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Bio

Dr. Tristan Kohl is an Associate Professor at the University of Groningen (UG), Faculty of Economics & Business (FEB) and Fellow of the FEB Research Institute (FEBRI). His research field is international economics, with expertise in empirical studies of international trade, trade policies including Free Trade Agreements, sanctions, and the World Trade Organization, the gravity equation, political economy, and economic geography.¹ Dr. Kohl has extensive experience teaching a wide variety of courses in international economics and international business strategy.²

Education

Ph.D. Economics & Business, UG, defended Oct. 2012.

Dissertation: “Trade agreements galore: Who, what, when, where, why, how, and how much?”

Supervisors: Steven Brakman, Harry Garretsen.

Reading committee: Rob Alessie, Jeffrey Bergstrand, Peter van Bergeijk.

Propaedeutic degree, Dutch Law, UG, June 2006.

M.Sc. Economics, UG, December 2005.

Distinction: *cum laude*.

Includes exchange programme to McGill University, Montreal (Canada), Autumn 2004.

B.Sc. Economics, University of Groningen, July 2004.

Distinction: *cum laude*.

Propaedeutic degree, Economics, UG, July 2002.

Distinction: *cum laude*.

Academic positions

University of Groningen, Faculty of Economics & Business, Dept. of Global Economics & Management

Associate Professor, Jan. 2021–present.

Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), Sep. 2015–Dec. 2020.

Coordinator of the Honours Bachelor, Sep. 2013–Aug 2016.

Lecturer and Researcher, Sep. 2011–Aug. 2015.

PhD Candidate, Nov. 2007–Aug. 2011.

Research Assistant, Sep. 2006–Nov. 2007.

Teaching Assistant, Dec. 2002–Nov. 2007.

University of Groningen, Graduate School of Economics & Business

Coordinator of the Research Master in Economics & Business, Sep. 2016–Aug-2020.

Short-Term Visits

Georgia Institute of Technology (Atlanta GA, USA), School of Economics, Feb-Mar 2015. Host: T. Besedeš.

Southern Methodist University (Dallas TX, USA), School of Economics, Oct-Nov 2016. Host: J. Lake.

¹For an overview of publications and citations, see <https://scholar.google.nl/citations?user=InDL278AAAAJ&hl=en>.

²For a complete overview of courses taught, see <https://www.rug.nl/ocasys/rug/vak/viewtutor?tutor=1977>.

Publications

Peer-reviewed articles in international journals

1. Brakman S, Garretsen JH, Kohl T (2023) EXITitis in the UK: Gravity estimates in the aftermath of Brexit. *De Economist*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10645-023-09421-3>. [Open Access]
2. Besedeš T, Kohl T, Lake J (2020) Phase out tariffs, phase in trade? *Journal of International Economics* 127, 103385. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jinteco.2020.103385>.
3. Kohl T (2019) The Belt and Road Initiative's effect on supply-chain trade: evidence from structural gravity equations. *Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society* 12(1): 77-104. <https://doi.org/10.1093/cjres/rsy036>. [Open Access]
4. Brakman S, Garretsen JH, Kohl T (2018) Consequences of Brexit and options for a 'Global Britain'. *Papers in Regional Science* 97(1): 55-72. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/pirs.12343>.
5. Kaplan LC, Kohl T, Martínez-Zarzoso I (2017) Supply-chain trade and labor market outcomes: The case of the 2004 EU enlargement. *Review of International Economics* 26(2): 481-506. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/roie.12339>.
6. Kohl T, Brakman S, Garretsen JH (2016) Do trade agreements stimulate international trade differently? Evidence from 296 trade agreements. *The World Economy* 39(1): 97-131. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/twec.12272>.
7. Kohl T, Trojanowska S (2015) Heterogeneous trade agreements, WTO membership and international trade: An analysis using matching econometrics. *Applied Economics* 47(33) 3499-3509. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/00036846.2015.1016211>.
8. Kohl T, Brouwer AE (2014) The development of trade blocs in an era of globalisation. *Environment and Planning A* 46(7) 1535-1553. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1068/a46261>.
9. Kohl T (2014) Do we really know that trade agreements increase trade? *Review of World Economics* 150(3) 443-469. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s10290-014-0188-3>.

