
CURRICULUM VITAE

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CURRENT POSITION

- 2015– Associate Professor, Economics Department, **Tilburg University**
2019– Head of Tilburg Fraud Detection and Prevention Unit, **Data Science Center Tilburg**

EDUCATION

- 2000–2005 Ph.D. in Policy Analysis, **RAND Graduate School**, Santa Monica, California. Thesis title: 'Police effectiveness: measurement and incentives'. Dissertation committee: Jim Hosek, Arie Kapteyn, Gregory Ridgeway. External reader: James Q. Wilson;
1993–1997 B.Sc. and M.Sc. in Economics, **Erasmus University Rotterdam**, the Netherlands. GPA 4.0.

PAST POSITIONS

- 2008–2014 Assistant Professor (tenured in 2014), Economics Department, **Tilburg University**;
2008 Analyst, **RAND Europe**, United Kingdom;
2006–2007 Reporter, **NRC Handelsblad**, the Netherlands (freelance since January, 2008);
2002–2006 Senior Researcher, **CPB Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis**, The Hague;
2000–2005 Graduate Fellow, **RAND Corporation**, Santa Monica, California;
1999–2000 Researcher, **CPB Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis**, The Hague;
1997–1999 Member of Staff to the Secretary, **Netherlands Department of Economic Affairs**, The Hague.

TURNED DOWN POSITIONS

- 2017 Research Professor in Criminology (BofZap), **Universiteit Leuven**.

VISITING POSITIONS

- 2010 Visiting scholar at Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, **University of California at Berkeley**, Berkeley, California;
2010 Visiting scholar at School of Criminal Justice, **Rutgers University**, Newark, New Jersey;
2005 Visiting researcher at Institute of Criminology, **Hebrew University**, Jerusalem, Israel;
1997 Visiting researcher at Centre for Urban and Regional Development Studies, **University of Newcastle**, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, United Kingdom.

RESEARCH GRANTS

2020: NWO pilot program IoT community cluster, Kubernetes/custom cloud solutions.

2019: Internal seed funding for developing research into fraud detection/prevention, 100k+ euro

2019: NVWA (Environmental Protection Agency), fishing fraud project, 20k euro

2017: Department of Justice/WODC Research grant (with Marike Knoef, Tom van Dijk), 100k euro.

2017: Tilburg University Alumni Grant, 10k euro

2015: Department of Justice, research grant, 16k euro

2013: Centrum voor Criminaliteitspreventie en Veiligheid, Data development grant, 16.5k euro.

2012-2013: Netherlands Police Academy, Environmental Crime research grant, 30k euro.

2012: Department of Infrastructure and Environment, Data development grant, 4k euro.

2008-2010: Dutch Commission for Policing Research, Research grant, 145k euro, 2008-2010.

2002-2003: Institute for Humane Studies, Graduate research fellowship, 15k euro.

TEACHING

Qualifications

BKO Teaching certificate, Tilburg University, May 2018.

Courses for professionals

Effectiveness of criminal justice policies, SSR (Training and Study Center for the Judiciary) (five times per year, since 2013).

University courses

Econometrics 1, 5-week mandatory course, M.Sc. Economics, Tilburg University, 100 students (since 2015).

Econometrics 2, 5-week course, M.Sc. Economics, Tilburg University, 70 students (since 2019).

Welfare economics, 12-week course, B.Sc. Economics (international program and Dutch-language program), Tilburg University, first/second year, 125 students (since 2010; with varying colleagues).

Economics for Lawyers, semester-long course, B.Sc. Global Law (international program), Tilburg University, first year/second semester, 80 students (since 2014).

Economics of Crime, part of larger course on Law and Economics, M.Phil. Economics, Tilburg University, fourth year/first semester, 5-10 students (2009, 2010, 2011).

Economics of Crime, B.Sc. Crime Science, Twente University, first year/first semester (2009).

Supervision

BSc. theses (5-10 per year since 2008) and MSc. theses (5-10 per year, since 2008).

PH.D STUDENTS

Promotor/co-promotor

Mirthe Boomsma (Tilburg University/PBL, September 2021);

Gülbike Mirzaoglu (Tilburg University, expected graduation date August 2022).

Membership of Ph.D. committees

Julius Rüschepöhler (Tilburg University, January 2019);

Madina Kurmangaliyeva (European University Institute, November 23, 2018);

Nicola Ciccarelli (Tilburg University, February 20, 2018);

Violeta Misheva (Erasmus University Rotterdam, April 21, 2016);

Melody Barlage (Tilburg University, September 26, 2014);

José Mulder (Tilburg University, March 8, 2013);

Salima Douhou (Tilburg University, June 1, 2012).

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Academic Director MSc. Economics, Tilburg University, as of August 2022.

Member of the team to prepare for the Research Evaluation, Erasmus School of Economics, 2022.

