

## Resumé Linde van Balen

### Personal information

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Name	L.J. (Linde) van Balen	Date of birth	11 <sup>th</sup> November, 1988
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### Profile

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A motivated, results-driven academic with a Master's degree in Criminology and experience in a variety of research areas. Educated in fields including law, psychology, social science, economy and anti-trafficking. My strengths include a sharp analytical mind-set, an affinity for written language and an eagerness to acquire new knowledge. Reaching my goals and performing excellently in a team are two of mine major objectives. My attitude is to combine social skills, research experience and the ability to function under pressure and adapt easily in a changing environment.

### Education

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- September 2011 - February 2013  
**Erasmus University Rotterdam, School of Law – Rotterdam, The Netherlands**  
*Master of Science (MSc) in 'Criminality and Organized Crime'*  
Thesis: 'Integration within the Dutch society with an Islamic religion'.  
Investigation of the relationship between the Islam and the social position of Turkish immigrant youth, studying possible risks of crime and radicalization.
- September 2007 – March 2011  
**Leiden University, Faculty of Law - The Netherlands**  
*Bachelor in Criminology (BSc)*
- September 2006 – December 2006  
**University of Utrecht, Faculty of Science - The Netherlands**  
*Subjects: molecular properties, pharmacist and medicine, physical and analytical pharmacy, cell biology, drug binding and operation*
- September 2001 – June 2006  
**High School "Stedelijk Gymnasium Nijmegen" - Nijmegen, The Netherlands**  
*Atheneum diploma; Profile: Nature & Health, with Latin and Spanish*

### Professional Experience

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- July 2013 – present  
**Erasmus MC, University Hospital Rotterdam – Rotterdam, The Netherlands**  
Department of Internal Medicine, Section Transplantation and Nephrology  
*Academic Researcher in international, EU-funded project, 'Combating Trafficking in Persons for the Purpose of Organ Removal' (HOTT Project; 2012-2015)*  
  
Project objectives: increase knowledge, awareness and improve non-legislative response.  
  
Activities: performing qualitative and quantitative research including national survey, literature reviews, interviews with physicians and patients resulting in writing articles and presenting results on (international) conferences. Assisting with project management including database maintenance, website maintenance and preparation of meetings (e.g. the Writers' Conference and The international HOTT Project Symposium, Europol, The Hague, The Netherlands, 20-21 November 2014).
- September 2010 – March 2013  
**'Stichting Activite', Home-care organization – Leiderdorp, The Netherlands**  
*Customer Contact Center*  
Activities: contact for clients who need care or information, as well as contact with the nursing staff about (un)planned care; controlling acute care and planning of care moments on care, nursing and domestic help.

- March 2010 – February 2013  
**Victim Support The Netherlands - The Hague, The Netherlands**  
*Volunteer legal assistant*

Activities: supporting victims in court cases and hearings; victim conversations, assisting in restoring (im)material damage, help with increasing the self-reliance of clients.

- January 2011 – May 2011  
**Financial, Environmental and Food Safety Offences Office (Functioneel Parket), The Public Prosecution Service – The Hague, The Netherlands**  
*Internship, Department: Team Information and Operational Coordination (TIOC)*

Activities: independent research in preparation of the investigation and prosecution of economic or financial offences, social security fraud or agricultural or environmental offences. Research consisted of acquiring and mapping information, current laws and regulations, state of affairs and society problems. Topics included e.g: health care- and social care fraud, fires at industrials, research of cases on appeal.

- March 2010 – June 2010  
**TNT Post - Zoetermeer, The Netherlands**  
*Internship, Department of Investigations*  
Research on vulnerabilities and risks in the supply chain 2005-2010 (TNT Internal Report)

- January 2007 – December 2009  
**TNT, department Shared Service Centre Commerce – Utrecht, The Netherlands**  
*Employee Customer and Contract Systems Standard / Custom (Administrative Back Office processes); full-time from January 2007 till July 2007; part-time after it*

Activities: administrative tasks such as creating account of new customers, changing customer data in the field of customer numbers, personal permissions, answer numbers, mailboxes and postage. TNT Post used systems including CRM, SAP and Excel.

