

# Karim van Knippenberg

*Junior researcher in the domain of  
Heritage and Space*



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## Personal

I recently graduated from Wageningen University as a spatial planner with a strong interest in community-led spatial developments. As a young and ambitious researcher, with the multidisciplinary basis of spatial planning, and a specialisation in heritage studies, I now want to research and solve issues on community involvement in heritage planning.

## Education

### **Master Spatial Planning (MSc)** - *Wageningen University*

Relevant courses: Research Methodology for Planning and Design, Planning theory, Planning Society and Innovation.

*Average score 7.6 in 10 (ca upper 10%)*

Thesis: 'The Other Past: a cross-cultural exploration of various conceptualizations of heritage'.

*Grade: 8.5*

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### **Master Heritage studies (MA)** - *Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam*

Relevant courses: Heritage of Architecture and Town Planning, Politics of International Heritage, Heritage and Space.

*Average score 7.8 in 10 (ca upper 5%)*

Thesis: 'Tracking the Heritage Tourist: About Heritage Tourism and Visiting Patterns in a Historic City'.

*Grade: 8.0*

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### **Bachelor Landscape Architecture and Spatial Planning (BSc)** - *Wageningen University*

Relevant courses: Cultural Heritage and Landscape Dynamics, Methods for operational planning, Sociology and Anthropology of Place-Shaping.

*Average score 7.0 in 10*

Thesis: 'Krimpstad op zoek naar nieuwe identiteit: Een onderzoek naar de relatie tussen krimp en erfgoed in krimpstad Heerlen'.

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06/2015

### **Stella Maris College** - *Meerssen*

Pre-university education

09/2004

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<p><b>Work</b></p>	<p><b>Intern at the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment</b> – <i>The Hague</i></p> <p>Team spatial explorations within the department of Spatial Planning.</p> <p>Relevant topics: community-led spatial planning, redevelopment of abandoned or underused properties (including heritage objects), social integration and innovative bottom-up activities in areas facing population decline, stakeholder integration in spatial planning.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Intern at research institute Alterra, Wageningen Environmental Research</b> – <i>Wageningen</i></p> <p>Project: <a href="#">`Burgerkracht in Limburg`</a>.</p> <p>Research to understand the dynamics of bottom-up initiatives. Especially focussing on projects where the redevelopment of heritage sites led to more social interaction or new economic activities.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Intern at The Association of Small Villages Limburg (VKKL)</b>- <i>Horst</i></p> <p>Research to identify and understand community initiatives in the field of cultural heritage re-use.</p>	<p>08/2016 – 12/2016</p> <p>05/2015 – 07/2017</p> <p>05/2015 – 07/2017</p>
<p><b>Lectures</b></p>	<p><b>Workshop `Heritage and Civic Initiatives`</b> – <i>initiator</i></p> <p>To present the outcomes of my research project I organized a workshop on heritage and civic initiatives. Together with civil servants, citizens who initiated bottom-up projects, and other interested stakeholders, we discussed potential benefits of community involvement in heritage planning and explored new ways of participatory heritage management.</p> <p>Organized in collaboration with research institute Alterra, The Association of Small Villages Limburg, and Ruimtevolk. &gt;&gt; <a href="#">more information</a></p>	<p>10/2015</p>
<p><b>Projects</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Interuniversity course on Heritage and Space</b> – <i>participant</i></li> <li>◆ <b>International summer school `Challenging Eternity, Urban Interventions and the City of Rome`</b> – <i>participant</i> &gt;&gt; <a href="#">article</a></li> </ul> <p>Rome is the city par excellence to study the complex interrelations between urban development, heritage politics, the preservation and transformation of cultural heritage. The aim of this course is that students develop their own view of how ancient and recent heritage can be preserved and transformed within a setting of urban dynamism and rapid transformations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Week of the Vacant Building</b> – <i>participant</i></li> </ul> <p>&gt;&gt; <a href="#">more information</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>International workshop on European heritage in Edinburgh</b> (network ProPEACE) – <i>participant</i></li> </ul> <p>ProPEACE (PROjet pour un Patrimoine Européen pour un Avenir Culturel Ensemble) is a Strategic Partnership involving 11 partners: 6 universities from France, Germany, Iceland, the Nederland, Romania and Spain. ProPEACE seeks to place the academic field of heritage in a European perspective. In order to do this, it offers innovative solutions for a dynamic modernization of the European higher education about heritage.</p>	<p>06/2014</p> <p>06/2016</p> <p>05/2016</p> <p>04/2017</p>

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**Activities**

Member of several committees of study association Genius Loci; the study association for Landscape architecture and planning students at the Wageningen University:

- ◆ Editor of TOPOS, a journal of the Wageningen planning and design faculty.
- ◆ Co-chairman of the bar committee, organising a weekly drink for students and staff.
- ◆ Organization of excursions, lectures, symposia and annual study trip.

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**Linguistic skills**

- ◆ Native Language: Dutch
- ◆ Profound knowledge of English
- ◆ Moderate knowledge of German

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**Hobbies**

- ◆ Hiking and cycling (cycle holiday)
- ◆ Board games (The Settlers of Catan)
- ◆ Gardening and being outdoor
- ◆ Music (Bruce Springsteen)