Member of the Institutional Review Board (IRB), Tilburg University, since 2018.

Member of the Rank and Tenure Committee Economics Department, Tilburg University, 2016.

Coordinator of the external Ph.D. program of Tilburg School of Economics and Management, 2014-2019.

Course coordinator for Welfare Economics, Econometrics 1 and 2, Tilburg University, since 2010.

Member of the Internationalization Committee, Tilburg University, 2015-2019.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Contributions to scholarly associations

Co-organizer and co-chair of the scientific program committee, 4th Workshop on the Economics of Crime, held at Erasmus University Rotterdam, October 2012 (together with Robert Dur);

Co-author of proposal for EU-funding to establish European Economics of Crime Network, March 2013 (together with Olivier Marie and others).

Refereeing

Management Science, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Economic Journal, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of Experimental Criminology, Journal of Urban Economics, Labour Economics, Economic Policy, Journal of Population Economics, Review of Law and Economics, International Review of Law and Economics, Kyklos, European Journal of Criminology, Tijdschrift voor Criminologie, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Journal of Quantitative Criminology, Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency, Crime and Justice.

Student competitions

Challenge micro-economics for Economics Battle, competition among Tilburg University students, 2016-2018.
Case maker Econometrics for National Economy Olympiad, Erasmus University Rotterdam, March 2018.
Principal case maker for Econometric Game 2017, Two-day Olympiad for 30 international teams of econometrics/data science graduate students, University of Amsterdam, April 2017;

Outreach

Crowdsourcing project 'De Wilde Tuin' with NRC Handelsblad, 2022 (8,500 participating households).
Board member VSB Fonds selection committee, since 2019.
Member of Reflectieraad Openbaar Ministerie, since 2019.
Talk at 'Back to Campus'-event for alumni Tilburg University, September 2016.
Member of Academic evaluation committee – UK Ministry of Justice, since 2012.
Member of Academic advisory committee – UK Home Office, since 2009.
Managing editor *MeJudice.nl*, Dutch discussion forum for economic policy, 2009-2017.
Member of numerous sounding boards of research projects initiated by Netherlands Ministry of Justice.
Contributor to many expert sessions at Netherlands Ministry of Justice.
Frequent appearances in the media; appeared in Tilburg University Media Top Ten.
Occasional contributions to *NRC Handelsblad*, since 2008.
Member of Commissie Vijlbrief, Advising cabinet on budget reductions, 2009.
Reviewer of grant proposals Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek – Vlaanderen (FWO), 2012.

HONOURS

Prizes and awards

Winner of the **Tilburg School of Economics and Management Research Valorization Award** 2013;
Runner-up of the **Tilburg University Valorization Award** 2011;
Finalist (1 of 3) **Essay Contest Academische Boekengids/Vrij Nederland** 2009.

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in refereed journals

Salm, Martin and Ben Vollaard (2021), The dynamics of crime risk perceptions, *American Law and Economics Review*, 23 (2), 520-561.
Dur, Robert and Ben Vollaard (2019), Salience of law enforcement. A field experiment, *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, 93, 208-220.
Vollaard, Ben (2017), Temporal displacement of environmental crime. Evidence from marine oil pollution, *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, 82, 168-180.
Ours, Jan C. van and Ben Vollaard (2016), The engine immobilizer: a non-starter for car thieves, *The Economic Journal*, 126 (593), 1264-1291.

- Dur, Robert and Ben Vollaard (2015), The power of a bad example. A field experiment in household garbage disposal, *Environment and Behavior*, 47 (9), 970-1000.
- Vollaard, Ben (2013), Preventing crime through selective incapacitation, *The Economic Journal*, 123 (567): 262-284.
- Vollaard, Ben and Joseph Hamed (2012), Why the police have an effect on violent crime after all. Evidence from the British Crime Survey, *Journal of Law and Economics*, 55 (4): 901-924.
- Vollaard, Ben and Jan C. van Ours (2011), Does regulation of built-in security reduce crime? Evidence from a natural experiment, *The Economic Journal*, 121 (552): 485–504.
- Vollaard, Ben and Pierre Koning (2009), The effect of police on crime, disorder and victim precaution. Evidence from a Dutch victimization survey, *International Review of Law and Economics*, 29 (4): 336-348.

Articles under review at/about to be submitted to refereed journals

- Bias in expert product reviews (with Jan van Ours), R&R.
- Breaking habits (with Daan van Soest).
- Nautical patrol and illegal fishing practices (with Stephen Kastoryano).
- Why is crime in prison so high? Lessons from a change in prison regime (with Marike Knoef).

