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- Research Interests** Socio-Economic Inequality, Segregation, Crime and Disorder, Victimization, Ethnic Diversity, Neighbourhood Perceptions and Processes, Social Cohesion, and Quantitative Research Methods
- Employment**
- Senior Researcher, 2021–now
Research Group ‘Space, Contexts, and Crime’, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law, Freiburg, Germany
 - Guest Researcher, 2021–now
Department of Urbanism, Delft University of Technology
 - Assistant Professor (tenure track), 2019–21
Department of Urbanism, Delft University of Technology
 - Affiliated Researcher, 2020–21
Research Group ‘Space, Contexts, and Crime’, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law, Freiburg, Germany
 - Postdoctoral Researcher, 2019
Department of Urbanism, Delft University of Technology
 - Postdoctoral Researcher, 2016–19
Department of OTB, Delft University of Technology
 - Postdoctoral Researcher, 2015–16
Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law, Freiburg, Germany
 - Postdoctoral Researcher, 2015
NSCR (Netherlands Institute for the Study of Crime and Law Enforcement), Amsterdam.
- Education**
- PhD in Criminology, NSCR & Utrecht University, 2016
Dissertation: [Parenting, Criminogenic Settings and Delinquency](#). Date of defence: January 22, 2016.
 - MSc in Sociology (with distinction), Tilburg University, 2010
Thesis: Anti-immigrant attitudes in the Netherlands: Determinants at Individual and Neighborhood level.
 - BSc in Leisure Studies, Minor in Sociology- Tilburg University, 2009
- Research Visits**
- Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law, Freiburg, Germany. September 2017. Host: Prof. Dr. Dietrich Oberwittler.
 - Monash University, School of Social Sciences, Melbourne, Australia. Nov-Dec 2016. Host: Dr. Rebecca Wickes.

Grants

- ODISSEI data collection grant, 2019 (€16,965)
PI on project 'Objective neighbourhood characteristics or perceptions? What is more important in affecting individual outcomes?'.
Erasmus+ mobility grant, European Commission, 2018 (€ 1,115)
For course on Spatial Demography: Concepts, Cartographic and Statistical Analysis Techniques, and Big Geodata at the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock, Germany, Jan/Feb 2018.
Erasmus+ mobility grant, European Commission, 2017 (€ 635)
For research visit at the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law, Freiburg, Germany, Sep 2017.
NWO MaGW Postdoc-call Youth and Family, 2015 (€ 37,500)
Co-PI for project 'Welke gezinsfactoren kunnen criminogene invloeden van leeftijdgenoten en locaties tegengaan?'(431-14-012) (PI: Gerben Bruinsma, NSCR/VU).
NWO Travel grant, 2011 (€ 3,920)
For ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA, 18 July – 12 August 2011.

Research Projects

- Crime, Insecurities, and Social Dynamics in Urban Neighborhoods, Max Planck Institute CSL, 2015-now
Team member/Affiliated researcher (PI: Dietrich Oberwittler, Max Planck Institute CSL)
RELOCAL, H2020, ERC, 2017-2019
Resituating the local in cohesion and territorial development
Work package leader WP5 Longitudinal studies of territorial inequality (PI: James Scott, UEF).
DEPRIVEDHOODS, ERC, 2016-2019
Socio-spatial inequality, deprived neighbourhoods, and neighbourhood effects
Team member (PI: Maarten van Ham, TU Delft)
Crime, disorder, and social capital in urban neighborhoods: perceptions and social processes (SENSIKO), Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung, 2015-2016
Team member (PI: Dietrich Oberwittler, Max Planck Institute CSL)
SPAN, NSCR, 2010-2020
Study of Peers, Activities and Neighbourhoods
Team member (PI: Gerben Bruinsma, NSCR)

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles (n=12)

- Janssen, H.J., Bruinsma, G.J.N., Weerman, F. (online) Can Inner and Outer Containment Counteract Pulls and Pushes Toward Delinquency? A Test of Walter Reckless' Containment Theory. *European Journal of Criminology*, Published online January 30, 2021. [\[Link\]](#)
Janssen, H.J., Oberwittler, D., Koeber, G. Victimization and its consequences for well-being: A between and within-person analysis (2021). *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, 37, 101-140 (Open Access). [\[Link\]](#)
This paper is one of [Springer Nature 2020's Research Highlights](#) as highly downloaded article (top 3) in criminology.

