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Fields

History of economics, history of quantification, history of social sciences

Education

1983: doctoraal examen (MSc) economics, University of Amsterdam; 1989: doctoraal examen (MA) philosophy, University of Amsterdam 4 July 2001: PhD in economics, University of Amsterdam (**cum laude**)

Academic Positions

1 January 2015 – present: full professor, Centre Walras-Pareto for the history of economic and political thought, University of Lausanne.

1 March 2011 – 31 December 2014: associate professor, Utrecht School of Economics, Utrecht University. June 2005-28 February 2011: associate professor, Faculty of Economics and Business, University of

Amsterdam.

1994-2005: assistant professor, Faculty of Economics and Econometrics, University of Amsterdam.

Editorships/Editorial Board

Editor, Cambridge Series Historical Perspectives on Modern Economics 2016-present

Editorial board *Oeconomia* 2014-; *Journal of the History of Economic Thought (JHET)* 2008-; *History of Political Economy* 2008- 2015, 2020-; *The Journal of Economic Methodology*, 2007-

Academic Honours and related

ESHET best book prize 2018 for *The Making of Experimental Economics: Witness Seminar on the Emergence of a Field*, Heidelberg: Springer. co-edited with Andrej Svorenčík.

Professeur invité, Centre d’Economie de la Sorbonne /Institutions/Epistémologie, Paris 1 Panthéon- Sorbonne, February 2011, 2016

NIAS fellow, 1 February-30 June 2014

Vice-President History of Economics Society 2011-2012

Fellow Descartes Centre for the History of Science and the Humanities, Utrecht University, 2012- present

Visiting Research Fellow, Center for History of Political Economy, Duke University, 1 August – 15

November 2011

Joseph J. Spengler best book prize 2006 of the History of Economics Society

Visiting Scholar Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, 1 March – 30 June 2006 to the invitation of the Director Lorraine Daston

Visiting Fellow Clare Hall, Cambridge, 1 September – 30 November 2002

Approved Research Projects

2020-2024 Moral Accounting Matters: A History of Consumer Governance, 1800-1940 (FNS CHF 740K)

2020 Economists’ traveling through the history of economics. International scientific exchange (CHF 7.400)

2020 Routes to Knowledge: Travel and Knowledge Formation in the History of Economics. International Conference sponsored by FNS (CHF 11.100)

2018 Economics and Public Reason. International conference Sponsored by FNS (CHF 16.100)

2017 FNS grant for conference “The Historiography of Contemporary Economics,” UNIL. CHF 6.200,-- 2017-

2020 Swiss Science Foundation (FNS) grant (with Roberto Baranzini as first applicant) “The metaphorical characterization of equilibrium, economic crises, and business cycles”. CHF 540K

2013 Rathenau Institute (technology assessment): financial e-coaching in historical perspective (8.000 Euro) 2008-

2012 NWO VIDI-grant “Observation in Economics, Historically Considered,” 600K Euro

Select Publications

Articles (peer reviewed)

Mauro Boianovsky, Harro Maas; Introduction: Roads to Economic Knowledge: The Epistemic Virtues of Travel across the History of Thought. *History of Political Economy* 2022; 9779558.

doi: <https://doi.org/10.1215/00182702-9779558>

Harro Maas; Politicizing the Environment: (In)direct Inference, Rationality, and the Credibility of the Contingent Valuation Method. *History of Political Economy* 1 December 2021; 53 (S1): 293–323.

doi: <https://doi.org/10.1215/00182702-9414889>

Maas, Harro, “True Grid: Three Case Studies of Moral Accounting,” *East Asian Science, Technology and*

