision Making in Last-Mile Logistics.*
Promotor (co-promotor: dr. V. Lurkin, dr. L.P. Veelenturf).
 - **Baris Kocaman.**
Thesis title: *Customer Behavior in the B2B Subscription Economy.*
Second Promotor (First promotor: prof.dr. F. Langerak, co-promotor: dr. S. Gelper).
- 2021
 - **Afonso Henrique Sampaio.**
Thesis title: *Innovative business-to-business last-mile solutions: models and algorithms.*
Promotor (co-promotor: dr. L.P. Veelenturf).

Finished PhD Students (continued)

- 2020  **Peng Sun.**
Thesis title: *New variants of the time-dependent vehicle routing problem with time windows.*
Promotor (co-promotor: dr. L.P. Veelenturf).
- 2016  **Maryam Steadie Seifi.**
Thesis title: *Multimodal transportation for perishable products.*
Promotor (co-promotor: dr. N.P. Dellaert).
-  **Vaaceslav Ghilas.**
Thesis title: *The Pickup and Delivery Problem with Time Windows and Scheduled Lines: Models and algorithms.*
Promotor (co-promotor: dr. E. Demir).
-  **Baoxiang Li.**
Thesis title: *Optimization of people and freight transportation: pickup and delivery problem variants.*
Promotor (Second promotor: prof.dr.ir. H.A. Reijers).
- 2015  **Anna Franceschetti.**
Thesis title: *Sustainable city logistics: Fleet planning, routing and scheduling problems.*
Promotor (Second promotor: Prof.dr.ir. J.C. Fransoo).
- 2014  **Stefano Fazi.**
Thesis title: *Mode selection, routing and scheduling for inland container transport.*
Promotor (First promotor: Prof.dr.ir. J.C. Fransoo).
-  **Kristina Sharypova.**
Thesis title: *Optimization of hinterland intermodal container transportation*
Promotor (First promotor: Prof.dr.ir. J.C. Fransoo).
-  **Derya Sever .**
Thesis title: *Routing in Stochastic Networks.*
Promotor (Second promotor: prof.dr. A.G. de Kok, co-promotor: dr. N.P. Dellaert).
- 2013  **Duygu Tas.**
Thesis title: *Time and reliability in vehicle routing problems.*
Promotor (Second promotor: prof.dr. A.G. de Kok, co-promotor: dr. N.P. Dellaert).
- 2012  **Said Dabia.**
Thesis title: *Time and multiple objectives in scheduling and routing problems.*
Promotor (Second promotor: prof.dr. A.G. de Kok).
-  **Alina Curseu.**
Thesis title: *Retail inventory management with lost sales.*
Promotor (First promotor: Prof.dr.ir. J.C. Fransoo).
- 2010  **Ola Jabali.**
Thesis title: *Time and timing in vehicle routing problems.*
Promotor (First promotor: prof.dr. A.G. de Kok).

Current PostDoc Students

- 1 Golman Rahmanifar, working on project Next Level Logistics, Circular supply chains, January 2025 - December 2026

Past PostDoc Students

- 1 Jian Zhang, Assistant Professor, South China University of Technology, China.
- 2 Alexandre Florio, Applied Scientist, Amazon, USA.

- 3 Prince Singh, Strategy and Architecture, Alliander, The Netherlands.
- 4 Emrah Demir, Full Professor of Operational Research, Cardiff University, UK.
- 5 Said Dabia, Associate Professor of Transport Optimization, Free University Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
- 6 Dmitry Krushinsky, Assistant Professor, Wageningen University, The Netherlands.
- 7 Behzad Hezarkhani, Full Professor in Operations Management, University of Southampton, UK.
- 8 Youssef Ghiami, Assistant Professor of Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Free University Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Grants

As the lead scientist from the TU/e, I secured around 40 mio euro in grants (participating in and leading consortia). Over 5mio euro was allocated to the TU/e, mainly used to hire Ph.D. and PostDoc students. An overview of these projects (both leading and participating) is given here.