## Teaching

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- October 2014  
**Erasmus MC, University Hospital Rotterdam – Rotterdam, The Netherlands**  
Department of Internal Medicine, Section Transplantation and Nephrology  
*Lecturing students about organ trafficking and transplant tourism.*

## Courses and Secondary Experience

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- March 2013 – June 2013  
**Traveling** (alone) through South-America: Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Peru, Ecuador.  
*This trip enriched my knowledge of other cultures, languages, people and a different way of living, it increased my flexibility and adaptability (especially by living at host families), and improved my independence, self-reliance and problem solving skills.*
- June 2011 – August 2011  
**Certificate Spanish Course, Estudio Hispanico, Cádiz**  
**Certificate Spanish Course, Malaca Instituto, Málaga**
- 2010  
Victim Support (Slachtofferhulp Nederland) – The Hague, The Netherlands  
**Certificate of Voluntary Work for 'Victim Support The Netherlands'**
- May 2007  
**Certificate English Course, European School of English, Malta**

## Publications

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2015

- Ambagtsheer F, **Van Balen LJ**, Duijst-Heesters WLJM, Massey EK, Weimar W. Reporting Organ Trafficking Networks: a Survey-Based Plea to Breach the Secrecy Oath (2015). *American Journal of Transplantation* (epub).

2014

- **Van Balen, L.**, Ambagtsheer, F., Weimar, W., De Jong, J. (2014). Orgaanhandel en Transplantatietoerisme. *De Criminoloog, Nieuwsbrief voor de Nederlandse Vereniging voor Criminologie*, jaargang 6 (13), pp. 12-13.

## Presentations

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- *Patients who are going abroad for transplantation*, BTS/NTV Joint Congress in Bournemouth, United Kingdom, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015
- *Reporting Organ Trafficking Networks: A Survey-Based Plea to Breach the Secrecy Oath*, BTS/NTV Joint Congress in Bournemouth, United Kingdom, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015
- *Dutch patients who paid for organ transplantation abroad*, the HOTT Project Symposium, The Hague, The Netherlands, 21<sup>st</sup> November 2014
- *Human Trafficking for Organ Removal*, Living Donor Observatory Conference (LIDOBS) in Barcelona, Spain, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2014.
- *Transplant professionals and patients travelling for paid organ transplantation*, The European Donation and Transplant Coordination Organisation (EDTCO) Congress in Budapest, Hungary, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2014.
- *Cross-border quest: patients going abroad for paid organ transplants*, The European Donation and Transplant Coordination Organisation (EDTCO) Congress in Budapest, Hungary, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2014.
- *Transplant professionals and patients travelling for paid organ transplantation*, European Society of Criminology conference (Eurocrim) in Prague, Czech Republic, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2014.
- *Cross-border quest: patients going abroad for paid organ transplants*, European Society of Criminology conference (Eurocrim) in Prague, Czech Republic, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2014.
- *Dutch transplant professionals' experiences, behaviour, attitudes and juridical knowledge concerning patients who travelled abroad for kidney transplantation: Results of a national survey*, the Conference of the Dutch Transplantation Society in Leiden, The Netherlands, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2014.
- *The HOTT Project including Human Trafficking for Organ Removal*, the Albert Schweitzer Hospital – internal medicine – in Dordrecht, The Netherlands, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

## Computer proficiency

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MS Word (good), MS Excel (good), MS Outlook (good), MS PowerPoint (good), SPSS (good), Atlas/Ti (intermediate), CRM/R3 (intermediate)

## Languages

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Dutch (native), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), French (intermediate), German (intermediate).

## Interests

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Travelling, cooking, running, reading, playing piano