

Biographical sketch Edith D. De Leeuw

Ms. De Leeuw received her education at the "Lely Lyceum" in Amsterdam. She studied psychology at the University of Amsterdam, where she graduated in Research Methods. She received her Ph.D. (Survey Methodology and Statistics) in the Social and Cultural Sciences at the Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam. She was a Fulbright scholar at the Social and Economic Sciences Research Center of Washington State University and visiting scholar of the Program on Social Statistics at UCLA. She is a fellow of the Interuniversities Joint Institute for Psychometrics and Sociometrics (IOPS) in the Netherlands, and was awarded the Visiting International Fellowship at the Institute of Social Research, University of Surrey.

At present she is a full professor in survey methodology and statistics at the University of Utrecht. She has worked as assistant and associate professor at the University of Amsterdam, at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, and at the University of Utrecht, and was lecturer at the International Utrecht University College.

As independent advisor on survey methodology and statistics, she worked, among others, for the Dutch Market Research Association (quality auditor market research firms), for the Netherlands Department of Justice (safety monitor), the Netherlands Ministry of General Affairs (evaluation public information and communication campaigns; PB51), the Netherlands Department of the Interior (surveys of agencies), Statistics Netherlands (POLS-innovations), European Expert Group for the evaluation of the International Adult Literacy Survey, and the Rathenau Institute (surveys on the acceptance of new technologies).

Ms. de Leeuw is an editor of the yearbook of the Netherlands Market Research Association (MOA) since 2001. In addition, she has edited books on survey methodology and statistics for international publishers, and is associate editor of the Journal of Official Statistics. She is a member of the editorial board of the following international journals: Sociological Methods and Research, Field Methods, and MDA. She has acted as a referee for both national and international journals in the fields of survey methods and statistics and has been guest editor for special issues.

She has published more than 20 articles in Dutch, over 30 articles in international scientific journals, and over 50 chapters in Dutch and International books. Her most recent publications focus on mixed-mode studies and web surveys, children as respondents, survey quality and nonresponse, and comparative and cross-national research. She has co-organized four international conferences on data collection, quality, and survey methodology and statistics and was an editor for the resulting monographs.

She organized and taught international workshops and seminars on mixed-mode, meta-analysis, nonresponse, computer assisted data collection, mail and telephone surveys, questionnaire design and data quality in surveys and teaches at the ISR summer school (USA). She has been an invited speaker at numerous conferences and workshops in both Europe and the United States.

She has acted as executive secretary for Dutch research groups and was main executive secretary of the social sciences chapter of the Netherlands society for statistics and operations research (VVS). She was the president of the international research committee on logic and methodology of the International Sociological Association (ISA). She has served on the scientific advisory boards of national and international organizations (e.g. NWO, ZUMA, ILO) and was external reviewer for the European Science Foundation (ESF), Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek Vlaanderen (FWO), Netherlands Science Foundation (NWO), and the US National Science Foundation (NSF). At present she is a.o. council member of the International Association of Survey Statisticians (IASS) of the International Statistical Institute and member of the scientific board of the Swiss Foundation for Research in Social Sciences (FORS).