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Education:

- Master in State and Administrative Law and Sociology of Government Administration, Leiden University;
- Certified mediator;
- Numerous post-graduate courses in the field of state and administrative law and human rights (ECHR).

Since my retirement (2012):

- Guest researcher at Utrecht University / Montaigne Centre;
- External adviser to the board of the European Ombudsman Institute (EOI) and permanent representative at the INGO Conference;
- Vice-Chair and Chair of the INGO Conference Human Rights Committee, member of the Standing Committee, Member of the Expert Council on NGO law.

Before my retirement:

- 17 years career starting as advisor (later substitute-) ombudsman and ending as local ombudsman of Rotterdam and cities around;
- 3 years: Rotterdam borough alderman for D66 Party (ALDE);
- 3 years: lawyer / legal advisor for the city of Rotterdam;
- 2 years: tertiary education teacher in administrative, penal, and business law;
- 3 years: lecturer in state and administrative law at Leiden University;
- Reporter on European ombudsmanship for Dutch professional quarterly 'Tijdschrift voor Klachtrecht'.

Field of special interest:

- Human Rights;
- Human Rights and environment;
- Civil society-monitoring versus monitoring by State agencies.

Academic contributions

I kept close ties with the academic community, have published and given contributions at many conferences and at Padua University (*Jean Monet Chair law and democracy*), Utrecht University (*ombudsman practice*), Rotterdam Erasmus University (*criminology*), Dutch Association for Complaint Law, European Ombudsman Institute, National Research University, Higher School of Economics (Moscow), International Summer School 'Baltic Practice', Viadrina University (Frankfurt Oder) and the Kyiv/Rivno University of Law of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine.