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Short Bio Sketch

I am a **Full Professor in Freight Transport and Logistics** at the Eindhoven University of Technology (TU/e) and a **Visiting Professor of Industrial Engineering** at Özyeğin University in Türkiye. While my academic roots lie in research on Freight Transport & Logistics and Supply Chain Management, a significant portion of my work is now dedicated to strategic leadership and educational management. I currently serve as the Department's **Director of Education and Graduate Program Director**, a heavy administrative role that replaces regular teaching duties with broader responsibilities. In this capacity, I am accountable for the quality and operations of our educational programs, serving as the vital link between our department and the university's central administration.

Furthermore, I have taken on the university-wide responsibility as the **TU/e Portfolio Lead for AI and Education**. In this role, I am driving the strategic transformation of our education to ensure it adapts to and integrates the rapidly evolving landscape of Artificial Intelligence.

My **managerial activities** are extensive and encompass both operational oversight and long-term strategy. I hold final responsibility for Bachelor's, Master's, EngD, and Ph.D. programs serving approximately 2,200 students. Leading this effectively requires managing a team of eight curriculum chairs and collaborating closely with the education administration to implement meaningful improvements. My administrative and leadership roles have strengthened my skills in collaboration, strategic planning, and decision-making. I have served on recruitment and promotion committees, been a board member and deputy chair of our research group, and contributed to departmental policy-making on the departmental board.

Beyond the department, I work directly with the TU/e Dean of Education to shape **university-wide policies and visions**, including major redesigns of our educational structures. I focus on translating these high-level university decisions into concrete actions within our department, ensuring our programs remain robust and future-proof. My administrative experience is further strengthened by my history of leadership in executive education, including my role as Academic Director at TIAS Business School and my previous directorship at Antwerp Management School.

On the **research** side, I lead a team of around 15 Ph.D. students focused on solving the real-world puzzles of freight transport and logistics. We take a down-to-earth approach to complex problems—such as vehicle routing, city logistics, and last-mile delivery—by combining Operations Research methods with modern Artificial Intelligence and machine learning. I strongly believe in using companies as "living laboratories" to apply our models to real-world industry data. This collaboration enables us to tackle genuine challenges in digitalization and sustainability, resulting in work that is not only published in top academic journals but also offers practical solutions to improve operational efficiency in industry.

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.

2026 – · · · · **Visiting Professor of Industrial Engineering.** Özyeğin University, Türkiye.

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 Executive 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.

Employment History (continued)

2003 – 2007 **Part-time Professor of Statistics.** Vesalius College, Free University Brussels, Belgium.

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 175 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 67 and over 15,800 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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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. Marloes Remijnse, promotor (co-promotor: dr. A. Marandi), expected 2026
6. Krissada Tundulyasaree, promotor (co-promotor: dr. L. Martin), expected 2026
7. Şifanur Çelik, promotor (co-promotor: dr. L. Martin, dr. A. Schrotenboer), expected 2026
8. Dawei Chen, promotor (co-promotor: dr. C. Imdahl), expected 2026
9. Alfaima Solano Blanco, promotor, expected 2027
10. Miguel Chastre, promotor (co-promotor: dr. C. Imdahl, dr. A. Schrotenboer), expected 2027
11. Casper Bazelmans, promotor (co-promotor: dr. A. Schrotenboer), expected 2028
12. Neslihan Cevik, promotor (co-promotor: dr. A. Schrotenboer), expected 2028
13. Tuğçe Canbilen Suticen, promotor, expected 2028
14. MirMohammad Musavi, promotor (co-promotor: Layla Martin, Nevin Mutlu), expected 2029
15. Ling li, promotor (Willem van Jaarsveld, co-promotor: Layla Martin, Nevin Mutlu), expected 2029

Finished PhD Students

2026 **Fabio Mercurio**
Thesis title: *Cooperation and competition in last mile and freight consolidation.*
Promotor (co-promotor: dr. L. Schlicher).

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).

Finished PhD Students (continued)

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).

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).

Vaeceslav 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 assumed the role of **Director of Education and Graduate Program Director** (Associate Dean of Education) in the Department of Industrial Engineering & Innovation Sciences. More recently, I expanded my managerial scope by assuming the **TU/e Portfolio Lead for AI and Education** role. These positions place me at the helm of a complex educational landscape involving approximately 2,500 students across various BSc, MSc, EngD, and Ph.D. programs.

My leadership involves managing and aligning **multiple distinct teams** to ensure operational excellence and strategic growth. Within the department, I lead a group of eight Curriculum Chairs and steer the educational administration and support staff. Simultaneously, in my university-wide AI role, I lead cross-departmental task forces to transform our curricula for the AI age. This requires a versatile management style that balances the operational needs of specific programs with the university's long-term strategic vision.

As a key liaison between the department and the broader university, I work directly with the Deans of the Bachelor College and Graduate School to co-create **university-wide policies, strategies, and plans**. We focus on major institutional changes, such as the redesign of the Bachelor College and the integration of interdisciplinary learning. My job is to translate these high-level strategies into concrete actions for my teams, ensuring that our education prepares students for a rapidly evolving professional world.

I am also an active member of the **Departmental Board**, working alongside the Dean, Vice-Deans, and Managing Director. Here, I contribute to the high-level decision-making that drives our department's long-term direction, resource allocation, and innovation policies.

My current governance roles are underpinned by solid operational experience. Previously, as the **Curriculum Chair for Industrial Engineering**, I was directly responsible for the learning environment of 850 undergraduate students. I also served as **Chairman of the Exam Committee**, where I led efforts to modernize assessment methods and ensure academic integrity. These roles provided me with deep insights into the granular details of curriculum development and student assessment, which now inform my broader strategic decisions.

Beyond the university, I direct the **European Supply Chain Forum** (www.escf.nl), a platform that connects academia with approximately 75 multinational companies. I view this not only as a network but also as an ecosystem in which industry and academia challenge each other. I facilitate collaboration among my students, researchers, and industry leaders to address critical issues, including sustainability, digitalization, and global supply chain resilience.

throughout my career, I have integrated **academic expertise with strategic leadership**. Whether leading administrative teams, guiding curriculum chairs, or shaping university AI policy, my focus remains on fostering innovation and preparing our students to become the next generation of leaders.

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).

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 Executive Master Global Supply Chain Management.** Antwerp Management School, Antwerp, Belgium.

Management Positions (continued)

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. Dellaert, 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.