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Curriculum Vitae

Nils was born on August the 17th 1986 in Meerbusch, Germany.

After graduating from high-school, he went to Lisbon, Portugal to complete a year of civil service. Motivated by the experiences, he enrolled for a Bachelor Program in Psychology at the WWU University Münster back in Germany. Nils discovered his special interest in the *social* element of psychology during two internships in Rwanda and Tanzania



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He graduated in 2012 (cum laude) and received the Master Thesis of the Year Award in Psychology (2012) for his work on corruption – a topic for which he developed a fascination during his final year of the Research Master. Together with Jan-Willem van Prooijen, Francesca Righetti and Paul Van Lange, Nils was able to obtain a NWO Talent Grant that funded their research on the social psychological elements of corruption. This grant also allowed Nils to organize a two-day conference on corruption. As a result of this event, together with several other researchers, Nils founded the Interdisciplinary Corruption Research Network⁹.

The interest in corruption has not vanished and so Nils has been invited to join Transparency International's Anti-Corruption Solutions and Knowledge Network of Experts¹⁰ and was part of the UNODC Education for Justice Expert Roundtable that aims to foster tertiary education on anti-corruption¹¹.

⁹ See <http://www.ICRNetwork.org>

¹⁰ See http://www.transparency.org/experts_network

¹¹ See <https://www.unodc.org/dohadecclaration/en/topics/education-for-justice.html>

The work of his dissertation has been featured in the media; online (e.g. Scientific American), printed (e.g. Katapult), as well as in public radio shows in Germany (Bayerischer Rundfunk) and Great Britain (BBC4). Nils currently works as a Post-Doctoral researcher at the Faculty of Economics and Business and is a member of the Center for Experimental Economics and political Decision-making (CREED) at the University of Amsterdam, researching the collaborative roots of corruption.

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