



# WIAS News

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## WIAS News

### WIAS Graduate Programme

Eight proposals were received and five applicants were invited for the interviews. A selection committee was composed of members of the WIAS research committee and a member of the WIAS Board. They evaluated the applications based on the quality of the candidate, scientific quality and originality and scientific and/or societal impact. All applications were of high quality, unfortunately only one application could be granted.

We are pleased to announce the awarded application and congratulate the applicant with her success.

### Hilde van Dijk - "Pathways for Ecological Agricultural Transformation (PEAT): modelling alternative farming systems for dairy production on peat soils."

Chair group: APS

(co) promotors: Prof. Dr Simon Oosting & Dr Raimon Ripoll-Bosch

### Mental health e-learning

We spend much of our waking hours at work. It should not come as a surprise that there can be a strong connection between how things are going at work and how we are doing personally. If things are going well at home, that can have a positive effect on your work, or make it easier to cope with a setback. Conversely, a setback at home or at work can also cause you to get stuck.

Wageningen University offers online training for support. At the mental health e-learning platform ([Gezondeboel platform](#)) you can find short e-health courses (in English and Dutch) on topics like lifestyle, self-compassion, worrying, resilience, and more. WIAS advises you to take a look and see if there is a course that suits your needs! Would you like to discuss work-related matters or issues of a personal nature that affect your work? You can reach out to Occupational Social Work at [bedrijfsmaatschappelijkwerk@wur.nl](mailto:bedrijfsmaatschappelijkwerk@wur.nl) for a personal conversation.

Also, don't be shy to reach out to WIAS if you have questions regarding the PhD trajectory or if you are unsure where to go with your questions. Whether you are a supervisor, a postdoc or a PhD candidate, you are more than welcome to talk to us!

### Call for WIAS fellowship 2024

WIAS invites PhD candidates who wish to travel abroad, postdocs who want to write a grant proposal and staff members who wish to invite guest researchers to submit a proposal for a WIAS fellowship. More information and application information can be found on the [WIAS website](#).

### WIAS Lunch Lectures

On 5 December 2023, PhD candidate Joseph Oundo from QVE will give a lecture entitled "Unravelling the epidemiology of bovine tick-borne diseases and potential impact of a novel biopesticide." This lecture will be held from 12.15-13.00 in the Zodiac Building, Room A0107. Lunch will be available at 12.00.

*WIAS lunch lecture Programme 2024*

Date	Name	Affiliated chair group
6 February 2024	Arabela Ritchie Martinez	HMI
5 March 2024	Dr. Michael Steel	ANU
2 April 2024	Prof Wim van de Poel	QVE

WIAS is looking for postdocs, staff or guest researchers who would like to present their work in 2024. Interested? Please send an email to [wias@wur.nl](mailto:wias@wur.nl). The WIAS lunch lectures take place every first Tuesday of the month from 12.15-13.00.

## WAPS News

### Movie Night

Accie's movie night, which took place on 16 November 2023, brought together participants from four chair groups. Although the turnout could've been better, don't miss out next time! We all snagged a cozy spot, kicked back, and enjoyed the movie, sharing laughs over the plot twists. So mark your calendars for the next one, because who wouldn't want to be part of these laid-back, laughter-filled nights?

### Contact WAPS

Facebook: WIAS PhD students

LinkedIn: WIAS PhD's

Instagram: [wias\\_phds](#)

Email: [waps.wias@wur.nl](mailto:waps.wias@wur.nl)

## WIAS Magazine

We are happy to announce that the [ninth edition](#) of the online WIAS Magazine is out now! Make sure to chase away the fall blues or spend a rainy afternoon this fall learning more about the research done here in Wageningen.

We are looking forward to submissions for the winter edition, as well as new members to help us make the magazine!



We are also happy that you can find the next printed edition of the magazine at your chair group.