- van Ham, M., Uesugi, M., Tammaru, T., Manley, D., **Janssen, H.J.** (2020) Changing occupational structures and residential segregation in New York, London and Tokyo. *Nature Human Behaviour*, 4, 1124-1134. [\[Link\]](#)
- Janssen, H.J.**, Oberwittler, D., Gerstner, D. Perceptions of disorder and the concentration of visible minorities: the moderating role of interethnic contact and xenophobic attitudes (online). *International Criminal Justice Review*, Published online December 27, 2019 (Open Access). [\[Link\]](#)
- Janssen, H.J.**, van Ham, M., Kleinepier, T., Nieuwenhuis, J. (2019). A micro-scale approach to ethnic minority concentration in the residential environment and voting for the radical right in the Netherlands. *European Sociological Review*, 35(4), 552-566, (Open Access). [\[Link\]](#)
- Tammaru, T., Marcinczak, S., Aunap, R., van Ham, M., & **Janssen, H.J.** (online). Relationship between income inequality and residential segregation of socioeconomic groups. *Regional Studies*, Published online January 4, 2019 (Open Access). [\[Link\]](#)
- Janssen, H.J.**, Deković, M., Bruinsma, G.J.N., & Eichelsheim, V. (2018). A between- and within-person analysis of parenting and time spent in criminogenic settings during adolescence: The role of self-control and delinquent attitudes. *Youth & Society*, 50(2), 229-254. [\[Link\]](#)
- Oberwittler, D., **Janssen, H.J.**, & Gerstner, D. (2017). Unordnung und Unsicherheit in großstädtischen Wohngebieten – Die überschätzte Rolle von „Broken Windows“ und die Herausforderungen ethnischer Diversität. *Soziale Probleme*, 28(2), 181-205 (Open Access). [\[Link\]](#)
- Janssen, H.J.**, Eichelsheim, V.I., Deković, M., & Bruinsma, G.J.N. (2017). Sex differences in longitudinal pathways from parenting to delinquency. *European Journal on Criminal Policy and Research*, 23(4), 503-521. [\[Link\]](#)
- Janssen, H.J.**, Weerman, F.M., Eichelsheim, V.I. (2017). Parenting as a protective factor against criminogenic settings? Interaction effects between three aspects of parenting and unstructured socializing in disordered areas. *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, 54(2) 181-207. [\[Link\]](#)
- Janssen, H.J.**, Eichelsheim, V.I., Deković, M., & Bruinsma, G.J.N. (2015). How is parenting related to adolescent delinquency? A between- and within-person analysis of the mediating role of self-control, delinquent attitudes, peer delinquency, and time spent in criminogenic settings. *European Journal of Criminology*, 13(2) 169-194. [\[Link\]](#)
- Janssen, H.J.**, Deković, M., & Bruinsma, G.J.N. (2014). Parenting and time adolescents spend in criminogenic settings: A between- and within-person analysis. *British Journal of Criminology*, 54, 551-567. [\[Link\]](#)

Books
(n=3)

- van Ham M. Tammaru T., Ubarevičienė R. & **Janssen H.** (Eds.). (2021) Urban Socio-Economic Segregation and Income Inequality: A Global Perspective. Springer International Publishing, Open Access. [\[Link\]](#)
- Schubert, H., Oberwittler, D., Schartau, L., Planer, N., Nutz, A., Spieckermann, H., Gerstner, D. & **Janssen, H. J.** (2017). Sicherheit empfinden älterer Menschen im Wohnquartier: Ein Praxishandbuch für die Soziale Arbeit. Köln: Technische Hochschule Köln.
- Janssen, H.J.** (2015). Parenting, criminogenic settings and delinquency. Doctoral dissertation, Utrecht University. [\[Link\]](#)

Book Chapters
(n=3)

