

# Curriculum Vitae of Guus Zwitter, M.Sc.

Executive Coordinator of the Drug Policy Program, CIDE Región Centro

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## Personal information

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## Education

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September 2010 – August 2013

### **M.Sc. Management, Policy Analysis and Entrepreneurship in Health and Life Sciences**

University	VU University (Amsterdam)
Specialisation	International Public Health
Relevant courses	<i>Analysis of Governmental Policy Communication, Organisation and Management Health, Globalisation and Human Rights International Comparative Analyses of Healthcare Systems Containment Strategies of Infectious Diseases in Global Context Disability and Development</i>
Average grade	7.7 (ECTS grade: B)
Thesis title	<i>Do smokers stink like shit? Applications of the concept of disgust in anti-smoking strategies in the Netherlands.</i>
Thesis grade	8.5 (ECTS grade: A)

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September 2003 – October 2009

### **M.Sc. Medicine**

University	VU University (Amsterdam)
Specialisation	Neurosciences
Average grade	7.5 (ECTS grade: B)
Thesis title	<i>Striatal-thalamic dysfunction during planning in anxiety</i>
Thesis grade	9.0 (ECTS grade: A)

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## Work experience

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June 2014 – present

### **Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), A.C., Aguascalientes, Mexico**

Function	<b>Associate Researcher and Executive Coordinator of the Drug Policy Program at CIDE Región Centro</b>
Description	<i>Responsible for grant requests. Responsible for internal and external communication. Executive coordinator of the Program's daily operations. Executive treasurer of the Program. Research lines: public health, substance use, drug use surveys.</i>

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March 2014 – May 2014

### **Fundación Unidos por un México Vivo, A.C., Mexico City – NGO to promote sexual health**

Function	<b>Instructor for Generación Viva</b>
Description	<i>Hosting workshops at secondary schools and rehabilitation centres about sexuality, STIs, condom use and HIV/AIDS.</i>

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January 2014 – May 2014

**Espolea, A.C.**, Mexico City – NGO to defend young people's human rights

Function **Drug Policy and Harm Reduction Program Assistant**

Description *Drafting and revision of database articles for Espolea's online drug information and harm reduction database (universodelasdrogas.org).*

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February 2012 – December 2013

**Jellinek Preventie**, Amsterdam – Addiction clinic

Function **Peer Educator at Unity Amsterdam / Tester at Drugs Test Service**

Description *Provision of harm reduction strategies for alcohol and other drug use to adolescents in the Amsterdam nightlife and at student societies. Analysis of illicit drugs and provision of tailored information on its contents and associated harm reduction strategies at Jellinek's weekly drug testing service.*

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February 2012 – December 2013

**GGD Amsterdam**, Amsterdam – Municipal public health service

Function **Peer Educator / Peer Coach at Pink Unity**

Description *Provision of harm reduction strategies during alcohol and other drug use in combination with sexual behaviour to people in the Amsterdam gay scene. Coordination of outreach activities at parties with a high risk of substance abuse or unsafe sexual behaviour.*

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## Research internships

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February 2012 – July 2013

**Athena Institute / VU University**, Mexico City / Amsterdam

Research title Child participation in decision-making processes in mental healthcare in Mexico

Research description *Qualitative research on child participation in treatment planning in mental health care in Mexico in cooperation with Trébol: Grupo de Asesoría en Pedagogía y Psicoanálisis (Mexico City) and 17, Instituto de Estudios Críticos (Mexico City). Data collection through in-depth interviews in Spanish and ethnographic field work at various elementary schools and mental health care institutions in the Federal District of Mexico from April 2012 to July 2012.*

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September 2007 – February 2008

**VU University medical center (VUmc)**, Amsterdam

Research title Striatal-thalamic dysfunction during planning in anxiety

Research description *Quantitative fMRI study on brain activation patterns during planning in anxiety in a cooperation of the VUmc Department of Anatomy and Neurosciences and the VUmc Department of Psychiatry. Data processing and analysis with SPM5 and SPSS.*

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## Additional courses

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November 2011 – January 2012

