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Curriculum Vitae

Erik Willem de Kwaadsteniet was born on December 31st 1977 in Groningen, the Netherlands. He grew up in Maastricht, where he finished his secondary education at the Jeanne d’Arc Lyceum in 1997. After that, he started studying psychology at Utrecht University, during which he became more and more interested in social psychology. Because of this interest he decided to write his Master thesis under the supervision of Hein Lodewijkx, which focused on the perception on so-called senseless violence. The research he did for this thesis – which he partly conducted at the University of Ljubljana in Slovenia – led to a publication in the Journal of Applied Social Psychology [Lodewijkx, H. F. M., De Kwaadsteniet, E. W., & Nijstad, B. A. (2005). That could be me (or not): Senseless violence and the role of deservingness, victim ethnicity, person identification, and position identification, Journal of Applied Social Psychology, 35, 1361-1383]. Moreover, the pleasant and fruitful collaboration with Hein Lodewijkx sparked his interest in social psychology even more. Therefore, after receiving his Master’s degree in Social Psychology in 2002, he decided to pursue a career in science. In December 2002, he started his PhD project under the supervision of Eric van Dijk, Arjaan Wit and David De Cremer. This project – which focused on the influence of environmental uncertainty in social dilemmas – resulted in the present dissertation. Erik now works as an Assistant Professor at Leiden University.
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