

# Anna van Vree

## Curriculum vitae

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## Profile

PhD fellow in Political Science at Aarhus University, researching how moral meaning is constructed in political and public discourse on immigration. My work combines interdisciplinary theory (cognitive semiotics, moral psychology, political communication) with qualitative and multimodal analysis of text–image communication and citizen discussions.

## Education

- 2021 - present **PhD fellow**, *Department of Political Science, Aarhus University, Aarhus.*  
Hired on project 'Moralizing Immigration' funded by the Sapere Aude Research Leader grant
- 2018 - 2020 **Master Cognitive Semiotics**, *Aarhus University, Aarhus.*  
The study of cognitive meaning-making in perception, language, and thought, touching on the fields of cognitive linguistics, cognitive science, communication, natural language processing, and social cognition.
- 2013 - 2018 **Bachelor Beta-Gamma, Major Brain and Cognition**, *University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam.*  
An interdisciplinary Bachelor program with a broad first year. A major is chosen in second year.  
**Double Minor: Gender and Sexuality; Artificial Intelligence**, *University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam.*
- 2018 **Semester abroad**, *University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK.*

## Research interests

Political communication, immigration, moral psychology, cognitive linguistics, polarization, populism, qualitative methods: visual communication; discourse analysis; focus groups; interview data

## Working Papers

- Van Vree, A. *Moral Archetypes in Political Communication: The Construction of Heroes, Villains, Victims, and Cowards in Immigration Discourse.* (in preparation for submission)
- Van Vree, A. *Visualizing Morality: Postcolonial Repertoires in Geert Wilders' Anti-Immigration Party Posts on Social Media.* (in preparation for submission)
- Simonsen, K. B. & Van Vree, A. *Moralized Division in Citizens' Deliberations about Immigration.* (under review)

## Teaching

- Autumn 2023 **Seminar Lecturer, Right and Wrong: Studying Moral Framing and its Effects on Citizens**, *Aarhus University, Aarhus.*
- Spring 2023 **Guest Lecturer, History of Immigration in the Netherlands**, *Aalborg University, Aalborg.*
- Autumn 2022 **Seminar Teacher, Public Opinions and the Media**, *Aarhus University / DMJX Journalism School, Aarhus.*

2014 - 2016 **Course developer and supervisor, Future Planet Actions**, *University of Amsterdam*, Amsterdam.

## Presentations

### Conferences

- 2024 **Danish Political Science Association (DPSA)**, *Annual Conference*, Denmark.
- 2023 **Council for European Studies (CES)**, *Annual Conference*, Reykjavík, Iceland.
- 2022 **European Political Science Association (EPSA)**, *Annual Conference*, Prague, Czech Republic.

### Workshops

- 2024 **The Rhetoric of Politics: Communication Styles, Group Appeals, and Their Effects**, *Workshop co-organizer and presenter*, Aarhus University, Aarhus.
- 2025 **Migration Workshop**, *Presenter*, Aarhus University, Aarhus.
- 2024 **Migration Workshop**, *Presenter*, Aarhus University, Aarhus.
- 2023 **Migration Workshop**, *Presenter*, Aarhus University, Aarhus.

## Languages

- Dutch Native proficiency
- English Full professional proficiency, C2
- Danish Intermediate, B1

## Programming and data analysis skills

SPSS, R, Java, C, LaTeX, Python