**Scientific Writing in English**

Institute Taalcentrum VU, Amsterdam

Grade Pass

Description *English writing course specifically aimed at grammar and vocabulary for writing scientific literature.*

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February 2011 – December 2011

**Spanish Linguistic Skills**

Institute VU University, Amsterdam

Average grade 9.3 (ECTS grade: A)

Description *General Spanish grammar and vocabulary course at CEFR level B1.*

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## Publications

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### Journal articles:

- van den Heuvel, O. A., Mataix-Cols, D., Zwitser, G., Cath, D. C., van der Werf, Y. D., Groenewegen, H. J., van Balkom, A. J., & Veltman, D. J. (2011). Common limbic and fronto-striatal disturbances in patients with obsessive compulsive disorder, panic disorder and hypochondriasis. *Psychological Medicine*, 41(11), 2399-2410.

### Working documents:

- Madrazo Lajous, M., Zwitser, G., Calzada Olvera, I. R., Ángeles García, A., Córdova Ponce, R., & Mondragón Herrera, F. J. (2016). *Desahogo de conclusiones de las Audiencias Públicas para las alternativas de regulación de la marihuana* [working document prepared for the Mexican Senate]. Aguascalientes, Mexico: PPD. Available at [http://www.politicadedrogas.org/PPD/documentos/20160927\\_152604\\_problematario\\_portada\\_ppd\\_1.pdf](http://www.politicadedrogas.org/PPD/documentos/20160927_152604_problematario_portada_ppd_1.pdf).

### Blog posts:

- Zwitser, G. (2015, November 4). El tabaquismo y la repulsión. *Drogas, Política y Cultura*. Available at <http://drogaspolicacultura.net/blog/2015/11/04/el-tabaquismo-y-la-repulsion/>.
- Zwitser, G. (2015, January 21). Las campañas públicas contra las drogas según Kant. *Animal Político*. Available at <http://www.animalpolitico.com/blogueros-el-dispensario-dialogo-sobre-drogas/2015/01/21/las-campanas-publicas-contras-las-drogas-segun-kant/>.
- Rosas Luengas, L. E., & Zwitser, G. (2014, December 8). El dolor de la política prohibicionista mexicana. *Animal Político*. Available at <http://www.animalpolitico.com/blogueros-el-dispensario-dialogo-sobre-drogas/2014/12/08/el-dolor-de-la-politica-prohibicionista-mexicana/>.

### Contributions:

- Meza, O., & Guerra Blanco, E. E. (2017). *Drug policy in the Americas: A redefinition of the problem and the State's role*. (Working document No. 1). Mexico City, Mexico: CIDE. Available at <http://www.politicadedrogas.org/PPD/index.php/site/documento/id/57.html>. (contributing researcher).

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## Teaching

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- Diplomado en Política de Drogas, Salud y Derechos Humanos 2018; PPD/CIDE, Aguascalientes, Ags., Mexico, 15-26 January 2018 (executive coordinator and teacher): "Las drogas como problema de salud pública en México" and "Casos exitosos de políticas de drogas en el mundo".
- "Public Health in Mega Cities: The Environmental Dimension" Winter Session Course 2018; Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health (HSPH), Mexico City, Mexico, 8 January 2018 (teacher): "Drugs in Mexico: A (bi)national public health problem".
- Diplomado en Política de Drogas, Salud y Derechos Humanos 2017; PPD/CIDE, Aguascalientes, Ags., Mexico, 16-27 January 2017 (executive coordinator and teacher): "¿Qué sabemos sobre el consumo de drogas en México?".
- "Public Health in Mega Cities: The Environmental Dimension" Winter Session Course 2017; Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health (HSPH), Mexico City, Mexico, 10 January 2017 (teacher): "Drug use in Mexico".
- Diplomado en Política de Drogas, Salud y Derechos Humanos; PPD/CIDE, Aguascalientes, Ags., Mexico, 18-29 January 2016 (executive coordinator and teacher): "¿Qué sabemos sobre el consumo de drogas en México?".
- "Public Health in Mega Cities: The Environmental Dimension" Winter Session Course; Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health (HSPH), Mexico City, Mexico, 13 January 2016 (teacher): "Drug use in Mexico".
- Curso de Actualización en Política de Drogas, Derechos Humanos y Salud; PPD/CIDE, Aguascalientes, Ags., Mexico, 19-30 January 2015 (executive coordinator and teacher): "Encuestas y percepción sobre consumo de drogas".

