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Currently

2015 - Dean, Tilburg School of Humanities, Tilburg University, the Netherlands
2008 - Editor in chief, *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*; publisher Wiley; 1000 pages/yr; present in over 9,000 academic libraries; office with two employees in Chicago.
2014.- Professor of Philosophy of the Humanities, Tilburg University (November 2014-)

Doctorates

1994 Philosophy, VU, Amsterdam; title *Taking Science Seriously*.
1989 Theology: Groningen; title *Beyond the Big Bang, cum laude*.

Previous degrees

1985 Philosophy of religion; a minor in ethics ; *cum laude*
1977 Theoretical physics, with mathematics and astronomy; Utrecht University; thesis on the detectability of Higgs bosons; supervisor M. Veltman (Nobel prize 1999)

Previous positions and responsibilities

2001- 2014 Professor of Philosophy of Religion and Ethics, Leiden University
2009-2013 Vice-dean, Faculty of Humanities, Leiden University; responsibility for undergraduate and masterprogrammes (>50 different accredited programmes; >4500 students)
2005-2008 Dean, Faculty of Theology/ Faculty of Religious Studies, Leiden University.
2001 (02-08) Executive Director, ALLEA – ALL European Academies, the federation of national academies of sciences in almost all European countries (office at KNAW).
1995-2001 Extraordinary professor for philosophy of nature and of technology from a liberal protestant perspective, Twente University, NL.
1989–2001 Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, centre for interdisciplinary studies in religion, science and society. Initiating and coordinating symposia, conferences, editor of two book series, etc
1985-1989 PhD-research, Department of Theology, Groningen University, funded by NWO
1977-1985 Teacher, various high schools
1972-1977 Teaching assistant; development course study skills for science majors; etc

Additional responsibilities

2013	NWO Committee for grant applications 'Vrije Competitie' (Humanities; Fall 2013) NWO Committee for grant applications 'Religie in de modern samenleving'
2006	Member of a panel for the assessment of taught programmes in philosophy of science at the Universities of Amsterdam and Groningen, and the Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam
2005-2010	member of the ECOS, the national committee for the assessment of research schools; 2008-2010 chair of its subcommittee for the humanities
2003-2009	Board of NOSTER, the National Research School in Theology & Religious Studies
2002-2008	President of the European Society for the Study of Science And Theology; chair of the organizing committee for Barcelona ('04), Iasi (Romania, '06), and Sigtuna (Sweden, '08).
2002-2009	Vice-President of IRAS, the Institute on Religion in an Age of Science
2001-2011	Chair, Foundation 'Het Haagsche Genootschap' (various extraordinary professorships)
2001-present	Trustee, Foundation 'Willem Drees Lecture' (annual political lecture)
1997-2009	<i>Wijsgerig Perspectief</i> [popular philosophy journal]; co-editor, later advisory board
2001-2002	Member, NWO-committee preparing program 'Future of the Religious Past'
2001	Chair of the conference of IRAS, 'Human meaning in a technological culture', USA
Furthermore	Editor of <i>Studies in Philosophical Theology</i> (Peeters, Leuven) and of <i>Theologie und Naturwissenschaft</i> , book series Vandenhoeck und Ruprecht.
Previously	Leader & head leader in various youth camps (VJK & VCJC); student member subfaculty Council; mentor & mentor training university introductions

Evaluations

Service for publishers including Routledge, Oxford UP, Cambridge UP, Peeters, VandenhoeckundRuprecht, Peter Lang, and Brill, for journals in theology, religious studies, philosophy, and the sciences, for funding agencies in the Netherlands, Belgium, Norway, Germany, and the USA, and for other grant programs. Also some evaluations for tenure for North American universities, and external examiner for PhD dissertations at the Universities of Groningen and Utrecht, the Radboud University Nijmegen and the Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam.

