

Paul Frijters - Curriculum Vitae

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Education

University education (Undergraduate and Masters equivalent) 1988-1994 Econometrics, University of Groningen, The Netherlands

- Econometrics at the University of Groningen. My final (Masters) project consisted of a stay of 7-month in Durban, South Africa, where I gathered and analysed micro-data on interrelationships between education, discrimination and productivity in the clothing industry in the Durban Area. It led to two articles. One applied search theory to develop an empirical model of the hiring and firing policies of the analysed firm and looked at statistical discrimination issues (Frijters, 1999). The second translated and refined sociological ideas about discrimination into a game-theoretic model (Frijters, 1998).

Ph.D. University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

- A study on welfare and well-being in Russia (Frijters, 1999). This thesis applies and extends psychological insights about the causes, definition, and measurement of well-being into economics. As such, it led to publications in both economic and psychological outlets. The Ph.D. was written under supervision of and in co-operation with Prof. B.M.S. Van Praag at the Economics faculty, University of Amsterdam. The defence was on April 14th 1999.

Academic Experience

University of Queensland: March 2010 – present

- Professor of Economics. Official duties include teaching, supervision and research.

Queensland University of Technology: January 2006 –March 2010

- Professor of Economics. Official duties include teaching, supervision and research.

Australian National University: January 2003 - present

- Adjunct professor of the Research School of Economics.

Free University Amsterdam: September 1998-December 2002

- Post-doctoral research fellow at the labour econometrics research group of the Vrije Universiteit headed by Professor Gerard van der Berg. Official duties included research, limited teaching, and some supervision. This period included a 12-month secondment at the University of Melbourne from September 2001 to September 2002, where I engaged in teaching and research.

Research and Professional Experience

Fellowships, organisational activities, and services to the community:

- Research Director of the Rumici Project: rural to urban migration in China and Indonesia, a project sponsored by the Australian ministry of foreign aid (AusAid), the Australian Research Council (ARC), the ministries of labour in China and Indonesia, the Australian National University, the Ford Foundation, the World Bank, and the German Institute of Labour (the IZA).
- Co-organisation of approximately 2 conferences per year. Past conferences have included the economic PhD conference in Canberra\Brisbane, November 2010\2011, and the Labour Econometrics Workshop, Brisbane, August 2009.

- Keynote speaker at invited national and international conferences. Past conferences include the Population economics conference in China, 2011; the AHES conference in Sydney, 2010; the yearly conference for Australian Economists in Adelaide and the PhD conference in Perth, both 2009. Survey editor of the Australian Economic Record since mid 2010.
- Referee for approximately 20 papers per year, including most major Economic journals (the American Economic Review, the Quarterly Journal of Economics, the Journal of Political Economy, the Review of Economic studies, the Economic Journal).
- Voted Australia's best economist under 40 in 2009, involving a keynote speech at the annual conference for Australian Economists in Adelaide, 2009.
- ARC Ozreader Since 2005.
- Chairman of the board of European Young Economists from April 1999 till April 2002. This organisation promotes contacts and co-operation amongst European young economists. Its main vehicle is an annual spring meeting for 200 young economists. The last meeting was in April 2005 in Geneva. The next meeting will be in Sevilla. As a chairman, I've maintained contacts with sponsors and the European Economic Association, coordinated and selected program and organisation committees, drawn up a constitution, selected and invited guest speakers, am a member of the program committees. I'm currently chair of the consultation committee of this organisation.
- Senior Research Fellow of the Tinbergen Institute since January 2000. Before this time, I was member of the TI-Ph.D. council. I have also been a Research fellow of the ALERT research group of the Vrije Universiteit, Fellow of the Dutch Network for Quantitative Economics (NAKE) since 2001, and Fellow of the Australian National University since 2002.

International research cooperation:

- Co-work with Xin Meng and associates from the Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies on rural to urban migration in China and Indonesia. Current grants to this project are in the order of AUS 5 million.
- I participated in an American-English-Dutch-Chinese-Russian political psychology research group headed by Sheldon Grant Levy of the University of Michigan, which looks at the determinants of attitudes towards mass killings. Within this group, I organised the Dutch effort, analyse data sets of various countries and set up descriptive and explanatory theoretical models of political conflict.

