

Biodata speakers

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Ewout Frankema



Ewout Frankema is professor and chair of Rural and Environmental History at Wageningen University & Research and elected member of the Young Academy of the Royal Dutch Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the UK Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR). Frankema studied History, Economics and Philosophy at the University of Groningen, where he also obtained his PhD in Economics in 2008. He has taught a broad range of history and economics courses at the University of Groningen, Utrecht University,

Wageningen University and at universities in Uruguay and Uganda. His research agenda focuses on a deeper understanding of the long-term comparative economic development of developing regions (Africa, Latin America, Asia) and the historical origins and nature of present-day global inequality. In 2012 Frankema was awarded a VIDI-grant by the Dutch Science Foundation for his project *Is Poverty Destiny?*

Exploring Long Term Changes in African Living Standards in Global Perspective and a European Research Council Starting Grant for his project *Is Poverty Destiny? A New Empirical Foundation of Long Term African Welfare Analysis*.

Wouter A. Meijer



1969 - MSc Economics and International Development - Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam
1966 - Mid Studies Traineeship: Stone & Webster Service Corporation, NYC
1969 - 1970 - Associate Consultant, Daniel D. Howard Management Consultants, Chicago
1971 - 1978 - Senior Consultant, Municipal Bureau for Organisation & Efficiency, City of Amsterdam
1978 - 1984 - Program Officer Urban Development, World Bank, Washington D.C.
1984 - 1991 - 3 Positions at Netherlands Ministry for Agriculture:
- Director Department for Organisation & Efficiency
- Director Department Agricultural Development Cooperation
- Director of International Affairs, Directorate Science & Technology
1992 - 2004 - Executive Director World Population Foundation (Netherlands) Following retirement member of supervisory boards of numerous NGOs in Netherlands and US

Michael Hailu



Michael Hailu has been Director of the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA) since May 2010. He has more than 30 years of professional experience in agricultural research and development in Africa and Asia. Prior to joining CTA, he held senior leadership positions at the World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) in Nairobi, Kenya and at the Center for International Forestry Research in Indonesia.

Mr Hailu has implemented a new strategy for CTA refocusing the Centre's work on enhancing inclusive value chains; promoting conducive agricultural policies and strategies; and strengthening capacities of ARD institutions and networks in knowledge management and ICTs. He has degrees from the Universities of Pittsburgh and Addis Ababa and was trained in strategic leadership at the Stanford University Graduate School of Business.

Huub Löffler



Huub Löffler graduated in Biology at the Free University in Amsterdam. He did a PhD in Plant Pathology at the University of Utrecht in 1986. After a post-doc at the department of Genetics back at the Free University, he accepted a function in genetics and breeding at the Institute for Horticulture in Wageningen. His main focus was resistance breeding both by conventional and molecular technologies. He worked for over ten years as scientist in these domains, at first focusing on ornamental plants, and later shifting towards food crops and food security. In 2000, he became Head of the research department 'Food and Health' and in 2005 Head of the department Marketing & Sales and member of the Management Team of the Plant Sciences Group of Wageningen University & Research. In 2010, he was appointed Director of Wageningen International of Wageningen University & Research.

From the start of his career, Huub Löffler was involved in international collaboration. At first, the collaboration focused on resistance breeding, especially with Indonesian partners. He coordinated several Indonesian-Dutch research programs involving PhD-students. A shift towards food security and Africa was boosted by the participation in the directorate of a study into food security in Africa. This study was committed by the InterAcademy Council at the request of Mr. Kofi Annan, and co-chaired by Rudy Rabbinge, MS Swaminathan and Speciosa Kazibwe. He was a coordinating member of the follow-up committee of this initiative. Building on this expertise, he chaired several workgroups advising the Dutch policy on Agricultural Research issues.

As per 2010, Huub Löffler is Director of Wageningen International. This organization is an integral part of Wageningen University & Research and is responsible for implementing international strategies, setting-up international collaborations, starting international programs and advising and assisting on international issues. In an international context, he is vice-chair of the Board of ICRA, member of the Governing Board of the Joint Programming Initiative FACCE, member of the Board of Agrinatura-EEIG, member of the SmartAgrifor Board and member of the CASCAPE Board. He is coordinator of the H2020 PROIntensAfrica project, aimed at aligning and expanding Europe-Africa scientific collaboration on Sustainable Intensification and Food Security. He was one of the editors of the lustrum book: 'Food for all: Sustainable nutrition security'. He is chairing the Wageningen Interdisciplinary Research and Education Fund (INREF), and is guest lecturer Food Security at Clingendael.

D.L.V. Nji-Sri



D.L.V. Nji-Sri in full “De Landbouwers Vereniging Nji Sri”, translated “The Agricultural Association Nji-Sri” is a student association. In 1904 the society was established in Wageningen for students at the Middelbare Koloniale Landbouwschool (Secondary Colonial Agricultural School). Nowadays Nji-Sri has about 130 members studying at Wageningen University, Stoas Vilentum and Van Hall Larenstein. Graduates and old- members reunite in the R.D.L.V., the alumni association of D.L.V. Nji-Sri. This network contains about 650 people all over the world. For more information check our website www.nji-sri.nl or send an email to bestuur@nji-sri.nl.

Ipsos Facto



Ipsos Facto is the study association for and run by students who study International Development Studies, Communication Science, the master International Development Studies, the Master Applied Communication Science or the master Development and Rural Innovation at Wageningen University. Ipsos Facto was founded in 2000, which means that it is celebrating its 3rd lustrum this year. In 2000 the association started out with just over 60 members. Today we've grown to have nearly 500! Ipsos Facto is a study association which organises a lot of different activities during the year. Think about educational movie nights, symposiums, an annual week of peace and a charity week, drinks, a hitchhike weekend, study trips, sportive activities and a first years weekend. Besides organising activities, we have meetings with different kind of organs within the university and we inform our members about possible changes within one of our studies or within the university itself. Thereby we have different kind of partnerships. SKOV and Nji-Sri are two of them.

SKOV



The Study Circle for Development Issues SKOV (Studiekring voor ontwikkelingsvraagstukken) aims to contribute to shaping and spreading comprehensive visions on development issues worldwide and, to promote exchange of information in this field between its members and with others. For this purpose, SKOV organizes seminars (in principle four per year) around special topics. Here, lecturers from different perspectives expose their views on the subject of the seminar followed by discussions with participants. World food prices, smallholder agriculture, livestock, a country-series, development policy and, currently, an Africa-series are some of the subjects addressed in our seminars. Also see our website: <http://www.klv.nl/bijeenkomsten-skov/> SKOV was established in 1977 and has now around 160 members who have been or are working in developing countries. Members as well as non-members participate in its seminars. In attending the seminars, students may earn brownie/study points for their studies. Since 2013 SKOV works in cooperation with student association Nji-Sri and with study association Ipsos Facto.