- van Ham M. Tammaru T., Ubarevičienė R. & **Janssen H.** (2021) Rising Inequalities and a Changing Social Geography of Cities. In van Ham M. Tammaru T., Ubarevičienė R. & **Janssen H.** (Eds.) (2021) *Urban Socio-Economic Segregation and Income Inequality: A Global Perspective*. Springer International Publishing, Open Access. [\[Link\]](#)
- Petrovic, A., Van Ham, M., **Janssen, H.J.**, Manley, D., & Tammaru, T. (2018). Multiscale and multidimensional segregation of non-Western migrants in seven European capitals. In G. Tintori, A. Alessandrini, & F. Natale (Eds.), *Diversity, residential segregation, concentration of migrants: a comparison across EU cities: Findings from the Data Challenge on Integration of Migrants in Cities (D4I)* (pp. 18-19). Luxembourg: Publications Office of the European Union. [\[Link\]](#)
- Van Ham, M., Tammaru, T., & **Janssen, H.J.** (2018). A multi-level model of vicious circles of socio-economic segregation. In *Divided Cities: Understanding Intra-Urban Inequalities* (pp. 135-153): Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Publishing, Paris. [\[Link\]](#)

Technical Reports
(n=5)

- Melo, P.C., Gaspar, J., **Janssen, H.J.**, van Ham, M., Andersson, E., Malmberg, B. (2019) D5.3 Location and context - analysis of spatial inequalities at different geographical scales. H2020 project RELOCAL - Resituating the Local in Cohesion and Territorial Development. [\[Link\]](#)
- Janssen, H.J.**, & Van Ham, M. (with contributions from Melo, P., Andersson, E., Malmberg, B., Fritsch, M. & Németh, S.) (2018). D5.2 Report on multi-scalar patterns of inequalities. H2020 project RELOCAL - Resituating the Local in Cohesion and Territorial Development. [\[Link\]](#)
- Janssen, H.J.** & Gerstner, D. (2016). An attrition analysis in the SENSIKO survey (waves 1 and 2) (SENSIKO Working Paper / 3). [\[Link\]](#)
- Oberwittler, D., Gerstner, D. & **Janssen, H.J.** (2016). Ergebnisse der SENSIKO-Studie zur Sicherheitslage und Sicherheitswahrnehmung im Alter (SENSIKO Working Paper / 4). [\[Link\]](#)
- Hoeben, E.M. & **Janssen, H.J.** (2013): Systematic Social Observation in The Hague 2011/2012. NSCR. [\[Link\]](#)

Other Publications
(n=4)

- Janssen, H.J.**, Kleinmans, R., Van Ham, M., Melo, P., Andersson, B., Malmberg, B. (2019) Multi-scale spatial inequality and consequences for individual socioeconomic outcomes. Policy Brief 3 RELOCAL Project. November 2019. [\[Link\]](#)
- Janssen, H.J.**, Weerman, F., Eichelsheim, V.I. (2019). In de etalage: Jeugdcriminaliteit: opvoeding als beschermende factor tegen rondhangen in een slechte omgeving? *Mens en Maatschappij*, 94(1), 121-123. [\[Link\]](#)
- Janssen, H.J.**, & Hoeben, E. M. (2015). Ouders, vriendjes, rondhangen en jeugdcriminaliteit in NWO Jeugd en Gezin: Een terugblik op vijf jaar onderzoek (pp. 44-51). Den Haag: Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek. [\[Link\]](#)
- Janssen, H.J.**, & Eichelsheim, V. I. (2014). Hangjongeren: een kwestie van opvoeden? Nemo Kennislink. [\[Link\]](#)

Work in Progress

- Troost, A., van Ham, M., **Janssen, H.J.** Modelling neighbourhood effects on income while controlling for non-random selection into neighbourhoods in three Dutch cities. *Under Review.*
- Nieuwenhuis, J., Kleinepier, T., **Janssen, H.J.**, Van Ham, M. Neighbourhood deprivation and personality traits: Associations with adolescent problem behaviour and educational attainment. *Under Review.*
- Janssen, H.J.**, Andersson, E., van Ham, M., Malmberg, B. Poverty concentration in the adolescent residential area and socio-economic outcomes later in life: A multiscale approach in Sweden and the Netherlands (working title). *Under Review.*
- Janssen, H.J.**, Wickes, R., Oberwittler, D. Neighborhood structural characteristics, disorder and collective efficacy: A cross-cultural comparison of Australian and German neighborhoods (working title). *In preparation.*
- Tammaru, T., van Ham, M., **Janssen, H.J.** The vicious circle of segregation of socioeconomic and ethnic groups over time and in space. *Under Review.*
- Troost, A., **Janssen, H.J.**, van Ham, M. Neighbourhood deprivation and affluence and educational attainment: a multidimensional approach to neighbourhood histories. *Under Review.*