International fellowships

2012	Copernicus Centre, Cracow, Poland
2011	Center for Religious and Cross-cultural Studies (CRCS), Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia (two months; one graduate course)
2008-2009	J. Houston Witherspoon Fellow, Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton, USA Affiliate fellow, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University
1993 (02-08)	Visiting fellow, Department of Philosophy, Princeton University & member in residence, Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton; Fulbright scholarship
1987-'88	Fulbright scholarship, Berkeley & Chicago

Research grants

2011-2015	Member of the team that received one of the two first Horizon-programme grants (2M€) from the Dutch Science Foundation, NWO, 'What Can the Humanities Contribute to Our Practical Self-Understanding?' (With practical philosophers from UU and EUR.)
2010	LUF-Pilot grant A.M. Schwencke, <i>Islamic environmentalism</i> , completed 2011. (11k€)
2003-2009	NWO, 'Misplaced vocabularies? Scientific and religious notions in public discourses on ecology and genetics' in programme 'The Future of the Religious Past' (330k€)
2003-2006	NWO, programme 'Cultural Renewal and the Foundations of the Humanities' (110k€)
1986-1989	NWO (ZWO) Grant, Ph.D.-research

Furthermore, grants for the organization of various conferences.

Prizes and honours

- 2011 Fellowship, Center for Religious and Cross-Cultural Studies, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
- 2009 Houston Witherspoon Fellowship, Princeton
- 2009 *Is Nature Ever Evil?* and *Religion, Science, and Naturalism* elected as outstanding books in the Library project of the ISSR (International Society for Science and Religion)
- 2002 Elected member of the International Society for Science and Religion
- 1994-1996 Three prizes of the John Templeton Foundation for papers; one course award.
- 1994 Legatum Stolpianum, prize awarded every five years by a jury from Leiden University
- 1993 Prins Bernhard Fonds Prijs, jury Hollandsche Maatschappij der Wetenschappen.
- 1993 Fulbright scholarship as senior scholar (Princeton)
- 1987-1988 Fulbright scholarship (Berkeley & Chicago)

Invited and Plenary Lectures and contributions across Europe and in the USA and Canada.

- 2013 Cracow (two weeks fellowship), Edinburgh;
Also, as an example of a more popular contribution, one to the 'Nacht van kunst en kennis', in Leiden, on utopian thought
- 2012 Princeton, Oxford, Cracow, Doha (Qatar), Bochum, Birmingham, Heidelberg
- 2011 Sharjah, United Arab Emirates; Yogyakarta; Copenhagen; Utrecht Humanities Lecture
- Previous lectures included
William Witherspoon Lecture, Princeton (2009); The Dickinson Visiting professorship, Dartmouth College (2000), the Gifford Bequest International Conference, Aberdeen (2000); Samuel Ferguson Lectures in Manchester (1999), Andreas Idreos Lectures in Oxford (1998)
- and further lectures at academic institutions and conferences in the USA (Worcester NH; Chicago (3x); Chautauqua; Harvard; Boston; Santa Barbara (3 x), Richmond VA; Gainesville, FL; Berkeley (2x);), Canada (Toronto, Guelph), Europe (Lund (2x), Sigtuna, Aarhus, Copenhagen 3x, Lancaster, Leeds, Oxford (3 separate ones, plus four years each year four lectures at a Winter school); Tübingen, Bonn, Regensburg, Bad Boll, Cracow, Tarnow, Prague, Leningrad/ Petersburg, , Castel Gandolfo (2x), Leuven, Antwerp) and various places in the Netherlands.

Scholarly production

Monographs in English (Open Court, Cambridge UP, Routledge; one translated into Portuguese); two minor monographs in Dutch (one also in German); 21 edited volumes; over 30 contributions to international journals; over 50 chapters in edited volumes; approx. 100 minor contributions for professionals and a wider public; over 50 book reviews.

Selected monographs and edited volumes

- Willem B. Drees, *Religion and Science in Context: A Guide to the Debates*. London: Routledge, 2010.
- Willem B. Drees, *Creation: From Nothing until Now*. London & New York: Routledge, 2002.
- Willem B. Drees, *Religion, Science and Naturalism*. Cambridge Univ. Press, 1996. 1997², 1998³ (pb)
- Willem B. Drees, *Beyond the Big Bang: Quantum Cosmologies and God*. La Salle: Open Court, 1990, 1993². Translated as *Para Além do Big Bang: Cosmologias quânticas e Deus* (Lisboa, 2000)
- Willem B. Drees, ed., *Technology, Trust and Religion*, Leiden University Press, 2009.
- Willem B. Drees, Pieter Sjoerd van Koningsveld, eds., *The Study of Religion and the Training of Muslim Clergy in Europe: Academic and Religious Freedom in the 21st Century*, Leiden University Press, 2008.
- Willem B. Drees, ed., *Is Nature Ever Evil? Religion, Science and Value*. London: Routledge, 2003.