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Utrecht University	Geophysics	M.Sc.	1988	
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Research

Expertise

Geodynamics of plate boundary regions, surface expressions of mantle processes, seismic cycle from Global Positioning System and other geodetic techniques, rheology and large-scale tectonics. Particular regions of interest: active margins of the North American continent, the Caribbean region, the Mediterranean-Paratethys region. Develop and use finite element and finite difference software for the solution of partial differential equations, and for visualization of the numerical solutions.

Appointments:

2009-	Associate Professor of Geophysics, Faculty of Geosciences, Utrecht University, Netherlands
1995-2009	Assistant Professor of Geophysics, Faculty of Geosciences, Utrecht University, Netherlands [tenure granted 1996]
1993-1995	Postdoctoral researcher, Department of Geosciences, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA
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Honors:

2014	Fellow of the Geological Society of America
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Research articles (peer reviewed, [H-index=28](#), 2927 citations)

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50. Nijholt, N., and **R. Govers**, On the evolution of Subduction-Transform Edge Propagators (STEPS), *JGR-Solid Earth*, doi: 10.1002/2015JB012202, 2015.
49. Flecker, R., Krijgsman, W., Capella, W., de Castro Martins, C., Demitrieva, E., Mayser, J.P., Marzocchi, A., Modestu, S., Ochoa Lozano, D., Simon, D., Tulbure, M., van den Berg, B., van der Schee, M., de Lange, G., Ellam, R., **Govers, R.**, Gutjahr, M., Hilgen, F., Kouwenhoven, T., Lofi, J., Meijer, P.Th., Sierro, F.J., Bachiri, N., Barboun, N., Chakor Alami, A., Chacon, B., Flores, J.A., Gregory, J., Howard, J., Lunt, D., Ochoa, M., Pancost, R., Vincent, S., Zakaria Yousfi, M., Evolution of the Late Miocene Mediterranean-Atlantic gateways and their impact on regional and global environmental change, *Earth Science Reviews*, 150, 365-392, doi:10.1016/j.earscirev.2015.08.007, 2015.
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| GOI/UU | <i>Modes of Collision: Transient Plate Tectonics Along The Tethys</i> , Ph.D. position De Franco, 2003-2007 (P.I.). |

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- ISES *Coupling deep structure to new neotectonic observations along the Algerian margin*, Visiting Research Fellow grant Domzig, 2007.
- ESF/NWO *Quantifying uplift due to evolution of East Mediterranean plate boundaries and upper mantle structure*, granted as part of the ESF EUROCORES Collaborative Research Proposal Topo-Europe/VAMP Ph.D. project 2008 (k€229) (**co-P.I.**).
- ISES Technician numerical modeling support 2009-2011.
- NWO *New constraints on lithosphere rheology from the gravitational signature of post-seismic deformation*, Postdoc project 2009 (k€212) (**co-P.I.**).
- NWO *Scalability properties of GTECTON*, Govers (20,000 Processor Node Hours) (**P.I.**).
- EU-FP7 *MEDGATE Marie Curie Initial Training Network call FP7-PEOPLE-2011-ITN* (member)
- NWO *Chaotic Terrains on Mars: testing the subsurface lake hypothesis*, Postdoc project 2011 (k€241) (**co-P.I.**).
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Invited lectures (2013-2018; conference abstracts on <http://www.geo.uu.nl/~govers>)

- **R. Govers**, T. Broerse, S. van Benthem, W. Spakman, and R. Wortel, Mantle structure of the Caribbean and its geodynamic consequences, Annual Meeting of the Seismological Society of America, Miami, 2018.
- **R. Govers** and A. Fichtner, New seismological evidence for fragmentation of the Tethys slab beneath Anatolia, AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, 2015.
- **R. Govers**, Rinus Wortel, and Steven van Benthem, What drives micro-plate motion and deformation in the northeastern Caribbean plate boundary region?, AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, 2015.
- **R. Govers**, The seismic cycle at subduction zones: insights from simple finite element models (keynote lecture), SMPR 2015 conference, Kish Island (Iran), November 23-25, 2015.
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- **R. Govers**, K. Warners-Ruckstuhl, J. van der Burgt and R. Wortel, Developing mechanical models as a basis for quantitative kinematics and tectonics of Eurasia, Lecture in the seminar series of the Geoscience and Remote Sensing & TU Delft Climate Institute of the Delft University of Technology, Delft, The Netherlands, May 30, 2013.