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## Conferences and seminars

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- Foro 4:20; Universidad Jesuita de Guadalajara (Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Occidente), Tlaquepaque, Jal., Mexico, 3 April 2018 (speaker): *"La regulación de la marihuana: implicaciones para la salud"*.
- Congreso Internacional Plantas Sagradas en las Américas; Colectivo Drogas, Política y Cultura, Ajijic, Jal., Mexico, 23-25 February 2018 (speaker): *"La prohibición de las plantas sagradas desde la perspectiva de la salud pública (en México)"*.
- Segunda Reunión Nacional de Centros Públicos de Investigación CONACYT; Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología (CONACYT), San Juan del Río, Qro., Mexico, 6-7 November 2017 (speaker): *"Programa de Política de Drogas"*.
- Seminario del Programa de Política de Drogas; PPD, Aguascalientes, Ags., Mexico, 20 October 2017 (commentator): *"Consumo de sustancias inhalables adictivas: una aproximación desde la neurociencia social"* by Dr. Roberto Emmanuele Mercadillo Caballero.
- 2017 International Drug Policy Reform Conference; Drug Policy Alliance (DPA), Atlanta, GA, 11-14 October 2017 (attendee).
- V Seminario sobre Política de Drogas en América Latina; PPD/CIDE, Aguascalientes, Ags., Mexico, 27-28 January 2017 (executive coordinator).
- 3.er Seminario: Presentación de las Investigaciones Financiadas con Recursos del Fondo Sectorial CONACYT-INEGI; Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Geografía (INEGI), Mexico City, Mexico, 24-25 May 2016 (speaker): *"Análisis comparativo de metodologías y datos de encuestas de consumo de drogas a nivel internacional"*.
- Global Ibogaine Conference; Global Ibogaine Therapy Alliance (GITA), Tepoztlán, Mor., Mexico, 14-16 March 2016 (staff).
- Audiencias Públicas del Consejo Técnico del Senado de la República para las Alternativas de Regulación de la Marihuana; Senado de la República, Mexico City, Mexico, 3-4 February 2016 (representative of the Technical Council of the Senate of the Republic).
- 2015 International Drug Policy Reform Conference; Drug Policy Alliance (DPA), Washington, DC, 18-21 November 2015 (scholarship holder).
- Cannabis Policy Evaluation Workshop; American Civil Liberties Union of Washington (ACLU-WA), Seattle/Spokane, WA, 8-11 June 2015 (invitee).
- IV Seminario sobre Política de Drogas en América Latina: Centro de Estudios sobre Seguridad y Drogas (CESED)/Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia, 2-3 October 2014 (speaker): *"Consumo de drogas bajo una perspectiva de salud pública en México"*.

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## Professional affiliations

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Colectivo Drogas, Política y Cultura  
Drug Policy Alliance

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## Grants and scholarships

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2015: International Drug Policy Reform Conference 2015 travel and conference scholarship (Drug Policy Alliance).

2015: Fondo Sectorial CONACYT-INEGI 2014-1 (Sectoral Fund of the National Council of Science and Technology and the National Institute of Statistics and Geography) for the research *"Análisis comparativo de metodologías y datos de encuestas de consumo de drogas a nivel internacional"* (\$216,385.00 MXN).

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## Journal reviews

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Journal of Public Health Policy (September, 2017)  
Colombia Internacional (February, 2016)

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## Media interviews

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Radio BI, Aguascalientes, Mexico  
Enfoque Noticias, Mexico  
TV UNAM, Mexico

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## Language skills

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Dutch (native proficiency; 5/5)  
English (full professional proficiency; 4/5)  
Spanish (full professional proficiency; 4/5)  
German (elementary proficiency; 1/5)

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## Other experiences and activities

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Travel experiences:  
2010: Borneo (two months).  
2008: North America, Central America and Colombia (six months).  
2007: Southern, Eastern and Central Africa (three months).