1 National funding:

a NWO projects:

- i NWO DATAS, project leader, 500k euro
- ii NWO DATA2Move, project leader, 500k euro
- iii NWO Dareful, project leader, 500k euro
- iv NWO Living Lab SSCMH, 250k euro
- v NWO Living Lab FTMAAS, 250k euro
- vi NWO NEON (New Energy and mobility Outlook for the Netherlands), 12.5mio euro
- vii NWO-MAGW: Congestion in Network Optimization problems, project leader, 250k euro
- viii NWA: Cropmix, 600k euro

b Dinalog projects:

- i Cargo Hitching, project leader, 1mio euro
- ii 4C4D, 2mio euro
- iii Da Vinc3i, 2mio euro
- iv LNG Networks, 2mio euro
- v IZIMOTIVE, 450k euro
- vi Bundling at the source, 450k euro

c Other projects:

- i Next Level Logistics, 550k euro
- ii Pieken in de Delta: Hubways, 2mio euro
- iii IDVV: Managing inland waterways, 150k euro
- iv TRANSUMO: The issue of congestion in vehicle routing problems, project leader, 1mio euro
- v BETA Research School: Modeling operations in retail stores, project leader, 210k euro

2 International Funding:

- a European Training Network 2017, PERFORM, 3mio euro
- b CONCOORD, Consolidation and Coordination in Urban Environments, EU, Joint Programming Initiative Urban Europe, project leader, 1mio euro
- c CO3, EU-FP7, 3mio euro
- d SoCoolEU, EU-FP7, 3mio euro
- e Get Service, EU-FP7, 3mio euro
- f Interreg: EcoLogistics, 150k euro
- g Interreg: ST4W, 150k euro
- h Interreg: InnoWaTr, 250k euro
- i FWO PostDoc position, not accepted due to job offer at the TU/e, 250k euro





- j FWO: Dynamisch modelleren van congestiekosten en verkeersmanagementtechnieken, 100k euro

3 Company funding:







- a ITUDE-Eyefreight, project leader, 250k euro
- b ORTEC, project leader, 250k euro
- c European Supply Chain Forum, AI Planner of the Future, project leader, 2.5mio euro
- d Van der Wal, project participant, 500k euro

Academic Service





Current Editorial Positions

- 2021 –  **INFOR**, Associate Editor.
- 2020 –  **Flexible Services and Manufacturing journal**, Associate Editor.
- 2019 –  **OR Spectrum**, Department Editor Freight Transport and Mobility.
-  **Omega**, Member of the Editorial Advisory Board.






Past Editorial Positions

- 2018 – 2024  **Logistics Research**, Member of the editorial advisory board.
- 2017 – 2024  **Urban Science**, Associate Editor.
- 2012 – 2021  **Transportation Science**, Associate Editor.
- 2019 – 2021  **Frontiers in Future Transportation**, Specialty Chief Editor in Freight Transport and Logistics.
- 2017 – 2018  **Transportation Research Part B**, Member of the Advisory Editorial Board.
- 2015 – 2018  **Journal of Heuristics**, Area Editor Logistics and Supply Chain.





Professional Societies

- 2019 – 2019  **Past-President**, Society Transportation Science and Logistics (TSL), INFORMS, Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences.
- 2018 – 2018  **President**, Society Transportation Science and Logistics (TSL), INFORMS, Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences.
- 2017 – 2017  **President-elect**, Society Transportation Science and Logistics (TSL), INFORMS, Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences.
- 2012 – 2016  **Board member**, Society Transportation Science and Logistics (TSL), INFORMS, Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences.

Conference committees

- 2017 –  **INFORMS Transportation Science and Logistics (TSL) Conference**, Member of the Scientific committee.
- 2015 –  **Odysseus Conference**, Member of the Scientific committee.
- 2014 –  **Tristan Conference**, Member of the Scientific committee.
-  **INFORMS Transportation Science and Logistics (TSL) Workshop**, Member of the Scientific committee.
- 2013 –  **VEROLOG Workshop**, Member of the Scientific committee.

Academic Service (continued)

- 2011 – 2015  **INFORMS Conference**, Cluster chair INFORMS TSL Freight Transportation and Logistics .
- 2007 – 2007  **Analysis of Manufacturing Systems Conference**, Chairman.
  **ELA Workshop**, Moderator.
- 2005 – 2005  **TU/e – METU workshop**, co-organization of the workshop.