- Society*, 14 (2) pp. 309-330 (2020)
- Maas, Harro, "Monitoring the self: François-Marc-Louis Naville and his moral tables," *History of Science*, 58 (2) pp. 117-141 (2020)
- Maas, Harro, "A Wanderer in the Land of Dry Facts: Marshall's Struggles with History in the Concrete (Tiziano Raffaelli's Lecture)," *History of economic ideas*, 27 (3) pp. 129-154 (2019)
- Maas, Harro, "The Method of the Witness Seminar," *History of Political Economy*, 50 (3) pp. 571-577 (2018).
- Maas, Harro, "Calculators and Quacks: Feeling the economy's pulse in times of crisis," *Research in the History of Economic Thought and Methodology*, 36B (2018): 23-39
- Maas, Harro, and Andrej Svorenčik, "'Fraught with Controversy': Organizing Expertise against Contingent Valuation." *History of Political Economy* 49, no. 2 (2017): 315-345.
- Harro Maas, "Engines of Discovery: Jevons and Marshall on the Methods of Graphs and Diagrams." *Research in the History of Economic Thought and Methodology*, 35A (2017): 35-61 (with Hsiang-Ke Chao)
- Harro Maas, "A Road Not Taken: Economists, Historians of Science, and the Making of the Bowman Report", *Isis* 108, no. 1 (2017): 82-106 (with Roger Backhouse)
- Harro Maas, "Marginalizing Maclaurin: The Attempt to Develop an Economics of Technological Progress at MIT, 1940-50," *History of Political Economy* 48 no.3 (2016): 423-447 (with Roger Backhouse)
- Maas, Harro "Letts Calculate: Moral Accounting in the Victorian Period," *History of Political Economy*. 48, no. 5 (2016): 16-43
- Maas, Harro, "Making Things Technical: Paul Samuelson at MIT," *History of Political Economy*, 46, no. 5 (2014): 272-294
- Maas, Harro, and Mary S. Morgan, "Observation and Observing in Economics," *History of Political Economy* 44, no. 5 (2012): 1-24.
- Maas, Harro, "Disciplining Boundaries: Lionel Robbins, Max Weber, and the borderlands of economics, history, and psychology," *Journal of the History of Economic Thought* 31, no. 4 (2009): 500-517
- Maas, Harro, "A Hard Battle to Fight": Natural Theology and the Dismal Science 1820-1850," *History of Political Economy* 39, no. 5 (2008): 143-167
- Maas, Harro, "Jevons, Mill and the Private Laboratory of the Mind," *The Manchester School*, 73.5 (2005): 620-649.
- Maas, Harro, "Where Mechanism Ends: Thomas Reid on the Moral and the Animal Oeconomy," *History of Political Economy* 35.5 (2003): 338-360.
- Maas, Harro and Mary S. Morgan, "Timing History: The Introduction of Graphical Analysis in 19th Century British Economics," *Revue d'Histoire des Sciences Humaines*, 7 (2002): 97-127.
- Maas, Harro, "Mechanical Rationality: Jevons and the Making of Economic Man," *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science*, 30.4 (2009): 587-619.

Books, edited volumes, and contributions to books

- Mauro Boianovsky, Harro Maas, Roads to Economic Knowledge: The Epistemic Virtues of Travel across the History of Thought. *History of Political Economy* 2022 (special issue, forthcoming)
- Maas, Harro, Steven Medema and Marco Guidi (eds), "Economics as a Public Science, Part I and II: The Economist's Ethos and Modes of Persuasion," *OEconomia: History, Methodology, Philosophy*, 9-2, 9-3, 2019
- Maas, Harro, "The Method of the Witness Seminar," in Till Düppe and Roy Weintraub (eds.) *A Contemporary Historiography of Economics*, New York and London: Routledge, (forthcoming, 2018).
- Chao, Hsiang-Ke, and Harro Maas (eds), "Thinking and Acting with Diagrams," special issue of *East Asian Science, Technology, and Society*. (forthcoming 2019).
- Düppe, Till, and Harro Maas (eds), "Historical Epistemology and the History of Economics," *Research in the History of Economic Thought and Methodology*, 35A (2017)
- Svorenčik, Andrej and Harro Maas (eds), *The History of Experimental Economics: A Witness Seminar on the Emergence of a Field*. Heidelberg: Springer (2016).
- Maas, Harro, *Economic Methodology: A Historical Introduction*. London: Routledge (translated by Liz Waters).
- Maas, Harro and Mary S. Morgan (eds), *Histories of Observation in Economics*, Annual supplement of *History of Political Economy* 44 (2012).
- Maas, Harro, "Sorting Things Out: The Economist as an Armchair Observer," in Lorraine Daston and Elizabeth Lunbeck (eds) *Histories of Scientific Observation*, University of Chicago Press (2011). pp. 206-229.
- Maas, Harro, *William Stanley Jevons and the Making of Modern Economics*, New York and Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (2005).

Keynote lectures and invited presentations (selection over the past ten years)

- 5 October 2021, invited lecture Académie Royale de Belgique in colloquium La puissance des nombres.
- 23-25 May 2019, Blanqui Lecture, European Society for the History of Economic Thought, Lille
- 28 September 2018, Association Charles Gide pour l'Histoire de la Pensée économique, Nancy, keynote.
- 28 June 2018, Tiziano Raffaelli Lecture, Italian Association for the History of Political Economy (STOREP), Genoa,
- 5-6 December 2017, Symposium in honor of Vernon Smith, University of Nottingham, UK, invited speaker. 29-30 June 2017, "Histories of Measurement and Self-making," Utrecht University, Netherlands, keynote.

- 24-25 November 2016, Reasoning with Diagrams, National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan
- 5 May 2014 “Let’s calculate: Discussing Bruno Latour on accounting”, Science Po, Paris. Invited presentation.
- 6-7 March 2014, workshop “Numbers from Below”, Wissenschaftskolleg, Berlin. Invited presentation.
- 18-20 October 2013, workshop “Political Economy from the Age of Jackson to the Civil War, 1820-1865,” Bowdoin College, Maine, USA, invited presentation.
- 7 September 2012, (Econo)métrie : de l’arithmétique politique à l’économie mathématique. École Française, Rome, invited commentator.