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- Bartol, J., *Vertical motions and plate boundary evolution in the Anatolia-Black Sea region*; Ph.D. thesis Utrecht University, 184 pp., January 13, 2017 ([full text](#)).
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- Buitter, S.J.H., *Surface deformation resulting from subduction and slab detachment*, Ph.D. thesis Utrecht University, Geologica Ultraiectina, 191, 134 pp., 2000.

Current Ph.D. thesis Advisor

- Özbakir, A.D., *Thermo-mechanical modeling of accretion, collision and extension along the Aegean-Anatolian-Bitlis/Zagros convergent plate boundary, with implications for the Cenozoic-geodynamical evolution of Anatolia*; Funded by: ISES; Contract period: 9/2007-9/2011.
- Austmann, W., *Soft collision, STEP faulting and subduction initiation: numerical modelling with application to the NW African and south Tyrrhenian margins*; Funded by: TopoMed/ISES, Contract period 10/2010-9/2014; Defense: Utrecht University, 2017.
- Garcia Sancho, C., *Reconstructing the stress and strain field evolution of Eurasia during the Cenozoic*; Funded by: ISES, Contract period: 9/2012-8/2016, Defense: Utrecht University, 2017.
- Nijholt, N., *Initiation and evolution of plate boundaries: a first step in up-scaling micro-physical de-*

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Current Postdoctoral Associates

- Taco Broerse (Ph.D. 2014, TU Delft, Netherlands), *Location, nature, and evolution of the Caribbean-South America STEP plate boundary*, funded by: ISES, February 15 2016 - February 14 2019.
- Amin Karamnejad (Ph.D. 2016, TU Delft, Netherlands), *Micro-mechanical evolution of strain localisation*, funded by: NAM, April 1 2016 - March 31 2019.
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Research Qualification

Senior Kwalificatie Onderzoek, awarded by Utrecht University, 2008.

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Teaching Qualification

Basis Kwalificatie Onderwijs, awarded by Utrecht University, 2006.

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Course	Developed by	Taught by	Group
Introduction to Rheology	Govers and others	Govers 1995-2000	3 rd year Geology majors and Geophysics majors
Introduction to Geophysics	Govers and others	Govers 1995-2000	1 st year Earth Science majors
Geophysics Lab	Govers	Govers 1996-2000	1 st year Earth Science majors
System Earth (University College)	Govers and Van der Zwaan	Govers and Van der Zwaan 1999-2000	3 ^e year liberal arts students
System Earth - geophysics part	Govers	Govers 2001	1 st year Earth Science majors
Oriënterende Projecten	Govers and Middelkoop	Govers and Middelkoop 2001-2003	1 st year Earth Science majors
Dynamics of the solid Earth	Govers	Govers 2001-2008	1 st year Earth Science majors
Geophysics-Tectonophysics	Govers and Wortel	Govers and Wortel 2001-2003	3 rd year Earth Science majors
Geodynamics	Govers, Wortel and Van den Berg	Govers, Wortel and Van den Berg 2005-2012	3 rd year Earth Science majors
Tectonophysics MSc course	Wortel and Govers	Govers and Wortel 2003-2011	1 st year MSc students Earth Sciences
Tectonophysics MSc course	Govers and Cloetingh	Govers and Cloetingh 2012-2015	1 st year MSc students Earth Sciences
Tectonophysics MSc course	Govers	Govers 2015-	1 st year MSc students Earth Sciences
Tectonophysical Modeling	Govers and others	Govers 1995-2010	2 nd year MSc students Earth Sciences
Lithosphere Applications of the Finite Element Method	Govers	Govers 2006-	PhD students, post-docs, colleagues, MSc honors students

Fysica	Govers and Van der Vegt	Govers and Van der Vegt, 2009-2012	1 st year Earth Science majors
Scientific Writing	Mason and Govers	Mason and Govers 2009	PhD students
Introduction to Natural Hazards: Social, Economic and Earth Aspects	Govers, de Jong, Sanders, Meeuwesen	Govers, de Jong, Sanders, Meeuwesen, 2011-2015	2 nd and 3 rd year bachelor students
Introduction to Natural Hazards: Social, Economic and Earth Aspects	Govers, de Jong, Sanders	Govers, de Jong, Sanders, 2015-	2 nd and 3 rd year bachelor students
Hazards and risk assessment	De Jong, Govers, others	Govers, De Jong, others 2012-	1 st year MSc students Geosciences
Lithosfeer dynamica	Wortel & Govers	Govers, 2012-	2 nd year BSc students Geosciences
Modeling flexure	Govers	Govers May 2014	Ph.D. students
Modeling crust and lithosphere deformation	Willingshofer, Sokoutis, van Hinsbergen, Niemeijer, Theuilot, Govers	Willingshofer, Sokoutis, van Hinsbergen, Niemeijer, Theuilot, Govers, September 2017-	1 st year MSc students Geosciences