Chapters in books

- Camphuysen, Kees and Ben Vollaard (2015), Oil pollution in the waters of the Netherlands, in: Angela Carpenter (ed.), *Oil pollution in the North Sea*, Handbook of Environmental Chemistry, Springer, 117-40.
- Dijk, Jan van and Ben Vollaard (2013), Self-limiting crime waves, in: Jan van Dijk, Andromachi Tseloni, Graham Farrell (eds.), *The International Crime Drop: New Directions in Research*, New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 250-267.
- Vollaard, Ben (2012), Alleen verplicht inbouwen van preventiemaatregelen helpt tegen inbraak, in: Stef Christiaensen, Arne Dormaels and Stijn van Daele (eds.), *Diefstal in woningen. Bijdragen voor een geïntegreerde beheersing vanuit beleid, praktijk en wetenschap*, Antwerpen: Maklu, 153-162.
- Dijk, Jan van, Bram van Dijk, Paul van Soomeren, Ben Vollaard (2012), Criminaliteitspreventie: (weer) een taak voor politie?, in: Frits Vlek and Piet van Reenen (eds.), *Voer voor kwartiermakers. Wetenschappelijke kennis voor de inrichting van de Nationale Politie*, Amsterdam: Reed Business.

Books

- Vollaard, Ben (2014), *Beïnvloeding van inbraakpreventiegedrag. Een handreiking voor beleidsmakers*, Utrecht: Centrum voor Criminaliteitspreventie en Veiligheid.
- Salm, Martin and Ben Vollaard (2014), *Leren over het lokale inbraakrisico*, Utrecht: Centrum voor Criminaliteitspreventie en Veiligheid.
- Vollaard, Ben (2013), *Preventie van illegale olielozingen op de Noordzee*, Apeldoorn: Politieacademie.
- Vollaard, Ben (2010), *Het effect van langdurige opsluiting van veelplegers op de maatschappelijke*

veiligheid, Amsterdam: Reed Elsevier.

Vollaard, Ben (2010), Het publieke belang bij private preventie, Amsterdam: Reed Elsevier.

Bergeijk, Peter van, Jarig van Sinderen and Ben Vollaard (eds.) (1999), Structural reform. A road to success?, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.

Articles in Dutch journals

Vollaard, Ben (2021), Klokkenluiders en journalisten tegen economische fraude, *TPE Digitaal*, 15 (1).

Vollaard, Ben (2021), Bespreking proefschrift Nick van Doormaal, *Tijdschrift voor Criminologie*, 63 (3), 370-372.

Vollaard, Ben (2021), Zorg om reputatie weerhield chemiereus DuPont niet om dood en verderf te zaaien – interview met Luigi Zingales, *Follow The Money*.

Soest, Daan van, Ben Vollaard (2019), Controle en kans op boete stimuleert afvalscheiding, *Economisch Statistische Berichten*, 104 (4770), 71-73.

Van Dijk, William, Wim Dijkman, Peter Leendertse, Dirk Keuper, Hens Runhaar, Ben Vollaard (2017), Boeren in actie voor bodem en water, *Landwerk*, 3, 5-8.

Vollaard, Ben (2017), Gaat de AD haringtest om meer dan de haring?, MeJudice/Tilburg University.

Vollaard, Ben (2017), Criminaliteit: het belang van dader- en slachtofferpercepties, Preadviezen Koninklijke Vereniging voor Staatshuishoudkunde 'Gedragseconomie en Beleid', 69-73.

Vollaard, Ben (2017), Lokfietsen schrikken fietsdieven af, *Secondant*, CCV/Utrecht.

Vollaard, Ben (2017), Perceptie van criminaliteit, *Economisch Statistische Berichten*, 102 (4746), 64-67.

Vollaard, Ben (2016), Paternalisme als reden voor overheidsingrijpen in een cursus welvaartseconomie, *TPE Digitaal*, 10 (4), 5-12.

Vollaard, Ben (2016), Private bijdragen aan publieke veiligheid: effecten van Buurt-Whatsapp, *Justitiële Verkenningen*, 5.

Vollaard, Ben (2016), Het verhaal achter kwantitatief onderzoek, *Tijdschrift voor Criminologie*, 58(1), 73-83.

Dur, Robert and Ben Vollaard (2015), Hoe stimuleer je vrijwillige bijdragen aan een publiek goed?, *TPE Digitaal*, 9(3), 32-49.

Eysink Smeets, Marnix and Ben Vollaard (2015), Trends in perceptie van criminaliteit, *Tijdschrift voor Criminologie*, 57(2), 229-241.

Dur, Robert and Ben Vollaard (2013), Slecht voorbeeld doet slecht volgen in de buitenruimte, *Economisch Statistische Berichten*, 98 (4672), 65-69.

Vollaard, Ben. (2013), De lerende strafrechter, *TREMA Straftoemetingbulletin*, 36 (3): 35-37.