Management Summary

In 2019, I took on the roles of **Director of Education and Graduate Program Director** (Associate Dean of Education) at the Department of Industrial Engineering & Innovation Sciences. These positions allow me to oversee the education of about 2,500 students in various BSc, MSc, and Ph.D. programs. This responsibility has given me a comprehensive view of our educational landscape and the opportunity to shape the academic experience of our diverse student body.

As Director of Education and Graduate Program Director, I connect our department with the broader university. I work closely with other Directors of Education and Graduate Program Directors and the Deans of the bachelor college and graduate school. We create **university-wide policies, strategies, and plans**. This collaborative work has led to important changes, like improving the university-wide Bachelor College and Graduate School. Our efforts focus on enhancing the quality of education, promoting interdisciplinary learning, and preparing students for the challenges of a rapidly evolving professional world.

I am also part of the **Departmental Board**, where I help make strategic decisions for our department. This involves working with the dean, two vice deans, and the managing director to guide our department's direction and support our students' development. In this role, I contribute to shaping our long-term vision, allocating resources effectively, and ensuring that our academic programs remain at the forefront of innovation and excellence.

Previously, I served as the **Curriculum Chair for Industrial Engineering**, where I was responsible for about 850 undergraduate students. In this role, I focused on creating a learning environment that helped students grow and prepared them for successful careers in industrial engineering. Although I completed this role, the experience provided valuable insights into curriculum development and student needs, which continue to inform my current responsibilities.




In my roles as **chairman and member of the Exam Committee**, I worked to ensure fairness and integrity in our assessments. I have led efforts to improve our testing methods to maintain high academic standards. This involves regularly reviewing and updating our examination procedures, implementing new technologies for assessment, and ensuring that our evaluation methods align with the latest educational best practices.

Additionally, I direct the **European Supply Chain Forum** (www.escf.nl), which involves about 75 multinational companies. This forum is a dynamic platform where members can share knowledge, collaborate on research, and explore innovative solutions to supply chain challenges. I believe in bringing together different viewpoints from academia and industry to make progress in our field. Students and researchers play an important part in the forum's work, contributing fresh ideas and learning from real-world applications. Together, we aim to expand knowledge and drive positive changes in supply chain management, addressing critical issues such as sustainability, artificial intelligence, digitalization, and global supply chain resilience.

Throughout these roles, I demonstrated **strategic leadership** by aligning our department's goals with the university's broader objectives. My involvement in policy-making at various levels has helped create a cohesive educational experience for our students while advancing our research and industry collaborations. This strategic approach involves balancing academic rigor with practical relevance, fostering interdisciplinary cooperation, and anticipating future trends in both education and industry.

By integrating my **academic expertise** with leadership skills, I strive to create an environment that nurtures innovation, promotes excellence, and prepares our students to become leaders in their fields. My commitment to strategic leadership and policy-making extends beyond our department, contributing to the university's overall mission and its impact on the broader academic and professional communities.

Management Positions

- 2025 –  **University lead of the TU/e Portfolio AI and Education.** Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands.
- 2019 –  **Director of Education Department of Industrial Engineering & Innovation Sciences.** Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands (Associate Dean of Education).
-  **Graduate Program Director of Industrial Engineering & Innovation Sciences.** Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands (Associate Dean of Education).

Management Positions (continued)

2017 –	■ Director of the European Supply Chain Forum. Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands.
2022 –	■ Academic Director Executive Master Operations and Supply Chain Management (MOS). Tias Business School, Tilburg, The Netherlands.
2009 –	■ Member of the Operations Planning, Accounting and Control Board. Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands.
2013 – 2024	■ Academic Director Full-time Master Global Supply Chain Management. Antwerp Management School, Antwerp, Belgium.
2018 – 2023	■ Curriculum Chair Bachelor Program Industrial Engineering. Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands.
2015 – 2018	■ Director 4TU.SAI Professional Doctorate in Engineering (PDEng/EngD) Graduate Program Logistics Management Systems. Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands.
2014 – 2018	■ Member of the TU/e Interfacultaire Commissie (IFC): Humans, Technology, Management & Design. Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands.
2014 – 2014	■ Chair (ad interim) of the Operations, Planning, Accounting and Control Group. Department of Industrial Engineering and Innovation Sciences, Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands.
2009 – 2012	■ Education Manager of the Operations Planning, Accounting and Control Board. Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands.
2009 – 2011	■ Member of the Departmental Council of Industrial Engineering & Innovation Sciences. Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands.
2013 – 2014	■ Chairman of the Exam Committee Industrial Engineering. Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands.
2011 – 2013	■ Member of the Exam Committee Industrial Engineering. Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands.
2005 – 2017	■ Member of the Board of the European Supply Chain Forum. Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands.