Invited Talks

- A multiscale approach to examining neighborhood effects on individual income. Workshop 'Addressing Methodological Challenges in the Neighbourhood Effects Research', Nuffield Foundation, London, UK, 22 March, 2019.
- Neighbourhood ethnic minority concentration and the intention to vote for the radical right in the Netherlands: A multiscale approach. School of Geography and Sustainable Development, University of St Andrews, UK, 3 April, 2018.
- "Seeing" disorder: Concentration of Visible Minorities and Perceptions of Neighborhood Disorder, OTB Colloquium, OTB - Research for the Built Environment, Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment, Delft University of Technology, the Netherlands, 11 April 2017.
- Ethnic diversity, disorder and collective efficacy: A comparative analysis of German and Australian neighborhoods. School of Social Sciences, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia, 8 December 2016.
- Opvoeding, rondhangen en criminaliteit (in Dutch) [Parenting, hanging around and delinquency]. NWO Jeugd en Gezin Symposium, Utrecht, the Netherlands, 26 November 2015.

Conference Presentations

- Understanding Inequalities International Conference, Edinburgh, Scotland, 9-10 June 2020, *Cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.*
- RELOCAL Project Workshop 4. University of Łódź, Poland, 5-6 March 2019.
- ECSR Conference, Sciences Po, Paris, France, 29-31 October 2018.
- ISA RC28 Spring Meeting, Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea, 25-27 May 2018.
- RELOCAL Project Conference 1, University of Barcelona, 15 February 2018.
- RELOCAL Project Workshop 3. University of Barcelona, 13-14 February 2018.

RELOCAL Project Review 1, Research Executive Agency, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium, 11 January 2018.

ERC Deprivedhoods meeting, School of Geographical Sciences, University of Bristol, UK, 13-15 September 2017.

RELOCAL Project Workshop 2. University of Thessaly, Volos, Greece, 7-10 March 2017.

SENSIKO Verbundtreffen, Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law, Freiburg, Germany, 8 November 2016.

European Society of Criminology, Münster, Germany, 21-24 September 2016.

International Symposium Ethnic Diversity and Neighborhood Social Processes – Cross Cultural Perspectives, Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law, Freiburg, Germany, 24 May 2016.

SENSIKO Verbundtreffen, TH Köln 27 May 2016.

European Society of Criminology, Porto, Portugal, 2-5 September 2015.

SPAN symposium, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 5 February 2015.

American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, USA, 19-22 November 2014.

NVC, Leiden, the Netherlands, 12-13 June 2014.

VNOP/CAS Research Day, Utrecht, the Netherlands, 19 November 2013.

NVC, Leiden, the Netherlands, 13-14 June 2013.

American Society of Criminology, Chicago, USA, 14-17 November 2012.

NVC, Leiden, the Netherlands, 14-15 June 2012.

NVC, Leiden, the Netherlands, 16-17 June 2011.

Data Collection

2020 Construction of questionnaire on neighbourhood perceptions. LISS panel. Data is collected by CentERdata in July 2020.

2016 Data cleaning, scale construction and attrition analyses. 2nd wave of the SENSIKO: *Sicherheit älterer Menschen im Wohnquartier* study, Max Planck Institute. [\[Link\]](#)

2011-12 Coordinator of data collection. Systematic Social Observation in two Dutch cities, 2011-2012. Observations at approximately 2500 street segments by 29 observers. NSCR, Amsterdam, the Netherlands. [\[Link\]](#)

2011 Interviewer 2nd wave of the Study of Peers, Activities and Neighborhoods (SPAN), ten secondary schools in The Hague, The Netherlands.

Teaching

BA Courses

- Academic Skills 1 ‘*Bouwkunde als Wetenschappelijke Discipline*’ (2017-2021)
- Cities, Migration and Socio-Spatial Inequality (2018-2021)
- Neighborhood Effects and Adolescent Delinquency, Origin and Development of Crime (2017), School of Criminology, VU University Amsterdam, Guest Lecturer.
- Academic Skills 2 ‘*Empirisch Onderzoeksproject*’ (2016-17).