Past research interests:

Fashion cycles; unemployment; minimum wages and unemployment in team production; sectoral complementarities and the effect of price/investment coordination on the whole economy; tournaments and implicit sales within firms in a micro-economic context; economics and the evolution of central authorities; regional influences on satisfaction.

Consultations:

- In 2003: a 4,000 AUS consultancy on Canberra airport.
- In 2002: a 60,000 AUS project on the analysis of the SEUP Australian panel data set for Facs. This was joint with Guyonne from the Melbourne Institute, has resulted in a research report has come out in the internal journal of Facs, and has also generated a paper sent off to an international journal (joint with Deborah Cobb Clark from RISS).
- In 2000: a 100,000 AUS project on the analysis of administrative data on the transitions between various welfare categories for the Dutch ministry of Social Affairs. My involvement was doing the actual research, reporting, and managing the project. This has led to a joint paper that was presented at the World Meeting of the Econometric Society in Seattle.

Contracts:

- In 2003-2004: a 105,000 AUS teaching contract with the Australian Treasury which involved guiding 46 policy analysts through the basics of economics, right up to the policy frontier (see teaching section above). This is a 12-week commercial course, which the RISS won after an intensively competitive tendering process. It is now being repeated in 2005 and 2007.

Grants Awarded:

- Total monetary value of grants and projects obtained so far: 750,000 AUS excluding the projects with Xin Meng, and about 6,000,000 AUS including the projects with Xin Meng.
- 2012-2014: a 130,000 AUS Discovery Grant into relative utility.
- 2009-2011: a 225,000 AUS ARC Discovery grant into the rationality of optimism, jointly with Benno Torgler and Jennifer Foster.

- 2009-2011: a 480,000 AUS ARC Discovery grant into networks and migration in China, jointly with Xin Meng, Bob Gregory, Christian Dustmann, and Francesca Cornaglia.
- In 2005-2008: a 150,000 AUS ARC Discovery grant to research wellbeing in Australia, consisting of 50,000 AUS for 3 years with co-Chief Investigator Mike Shields from Melbourne.
- In 2006-2012: an approximately 5 million ARC linkage grant with Xin Meng, Stephen Howes, Chris Manning, and Buddy Resosudarmo. 2.3 million ARC money and around 2.7 in grants from AusAid, the World Bank, and the associated ministries in China and Indonesia.

Awards | editorships | leadership:

- Best economist under 40 in Australia for the 2009-2011 period, as voted on by the members of the Economic Society of Australia.
- Survey Editor at the Economic Record, the journal of the Economic Society of Australia.
- Research Director of the Rumici project, an international project into migration in China and Indonesia.
- Best paper prize at the 2004 GSOEP conference (which had 32 presentations) in Berlin for the paper with M. A. Shields and J.P. Haisken-DeNew called 'How rational were expectations in East Germany after the falling of the wall?'

Media activities:

- Current: Intermittent blogger at clubtroppo.com.au and economics.com.au. Regular articles in the Australian and other newspapers and frequent appearances on radio (mainly ABC).
- 2009: A world-wide media round on a paper into life events and happiness, including about 10 national and international radio interviews, and newspaper articles in Europe and America.
- 2008: a series of interviews on Australian television, radio, and the newspapers about the happiness component of the QUT Smart Train initiative.
- 2011: a series of around 40 newspaper interviews, including with the Wall Street Journal and the The Economist on work with Redzo Mujcic on the pro-social behaviour of commuters.
- Following the 2004 publication of my Economic Journal work on happiness with Ada Ferrer-i- Carbonel, we did newspaper interviews for The Times, the Financial Times, the Independent, the Guardian, the Bloomberg Group, dozens of European newspapers (including De Morgen, Belgium, and Der Bund, Germany), VEJA Magazine (the leading weekly newsmagazine in Latin America and the fourth in the world in terms of circulation), and the main Sao Paulo newspapers. We furthermore appeared on BBC radio 1 on Monday 26th 2004, 8:40 GMT.
- A series of television interviews on the introduction of the Euro in the Netherlands. These interviews were on air for the whole month of January 2001, several times a day.
- Several popular articles on economic issues in applied local policy journals (including Economische Statistische Berichten and the Tijdschrift voor Politieke Economie).