Peer-reviewed chapters in books

1. Kohl T (2021) In and out of the penalty box: U.S. sanctions and their effects on international trade. In PAG van Bergeijk (ed), *Research Handbook on Economic Sanctions* (pp. 388-410). Edward Elgar. <https://doi.org/10.4337/9781839102721.00030>.
2. Brouwer AE, Kohl T (2020) Trade blocs. In A Kobayashi (ed) *International Encyclopedia of Human Geography* (2 ed, pp. 335-339), Elsevier. <https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-08-102295-5.10141-6>.
3. Kohl T, Klein Reesink C (2019) Sticks and stones: Sanction threats, impositions, and their effect on international trade. In T. Besedeš, V. Nitsch (eds) *Disrupted economic relationships: Disasters, sanctions, dissolutions* (pp. 103-130). CESifo Seminar Series, MIT Press. <https://doi.org/10.7551/mitpress/11703.003.0007>.
4. Kohl T (2017) Opening the black box of trade agreements. In De Lombaerde P, Saucedo E (eds) *Indicator-based monitoring of regional economic integration: Fourth world report on regional integration* (pp. 301-315). United Nations University Series on Regionalism, Vol. 13, Heidelberg, Springer International Publishing. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-50860-3_14.
5. Kohl T (2017) The WTO's effect on trade: What you give is what you get. In Christensen BJ, Kowalczyk C (eds) *Globalisation: Strategies and effects* (pp. 459-493). Heidelberg, Springer Verlag. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-662-49502-5_19.

Working papers

1. Kohl T, Berg van der M, Franssen L (2022) Going Dutch? Firm exports and FDI in the wake of the 2014 EU-Russia sanctions. Revise & Resubmit, *Review of International Economics*.
2. Nguyen D, Brakman S, Garretsen H, Kohl T (2023) What's in a name? Initial geography and German urban development. CESifo Working Paper No. 10435. https://www.cesifo.org/DocDL/cesifo1_wp10435.pdf. Submitted.

Books

1. Kohl T (2012) *Trade agreements galore: Who, what, when, where, why, how and how much?*, Groningen: SOM Graduate School. PhD dissertation. <https://tinyurl.com/4rsvaksw>.

Other professional outlets

1. Kohl T (2022) Unilateral and extraterritorial sanctions symposium: Extraterritorial sanctions - overcompliance and globalization. *Opinio Juris*. <https://tinyurl.com/54cxscy>.
2. Brakman S, Garretsen JH, Kohl T (2019) Tinbergen en de Nobelprijzen voor internationale handel. *TPEdigitaal* 13(1): 1-7 (in Dutch).
3. Brakman S, Garretsen JH, Kohl T (2017) Globalisering vs Rutte III: 2-1. *TPEdigitaal* 11: 63-67 (in Dutch).
4. Brakman S, Kohl T, Witteloostuijn van A (2013) De Wereldhandelsorganisatie is overbodig. *Openbaar Bestuur* 8, pp. 14-18 (in Dutch).

Work in progress

1. Lobbying for tariff phaseouts in US bilateral free trade agreements (with S Hakobyan and J Lake). Invited presentation at 2020 Allied Social Science Association Meeting.
2. Utilization of US preferential rates in free trade agreements (with T Besedes and J Lake).
3. Phase out tariffs and phase-in trade: A global perspective (with T Besedes and J Lake).
4. 200 years of trade agreements (1820-2020): Origins, contents and consequences (with P Milionis).
5. Causes and consequences of GATT/WTO dispute settlement (with S Brakman, JH Garretsen and SK Samplonius-Raut).
6. From bulwarks and bombs to boulevards (with S Brakman, JH Garretsen and DA Nguyen).