**Submission deadline winter edition: 15 December 2023**



Get in contact: [wias.magazine@wur.nl](mailto:wias.magazine@wur.nl)

Website: [WIAS magazine - WUR](#)

## WIAS Seminars and Courses

**WIAS recommends the following courses (registration is open)**

Date	Course
12 December	<a href="#">WIAS course The Final Touch</a>
14 December	WIAS Symposium Calf Nutrition & Health Please register before 7 December 2023 via this link: <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/y54V7j6WLO">https://forms.office.com/e/y54V7j6WLO</a>
13-15 December	<a href="#">WIAS/PE&amp;RC course statistics course Design of Experiments</a>
8 January – 8 March 2024	<a href="#">Scientific Diving – Theoretical Course</a>

30 & 31 January 2024	<a href="#">WGS course Ethics &amp; Animal Sciences</a>
4-8 February 2024	<a href="#">Fish Nutrition Training Workshop</a>
16 February, 1, 15 & 29 March 2024	<a href="#">WGS course Effective Behaviour in your Professional Surroundings</a>
21-23 February 2024	<a href="#">WIAS Introduction course on Personal Effectiveness for your PhD</a>
28-29 February & 5-6 March 2024	<a href="#">WIAS/PE&amp;RC course Statistics for Data Science</a>
5, 12 & 19 March 2024	<a href="#">WIAS course Societal Impact of your Research</a>

For an overview of WIAS courses and seminars please click [here](#).

## Other Courses

### WGS Courses

7 December 2023

[Lunch workshop for PhD supervisors](#)

15 December 2023

[Last Stretch of the PhD Programme](#)

18 December

[Presenting with Impact](#)

23 January 2024 (online)

[Scientific Writing 1](#)

29 January 2024 (online)

[Intensive Writing Week 1](#)

31 January 2024

[Efficient Writing Strategies](#)

7 & 8 February 2024

[Making Impact: Increasing the relevance of research through science-society interaction](#)

12-13 February & 11 March 2024

[Communication with the Media and the General Public](#)

22 February, 1, 7 (half day) & 22 (half day) March 2024

[Effective and efficient communication in academia and beyond](#)

26 February – 1 March 2024

[Big Data exploration and object-oriented programming with Python](#)

5, 12 (all day), 19, 26 March 2024

[Mindful Productivity for scientists](#)

Individual planning

[Career assessment](#)

For a complete overview of all competence, skills and career development training activities, please click [here](#).

### Other courses and training of interest

[Writing Lab Free feedback on your academic text during the Editing Desk walk-in hours](#)

[Academic English \(English for IELTS and RATER\)](#)

[Sports Centre the Bongerd offers health courses](#)

### 5 December 2023 - Seminar & Workshop

Exploring nature-positive food production landscapes

<https://forms.office.com/e/C1F6sJZGPa>

### **Writing retreat for tenure trackers – 19 December 2023**

Here is your chance: an inspiring full writing day facilitated by Wageningen Young Academy (WYA) including lunch and coffee, tea, etc. This is free-of-charge (no costs for participants). However, to ensure commitment, no-shows who did not cancel in time (two weeks in advance) will be charged 50 euros to cover the costs.

This Writing Day will take place on Tuesday, 19 December 2023 from 9:00 - 17:00. It will be in De Beekdalhoeve (Bennekomseweg 160, Renkum). It is open for all WUR tenure-trackers.

[Please register here.](#)

### **Workshop on compassionate communication – 21 December 2023**

As tenure tracker you interact with students, PhDs, postdocs, colleagues, collaborators, your boss, and more. These interactions are hopefully fun most of the time, but can also become very unpleasant when there is a misunderstanding or conflict. In this workshop you will learn how to reconnect in such situations by using compassionate communication.

**When:** 21 December 2023, 9.00 to 12.00 (walk-in from 8.45 with coffee and tea)

**Where:** Forum B0404

**Registration:** [here](#); before 7 December 2023

### **Bioinformatics with Linux and Python** 11-18 March 2024 (online)

The lecturer of the course is Dr Martin Jones (founder of Python for Biologists) and the course is scheduled to occur online in the mornings (9.00 am-12.30 pm). 1.5 ECTS

Please look at the website for registration and for more [details](#).