Education Summary

My teaching experience spans **various levels, from undergraduate to executive education**, showcasing my commitment to nurturing talent at all academic and professional development stages. This extensive involvement has allowed me to adapt my teaching methods to diverse learning needs and stay attuned to evolving educational paradigms.

At the **undergraduate** level, I have been instrumental in developing and teaching key courses such as Deterministic Operations Management and Transport and Distribution. My contributions extend to co-lecturing in courses like Logistics 1 (Inventory Control and Forecasting), Modeling and Analyzing Business Processes, Data Collection and Analysis, and Micro-Economics. These experiences have given me a deep understanding of the foundational knowledge required in our field.

For **graduate** students, I have developed and taught courses, including Strategic and Operational Decision-making in Transportation and Logistics, Design for Transportation, and Supply Chain Management. These courses at various institutions, including the University of Antwerp, the Antwerp Management School, MIT-Zaragoza Logistics Center, Lessius University College, and Université Catholique Louvain, reflect my commitment to providing students with advanced, industry-relevant knowledge.

My involvement in **professional doctorate (PDEng) programs** includes developing the Design Assignment in Transport and Logistics course and mentoring projects. At the Ph.D. level, I have taught advanced courses such as Advanced Statistics and specialized topics at prestigious institutions like MIT Zaragoza Logistics Center, HEC Paris, and the University of Vienna.

In **executive education**, I have taken on significant leadership roles. I serve as the academic director of the TIAS-based Executive Master in Operations and Supply Chain Management (MOS). I previously led the Global Supply Chain Management program at Antwerp Management School for 11 years. These roles have allowed me to bridge the gap between academic research and practical business applications.

Throughout my teaching career, I have **supervised** numerous BSc, MSc, EngD, and Ph.D. students, guiding their research projects and supporting their academic growth. This mentorship has been a rewarding aspect of my work, allowing me to foster the next generation of researchers and practitioners in our field.





In recent years, I have actively embraced and contributed to the **new teaching paradigms** at the Eindhoven University of Technology. Challenge-based learning has become a cornerstone of our educational approach, where students tackle real-world problems in collaboration with industry partners. This method enhances their practical skills and fosters creativity and interdisciplinary thinking.

We have also implemented **personalized learning paths**, recognizing that each student has unique strengths, interests, and career aspirations. This approach allows students to tailor their education to their individual goals while ensuring they meet core competency requirements.





The integration of **AI in education** is another area where we are making significant strides. In research projects, we are exploring ways to use AI for personalized feedback, adaptive learning systems, and enhanced data analysis. This prepares our students for the industry's AI-driven future and improves our teaching methods' efficiency and effectiveness.

These innovative educational approaches reflect our commitment to preparing students for the rapidly evolving landscape of technology and business. By combining traditional academic rigor with these new paradigms, we aim to produce graduates who are not only knowledgeable in their field but also **adaptable, innovative, and ready to tackle the complex challenges of the future**.

Honors and Awards

- 2024  **INFORMS Senior Member.** INFORMS, USA.
- 2022  Interview within the “**subject to**” series, hosted by Anand Subramanian. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JkW2uIrQ12Q>.
- 2021  **Outstanding professor in Supply Chain and Logistics award.** Industrial Engineering and Operations Management Society.
- 2016  **European Journal of Operational Research Best Review Paper.** SteadieSeifi M., N.P. Delaert, W. Nuijten, T. Van Woensel, R. Raoufi (2014), Multimodal Freight Transportation Planning: A Literature review, European Journal of Operational Research, 233(1), 1-15.

Skills

- Mother tongue  Dutch.
- Languages  Strong reading, writing, and speaking competencies in English. Medium passive knowledge of French. Basic knowledge of German.
- Coding  Java, PHP, Python, \LaTeX , ...
- Misc.  Company training, company consultancy.