

Curriculum Vitae



Arthur (or Tuur, as his Dutch friends call him) **ELZINGA** is senator for the Socialist Party (SP) in the Netherlands since June 2007.

In the Senate (Eerste Kamer) he is the SP's spokesperson on Social Affairs and Labour-related issues. In the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe he speaks on behalf of the Unified European Left on Economic Affairs and he chairs the Sub-Committee on International Economic Relations.

He is also a policy advisor with FNV Mondiaal, the international solidarity support organisation of the Dutch trade union confederation.

Personal details

- born on the isle of Texel, The Netherlands, 12 december 1969
- married

Children

- 1 daughter and 1 son

Place of residence

Haarlem, The Netherlands

Education

- Political Science: comparative political economy (unfinished masters degree), University of Amsterdam, 1993 - 1998
- Physics and Astronomy (propaedeutic diploma), University of Amsterdam, 1988 - 1989
- pre-university education, "Rijkscholengemeenschap Texel", 1982 - 1988

Professional career

- Policy Advisor FNV Mondiaal (Solidarity Support Organisation of FNV), since June 2007
- Co-ordinator "XminusY" Solidarity Fund, October 2003 - June 2007
- Policy Officer FNV (Dutch Trade Union Confederation), November 2002 - October 2003
- Policy Officer Social Affairs and Labour/Employment, parliamentary group of the Socialist Party in the House of Representatives, June 1998 - November 2002

Political offices

- Chair of the Sub-Committee on International Economic Relations of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, since January 2010
- Member of the Committee of Economic Affairs and Development of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, since November 2007
- Member of the Senate ('Eerste Kamer' / Upper House) of the States General, since June 2007 (Committees on Social Affairs, Employment, Economic Affairs, Financial Affairs, Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation)
- Member of the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of the Netherlands, June 2003 - May 2005

Other former responsibilities

- founding partner Tax Justice NL, 2007
- chair ATTAC Netherlands, 2004 - 2007
- member coordinating group Nederlands Sociaal Forum (Dutch Social Forum), 2004 - 2005
- member PVT (works council) Stichting personeel SP, 2001 - 2002
- member governing board Stichting Straatjournaal, 2000 - 2006

Publications

- "The strategy, governance and functioning of the Council of Europe Development Bank", report for the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Doc. 12352 (Council of Europe, 27 juli 2010)
 - on economic indicators / beyond GDP: "Meta economische verkenningen: voorstel voor de ontwikkeling van een duurzame en solidaire Macro Economische Verkenning +", together with Lou Keune and Theo Ruyter (XminY, Voor de Verandering, Attac, 2006)
 - on local social policy: "Gemeente, wees minimaal sociaal" (FNV, 2003)
 - on social policy development: "Sociaal plan voor de 21e eeuw", together with Jan de Wit (SP, 2001)
 - on policy on the disabled: "Geen feestje waard: ervaringen van gehandicapten rond de zevende verjaardag van de WVG", together with Henk van Gerven, Peter Verschuren and Ger Wouters (SP, 2001)
 - on repetitive strain injuries: "RSI achter de schermen: een andere houding van werk- en wetgevers", together with Jan de Wit (SP, 2000)
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