### **Library courses**

5 December 2023 – Course

[Searching and Organising Literature for PhD Candidates](#)

7 December 2023

[Walk-in hour Research data management, privacy and security](#)

7 December 2023 – Webinar

[WUR Library essentials: research visibility & impact](#)

13 December 2023 – Lecture

[Can systematic literature review benefit from artificial intelligence?](#)

16 January 2024 - Presentation

[EndNote, demonstration session](#)

18 January 2024 – Workshop

[Databases & search strategies](#)

1 February 2024 - Workshop

[Citing and referencing](#)

15 February 2024 - Presentation

[EndNote, demonstration session](#)

21 March 2024 – Workshop

[Databases & search strategies](#)

28 March 2024 – Workshop

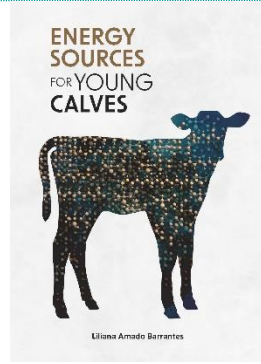
[Citing and referencing: lunch workshop for students](#)

9 April 2024 - Presentation

[EndNote, demonstration session](#)

21 & 22 May 2024 - Course

[Searching and Organising Literature for PhD Candidates](#)



## Liliana Amado Barrantes

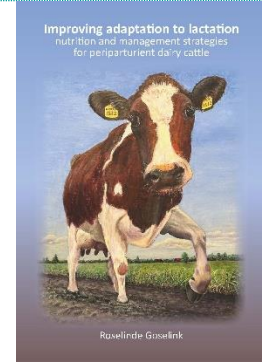
Animal Nutrition (ANU)

Date: 15 December 2023  
Time: 11:00

*Energy sources for young calves*

*(co)promotors:*

*Prof. Dr WJJ Gerrits, Dr J Martín-Tereso,  
Dr L Neto Leal*



## Roselinde Goselink

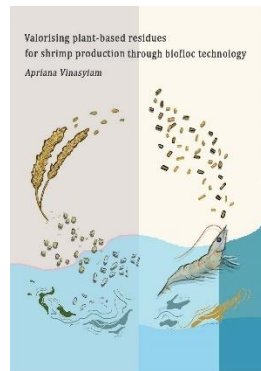
Animal Nutrition (ANU)

Date: 15 December 2023  
Time: 13:30

*Improving adaptation to lactation:  
nutrition and management strategies for  
periparturient dairy cattle*

*(co)promotors:*

*Prof. Dr WH Hendriks, Dr G van Duinkerken,  
Dr JT Schonewille*



## Apriana Vinasyam

Aquaculture & Fisheries (AFI)

Date: 18 December 2023  
Time: 13:30

*Valorising plant-based residues for  
shrimp production through biofloc technology*

*(co)promotors:*

*Dr MCJ Verdegem, Dr F Kokou, J Ekasari*



## Jani de Vos

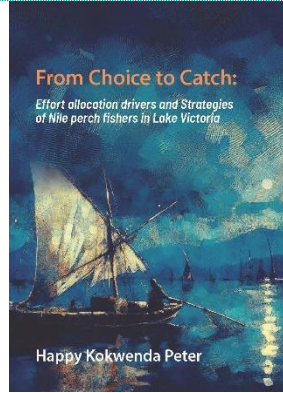
Animal Breeding & Genomics (ABG)

Date: 18 December 2023  
Time: 16:00

*Disentangling the epigenome  
during development of pig and chicken*

*(co)promotors:*

*Prof. Dr MAM Groenen, Dr O Madsen*



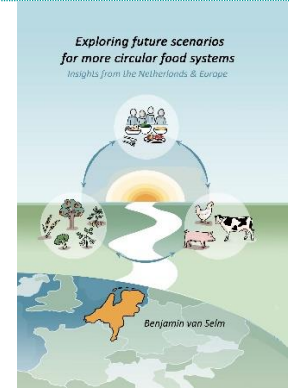
## Happy Kokwenda Peter

Aquaculture & Fisheries (AFI)

Date: 20 December 2023  
Time: 11:00

*From Choice to Catch:  
Effort allocation drivers and Strategies of Nile  
perch fishers in Lake Victoria*

(co)promotors:  
Prof. Dr JAJ Verreth, Dr LAJ Nagelkerke



## Ben van Selm

Animal Production Systems (APS)

Date: 12 January 2024  
Time: 13:30

*Future scenarios for more  
circular food systems  
Insights from The Netherlands & Europe*