Languages

- Bi-lingual in English and Dutch. Intermediate French, German, and Latin.

Computer skills

- Extensive knowledge of Gauss, Strata, SAS, WordPerfect, Word, Excel, Powerpoint, and SWP. Reasonable knowledge of SPSS, Limdep, and Apple Macintosh programs.

Referees

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List of publications

Thesis and monographs:

- Frijters, P., with G. Foster (2013), *Decoding humanity*. Forthcoming 2013\2014.
- Frijters, P., with G. Foster (2013), *An economic theory of love, groups, power and networks*. Forthcoming April 2013 at *Cambridge University Press*.
- Frijters, P. (1999), *Explorations of welfare and well-being*, Tinbergen Institute Thesis, Thela Thesis: Amsterdam.

Publications in refereed international Journal:

- Frijters, P, Johnston, D., Shah, M., Shields, M. (2013) "Intra-household Resource Allocation: Do US Parents Reduce or Reinforce Child Ability Gaps?", *Demography*, forthcoming.
- Frijters, P., Johnston, D., Lordan, G., Shields, M. (2013), 'Exploring the relationship between macroeconomic conditions and problem drinking as captured by Google searches in the US', *Social Science and Medicine*, forthcoming, accepted January 2013.
- Lordan, G., Frijters, P. (2013), 'Unplanned Pregnancy & the Impact on Sibling Health Outcomes', *Health Economics*, forthcoming.
- Mujcic, R., and Frijters, P. (2013), 'Economic Choices and Status: Measuring Preferences for Income Rank', *Oxford Economic Papers*, vol. 65(1), pages 47-73.
- Frijters, P., Geishecker, I., Riedl, M. (2012), 'Offshoring and Job Loss Fears: An Econometric Analysis of Individual Perceptions', *Labour Economics*, Vol 19(5), pages 738-747.
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- Frijters, P, Shields, M.A., Wheatley Price, S., and J. Williams (2011), 'Quantifying the Cost of Passive Smoking on Child Health: Evidence from Children's Cotinine Samples', *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society A*, 174(1), pages 195-212.
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- Frijters, P., Hatton, T., Martin, R.M., Shields, M.A. (2010), 'Childhood Economic Conditions and Length of Life: Evidence from the UK Boyd Orr Cohort, 1937-2005', *Journal of Health Economics*, 29(1), pages 39-47.
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- Carroll, N, Frijters, P., and M. A. Shields (2009), 'Quantifying the Costs of Drought: New Evidence from Life Satisfaction Data', *Journal of Population Economics*, Volume 22, Issue2 (2009), Page 445-61.
- Frijters, P., Greenwell, H., Shields, M.A., and J.P. Haisken-DeNew (2009), 'How rational were expectations in East Germany after the falling of the wall?', *Canadian Journal of Economics*, vol. 42(4), pages 1326-1346, IZA working paper.
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- Anna Cristina D'Addio & Tor Eriksson & Paul Frijters, (2007), "An analysis of the determinants of job satisfaction when individuals' baseline satisfaction levels may differ," *Applied Economics*, Taylor and Francis Journals, vol. 39(19), pages 2413-2423.
- Frijters, P., Shields, M.A., Whitley-Price,S. (2007), 'Investigating the quitting decisions of nurses: panel data evidence of the British National Health Service', *Health Economics*, Volume 16, Issue 1, Pages 57-73.
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- Frijters, P., X. Meng, and B.P. Resosudarmo (2011), "The Effects of Institutions on Migrant Wages in China and Indonesia", in J. Golley and L. Song (eds.), *Rising China: Global Challenges and Opportunities*, Canberra: ANU E Press, pp. 245-284.
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