- Bachelor Thesis supervision (2013–14), Honors Program Social and Behavioral Science, Utrecht University.
- Bachelor Thesis supervision (2012–13), School of Criminology, VU University Amsterdam.
- Systematic Observations of Urban Disorder (2011–12), NSCR, VU University Amsterdam & Leiden University, Instructor.

MA Courses

- Urban Geography (2019–2021)
- Master Thesis supervision (2019–2021)
- Social Inequality in the City, Diversity and Design (2018–2021)

Postgraduate Courses

- European Consortium for Sociological Research (ECSR) Spring School ‘Geography, Mobility and Social Stratification Turin, Italy (23–27 March 2020, *Cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic*)

University Teaching Qualification (BKO), Delft University of Technology

- Module 1 ‘Develop’ *completed* in July 2019.
- Module 2 ‘Supervise’ *completed* in December 2019.
- Module 3 ‘Assess’ *completed* December 2022.

PhD Supervision

Agata Troost, (Daily Supervisor & Copromotor, March 2018–2021)
Project: “Neighbourhood Histories and Individual Outcomes”

University Service

Coordinator of the Urban Studies Research Meetings, 2020–2021.

Member of the Urbanism Inclusiveness Action Team, 2020–2021.

Delegate of the Board of Examiners, 2019–2021.

Member of the mid-term review panel as representative of all tenure trackers, 2019.

Member of search committee PhD position ‘Egohoods, spatial inequalities and neighbourhood effects’, 2017–18

External expert Master student graduation, 2017–18.

Organizer workshop ‘*Populair wetenschappelijk schrijven*’ for PhD students from the NSCR and VU School of Criminology, NSCR, 7 March 2013.

Other Activities

Co-organizer symposium ‘*Rondhangen en Jeugdcriminaliteit*’ [‘Unstructured socializing and Delinquency’] for social workers and practitioners, to present research findings of the Study of Peers, Activities and Neighborhoods, VU Amsterdam, 5 February 2015.

Member of Supervisory Committee, WODC, Ministry of Security and Justice, The Hague, the Netherlands, ‘*Halt Vernieuwd: Procesevaluatie van de vernieuwde Halt-afdoening*’ [Halt Renewed: Process evaluation of the renewed Halt program], 2013. [\[Link\]](#)

Postgraduate Courses

UTQ Module Assess, OC Focus, Delft University of Technology. Third module of the University Teaching Qualification (BKO) on designing and constructing assessment. Successfully completed in December 2020.

UTQ Module Supervise, OC Focus, Delft University of Technology. Second module of the University Teaching Qualification (BKO) on the supervision of individual students (BA, MA, PhD). Successfully completed in December 2019.

UTQ Module Develop, OC Focus, Delft University of Technology. First module of the University Teaching Qualification (BKO) on the development of teaching and active learning. Successfully completed in July 2019.

Spatial Demography: Concepts, Cartographic and Statistical Analysis Techniques, and Big Geodata, Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock, Germany, 22 January – 2 February 2018.

Advanced course on using *Mplus*, Utrecht Summer School, Utrecht University, the Netherlands, 11-15 July 2016

Spatial Criminology, VU University, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, February-March 2012.

Applied Multilevel Models, ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA, 18 July – 12 August 2011.

Simultaneous Equation Modeling, ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA, 18 July – 12 August 2011.

Associate Editor

Journal of Housing and the Built Environment, 2019 – 2021.

Reviewer

Journal of Quantitative Criminology
Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency
Applied Geography
Journal of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology
European Journal of Criminology
Youth & Society
Advances in Life Course Research
European Psychiatry
Criminal Justice & Behavior
Journal of Scandinavian Studies in Criminology and Crime Prevention
Društvena istraživanja – Journal of General Social Issues
Societies
The Journal of Early Adolescence
Journal of Child and Family Studies
Criminal Justice Review
Maatschappij & Beleid
Tijdschrift voor Criminologie

Memberships

Space, Place and Crime working group ([WG-PLACE](#)) of the European Society of Criminology ([ESC](#))

Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility ([RC28](#)) of the International Sociological Association ([ISA](#))

European Network for Housing Research ([ENHR](#))

**Statistical Software
Experience**

Stata (expert), Mplus (expert), SPSS (expert), Equipop (expert),
QGIS (intermediate), SAS (beginner), R(beginner).

**Language
Proficiency**

Dutch (native), English (C2-level, OOPT 110/120), German (intermediate).