Vollaard, Ben (2013), Het spel tussen dader en slachtoffer. Economische bijdragen op het gebied van de criminologie, *Tijdschrift voor Criminologie*, 55 (3): 299-308.

Vollaard, Ben (2012), Waarschuwen werkt bij nieuwkomers, *Economisch Statistische Berichten*, 97 (4642): 505-507.

- Vollaard, Ben (2010), Diefstal als nare verrassing – de gedragseconomie van diefstalpreventie, *Tijdschrift voor Politieke Economie*, 4 (4): 49-60.
- Vollaard, Ben (2010), Waarom Egyptenaren vaker foutparkeren dan Denen. Econometrie nieuwe stijl, *Academische Boekengids*, 80: 15-16.
- Moolenaar, Debora and Ben Vollaard (2009), Beperkte invloed rechter op gebruik celstraf, *Nederlands Juristenblad*, 19: 1208-1213.
- Noailly, Joelle and Ben Vollaard (2006), Concurrentie en kwaliteit in het notariaat, *Economisch Statistische Berichten*, 91 (4489), 308-310.
- Koning, Pierre and Ben Vollaard (2005), Meer hondenontlasting door hondenbelasting, *Economisch Statistische Berichten*, 90 (4465): 296-297.
- Canoy, Marcel and Ben Vollaard (1999), Middelen om te bemiddelen, *Economisch Statistische Berichten*, 84 (4213), 536-538.
- Ewijk, Casper and Ben Vollaard (1999), Mythen van de publieke financiering, *Economisch Statistische Berichten*, 84 (4189), 109-112.
- Bartelsman, Eric, Marcel Canoy, Casper van Ewijk, Ben Vollaard (1998), Economie van publiek private samenwerking, *Economisch Statistische Berichten*, 83 (4170), D5-D9.

Research reports

- Vollaard, Ben, Lila Rabinovich, Richard Bowman, Christian van Stolk (2008), Ten years of reform in primary mathematics education in England, Technical Report 632, Cambridge: RAND Europe.
- Vollaard, Ben (2006), Evaluating the push for tougher, more targeted policing in the Netherlands; evidence from a citizen survey, CPB Document 119, The Hague: CPB.
- Vollaard, Ben (2005), Doelmatigheidswinsten in de AWBZ, Memorandum 121, The Hague: CPB.
- Vollaard, Ben (2005), Police numbers up; crime rates down, CPB Document 75, The Hague: CPB.
- Noailly, Joelle and Ben Vollaard (2005), Liberalisation of the Dutch notary profession; reviewing its scope and impact, CPB Document 93, The Hague: CPB.
- Vollaard, Ben (2005), Estimating police effectiveness with individual victimisation data, Discussion Paper 47, The Hague: CPB.
- Nahuis, Richard et al. (2005), Onderweg naar morgen; een economische analyse van het digitaliserende medialandschap, CPB Document 78, The Hague: CPB.
- Lijesen, Mark and Ben Vollaard (2004), Capacity to spare? A cost-benefit approach to optimal spare capacity in electricity production, CPB Document 60, The Hague: CPB.
- Koning, Pierre et al. (2004), Centrale doelen, decentrale uitvoering; over de do's and don'ts van prestatieprikkels voor semi-publieke instellingen, CPB Document 45, The Hague: CPB.
- Vollaard, Ben (2004), Gelijke beschikbaarheid, ongelijke handhaving? Een onderzoek naar de consequenties van de regionale verdeling van het politiebudget, CPB Document 50, The Hague: CPB.
- Balkovich, Edward, Walter S. Baer and Ben Vollaard (2003), Research Topics for Informing Broadband Internet Policy, Issue Paper, Santa Monica: RAND.

Vollaard, Ben (2003), Performance contracts for police forces, CPB Document 31, The Hague: CPB.

Ringel, Jeanne S., Susan D. Hosek, Ben Vollaard, Sergej Mahnovski (2002), The Elasticity of Demand for Health Care, Monograph Report, Santa Monica: RAND.

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Baer, Walter S., Scott Hassell and Ben Vollaard (2002), Electricity Requirements for a Digital Society, Monograph Report, Santa Monica: RAND.

Canoy, Marcel, Maarten Janssen, Ben Vollaard (2001), PPS: een uitdagend huwelijk. Publiek-Private Samenwerking bij Combinatieprojecten, CPB Document 2, The Hague: CPB.

Hindriks, Frank and Ben Vollaard (2000), Yardstick competition, Working Paper 133, The Hague: CPB.

Cornet, Maarten and Ben Vollaard (2000), Tackling the journal crisis; when authors pay with money instead of copyrights, Working Paper 121, The Hague: CPB.

Koning, Pierre and Ben Vollaard (2000), Arbeidsbemiddeling en -reïntegratie van werklozen; welke rol heeft de overheid te spelen?, Working Paper 118, The Hague: CPB.