

## About the author

Arthur Attema was born in Almelo on November 24, 1981, and grew up in Almere. After graduating from high school in 1999, he started studying General Economics at the University of Amsterdam. There he was student assistant at the Department of Quantitative Economics. In July 2003 he obtained his MSc degree (cum laude) after finishing a master thesis about decision making under risk, which was supervised by Peter Wakker. During the period of writing this thesis, he met Han Bleichrodt and agreed to start a PhD position under his supervision at the institute of Health Policy and Management (iBMG) of the Erasmus University Rotterdam.

He moved to Rotterdam where life turned out to be nice. In his first year as a PhD student he obtained an MSc degree in Health Economics. From the second year on, he was a staff member of the Health Economics/HEPL master course “Advanced Economic Evaluation”, teaching on time preference and conjoint analysis. He also supervised master theses in the field of health economics and intertemporal choice.

In 2005, he joined Han Bleichrodt to the Faculty of Economics, where a new Health Economics Department was created. He participated in several conferences, including the FUR conferences in 2004 in Paris and in 2006 in Rome, the SPUDM conferences in 2005 in Stockholm and in 2007 in Warsaw, the Decision and Uncertainty Workshop in 2006 in Paris, and the QALYs Workshop

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in 2003 in Alicante. In the summer of 2006, he visited the GRID department of CNRS-ENSAM in Paris. Arthur's PhD research was awarded the Dimitris N. Chorafas Prize 2006, a prize for applied research.

After finishing his PhD thesis, Arthur was a Health Economics teacher at the Faculty of Life Sciences of the Free University in Amsterdam. At present, he works as a researcher at the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM) in Bilthoven. His main activities at RIVM are the modeling of uncertainty in cost-effectiveness studies and studying the efficiency of several programs to reduce unhealthy behavior.

Arthur has been involved in several sportive activities. He was a member of the faculty indoor soccer team for four years, and he was captain and team manager of this team during more than three years. Moreover, he is an active korfbal player. Since 2004 he is playing for RSKV Erasmus in Rotterdam. He is also treasurer of this korfbal association and performs various voluntary tasks. Arthur further likes to play tennis, both at his tennis club in Almere and at the university campus, and likes cycling and running. Finally, he is a dedicated supporter of PSV Eindhoven and regularly visits matches of PSV in the Philips Stadium in Eindhoven, the most beautiful and attractive stadium of the Netherlands.