(co)promotors:  
Prof Dr IJM de Boer,  
Prof Dr MK van Ittersum,  
Dr CE van Middelaar, Dr R Hijbeek

## Calls

### Call for nominations KHMW Thesis prize 2024

Vanaf heden kunnen voordrachten worden ingediend voor de KHMW Proefschriftprijs Interdisciplinariteit 2024, ter bekroning van onderzoek met een bijzonder interdisciplinair karakter dat de grenzen tussen de klassieke alfa/bèta/gamma-wetenschapsgebieden overbrugt. De prijs van € 10.000,- is bedoeld als aanmoedigingsprijs voor onderzoekers die in de periode 1 September 2022 – 31 August 2023 gepromoveerd zijn. Deadline voor nominaties is 15 januari 2024. Meer informatie kan worden gevonden op de [website van KHMW](#). Vragen, [prijzen@khw.nl](mailto:prijzen@khw.nl).

### Call for nominations Legatum Stolpianum – a scientific prize since 1753

The curatorium for the prize invites you to nominate, by 15 January 2024, studies that you believe should be considered for this prize. With the nomination, we would like to receive one copy of the printed work. We would like to receive your letter of nomination, and the printed work, at the postal address below. In addition, we would appreciate receiving your nomination in digital form and the printed work in pdf form, for the benefit of the work of the curatorium. Please use the e-mail address below for this purpose. For more information and the conditions please go to this [link](#).

### Call for abstracts AMS conference

The AMS Scientific Conference (AMS Conference) explores and discusses how cities can transform themselves to become more livable, resilient and sustainable while offering economic stability. In the second edition of 'Reinventing the City' (23-25 April 2024), the overarching theme will be 'Blueprints for messy cities? Navigating the interplay of order and messiness'. In three captivating days, we will explore 'The good, the bad, and the ugly' (day 1), 'Amazing discoveries' (day 2) and 'We are the city' (day 3). The AMS Conference seeks to engage scientists, policymakers, students, industry partners, and everyone working with and on cities from different backgrounds and areas of expertise. We therefore invite you to submit your scientific paper abstract, idea for a workshop or special session with us. Submissions should be dedicated to exploring the theme 'Blueprints for messy cities?'. We especially invite young, urban rebels to raise their voice, as they are the inhabitants of our future cities. For more information, please visit the website: <https://reinventingthecity24.dryfta.com/call-for-abstracts>

## Other news

### **Wageningen PhD council**

As the new non-contract PhD-representative in the Wageningen PhD council. My role has been recently created to support non-contract PhD-candidates at WUR with challenges that especially apply to them. Hence my interest in providing support to other non-contract PhDs! One of my envisioned goals is to create a stronger network among non-contract PhD-candidates, so we can tackle potential issues and questions together. I invite you to join the Teams group 'Non-contract PhDs at WUR' via the Code: prwsd9q. It is meant to serve as a common discussion platform and, at this moment, I would like to hear about your needs and wishes that you would like to be addressed in the future. If you don't want to use the Teams group for this, please feel free to send an email to the Wageningen PhD Council: phdcouncil@wur.nl. Everyone in the Teams group will also occasionally get updates about recent developments around the non-contract PhD-business via email.

if you already feel enthusiastic to play a part in it, please let me know! Theresa Fox.

### **Wageningen Young Academy is looking for new members**

The Wageningen Young Academy (WYA), which started in 2012, is a diverse group of enthusiastic and ambitious young academic staff (whether researchers or lecturers) from all departments of Wageningen University and Research. Our objective is to strengthen the position of young academics within WUR and to stimulate interactions and debate about policy, education and research, and to increase their societal impact. We aim for a good representation of the science that is performed and taught at our university across the disciplines, as well as a fair representation of our scientists.

To learn more about our mission, activities, and current members, please visit our website <https://www.wur.nl/en/value-creation-cooperation/wageningen-young-academy-3.htm>.

On a yearly basis, the WYA seeks to recruit a new cohort of members to reinforce our team.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Global Food Security Conference 9-12 April 2024**

Join us to discuss developments towards equitable, sustainable and resilient food systems at the 5th Global Food Security Conference 9-12 April 2024. For more information go to the [website](#).

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