Community service

- Editor-in-Chief for *Tectonophysics* (2013-2018).
- Chairman of NWO program preparation committee for the Caribbean (2013-2017).
- Member of editorial board of *Lithosphere* (2014-2016).
- Expert advisor on Groningen hazards for parliamentary committee of economic affairs (2014, 2015).
- Member of scientific committee and session convener of 17th Wegener general assembly in Leeds (2014).
- Lead convener of the Interdivision Session “The Alpine-Himalayan convergence zone: from the Mediterranean to SE Asia” (co-organized by Tectonics and Structural Geology, Geodynamics and Geodesy) at the EGU, 2008-2012. This was the largest session within the Solid Earth Division.
- Editor of “Geodynamics of Collision and Collapse at the Africa-Arabia-Eurasia Subduction Zone”, which was published as a Geological Society London Special Publication, 2009.
- Co-organizer of the DRT (Deformation mechanisms, Rheology and Tectonics) 2007 Workshop in Oropa, Italy. This workshop is the 16th in a bi-annual series that aims to promote interaction and discussion between modelers, experimentalists and field geologists.
- Member of the Scientific Committee of DRT 2007 Conference in Milan, Italy.
- Co-organizer of National Earth Sciences conference (NAC V, 2000), and of conferences of the VMSG research school.
- Reviewer of research proposals and scientific papers.
- Multiple memberships and chair (2005) of NWO/ALW evaluation committees “Open competition”.
- Member of NWO evaluation committee “VENI proposals” (2007-2010).
- Member of NWO evaluation committee “Gebruikers Ondersteuning (GO) proposals” (2012).
- Member of the 2007 SURE-NL writing team (led by Spiers) to acquire research funding from Smart-Mix initiative “Subsurface Resources and Sustainability in the Netherlands Delta System”
- Member of the 2011 Netherlands Solid Earth Observatory (NSEO) writing team (led by Spakman). We were successful in having NSEO included in the roadmap as the Netherlands contribution to the European Plate Observing System (EPOS), which is already on the European ESFRI roadmap.
- Member of the education committee of the Faculty of Earth Sciences (UU) 2000-2002.
- Chairman of the bachelor education committee of the Departments of Earth Sciences and Physical Geography (UU) 2003-2008. This committee advises the education managers on all issues related to the bachelor education program. In addition, the committee approves the *Opleidings- en Examenreglement* (OER) and keeps an eye on the quality of bachelor courses using the student and teacher evaluations as input.

Public Outreach

Communicating Earth Science research to the general public, mostly newspaper articles, radio and television interviews, and the following lectures:

- **R. Govers**, The recent earthquake swarm in Italy, Headline Lecture Graduate School of Geosciences, Utrecht University, November 1 2016.
- **R. Govers**, De voorspelbaarheid van aardbevingen, Contactdag Nederlandse Geologische Vereniging, March 8, 2014.
- **R. Govers**, Krakend Eurazië: de ontwikkeling van een tektonische plaat sinds het Eoceen, Lecture series at Hogeschool Utrecht, 2012-2015.
- **R. Govers**, De voorspelbaarheid van aardbevingen, Rotary Weert, 19 september, 2012.
- **R. Govers**, Krakend Eurazië: de ontwikkeling van een tektonische plaat sinds het Eoceen, Lecture Hogeschool Utrecht, 21 December 2011.
- **R. Govers**, Krakend Eurazië: de ontwikkeling van een tektonische plaat sinds het Eoceen, Lecture Specialistenserie Geologie, Naturalis The Hague, 14 October 2011.
- **R. Govers**, Communicating Science; lecture at the opening of the Geologie en Techniek Hall in the Museon, The Hague, 20 juni 2011.
- **R. Govers**, De voorspelbaarheid van aardbevingen, Lecture Specialistenserie Geologie, Naturalis The Hague, 22 October 2010.
- **R. Govers**, De voorspelbaarheid van aardbevingen, KNAG lezing Utrecht, 19 mei, 2010.
- **R. Govers**, Aardbevingen, Studium Generale Groningen, april 12, 2010.