PhD supervision

(Co-)promotor of PhD students:

1. MB Leusen (Nov 2022–present; joint with JH Garretsen and F Giumelli).
2. DA Nguyen (defense February 2022; promotores S Brakman and JH Garretsen).
3. SK Samplonius-Raut (defense March 2021; promotores S Brakman and JH Garretsen).

2023: *ius promovendi* granted by the Board of the University of Groningen.

2019: Completed 4-day workshop “Coaching PhD students” (Hertz, coaching for scientists)

Third-party funding

1. Research Council of Norway, “Shocking times for European economic integration”, grant number 325996 (joint with Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, Kiel Institute for the World Economy, London School of Economics). <https://tinyurl.com/46ce597c>. 2021-2024.
2. University of Groningen Interdisciplinary PhD Grant on international sanctions, 2022-2026.
3. Dutch Research Council (NWO) Open-SSH M 2022 Grant, “(Anti-)Globalization and its Lobbyists: Who Make the Rules on Trade and Why It Matters”. <https://www.nwo.nl/en/researchprogrammes/open-competition-ssh/granted-projects>. Grant No. 406.22.EB.002, 2023-2028.

(Invited) presentations

For an up-to-date overview of my (invited) presentations, see <https://research.rug.nl/en/persons/tristan-kohl/activities/>.

Media

For an up-to-date overview of my contributions to media outlets, see <https://research.rug.nl/en/persons/tristan-kohl/clippings/>.

Policy outreach, academic consulting and contract research

Kohl T, Tans S (2020) Nederland en de (hervorming van de) Wereldhandelsorganisatie. Scientific factsheet for the Dutch Parliament (<https://www.tweedekamer.nl/kamerstukken/detail?id=2020Z20266&did=2020D43534>).

Academic consulting on “Estimated impact of six envisaged bilateral trade agreements on the Dutch economy” for Stichting Economisch Onderzoek, commissioned by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2016). <https://www.tweedekamer.nl/downloads/document?id=10e484a2-8b23-4c95-8d35-590a8d259105>.

Contract research on “The impact of the Transatlantic Trade & Investment Partnership (TTIP) on low income countries” for the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2015). https://www.staten-generaal.nl/eu/id/vk02u69g0tpt/document_extern/34166_onderzoek/f=/vk02u6vvcyr1.pdf.

Invited ad-hoc advisor for *De Nederlandsche Bank*, *Centraal Plan Bureau*, and *Stichting Economisch Onderzoek* (2015–present)

Public Service

2023: Co-organizer of “Gravity Masterclass & Workshop” in cooperation with CPB Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis (March 30-31, The Hague).

2022–present: Board member, European Trade Study Group (<http://www.etsg.org>), responsible for the organization of the largest annual conference in the field of international trade (approx. 350 participants).

2022: Local organizer of the European Trade Study Group (<http://www.etsg.org>) conference in Groningen, September 8-10, 2022. <https://tinyurl.com/3m277p9p>.

2022: Co-organizer of the interdisciplinary sanctions workshop ‘From cradle to grave—the policy cycle of EU restrictive measures’ in Groningen, November 24-26. <https://tinyurl.com/2zfxcsrj>.

2022–present: Executive secretary, International Economics and Finance Society (<http://www.iefsweb.org>), responsible for the organization of sessions at the ASSA-AEA Annual Meeting and various other regional conferences in the United States.

2021–present: Member of the Curriculum Working Group “Curriculum 2024” to review and update the curriculum for the BSc Economics & Business Economics and the MSc Economic Development & Globalization, UG-FEB.

2014–present: Ad-hoc reviewing of manuscripts for a variety of journals in the field of international economics and regional economics, see <https://www.webofscience.com/wos/author/rid/I-7133-2019> for an up-to-date overview.

Professional memberships

American Economic Association, International Economics and Finance Society, Regional Science Association International.