



# SANNE VAN DER LUGT

GEOPOLITICAL STRATEGIST

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Geopolitical strategist and bridge builder. Extensive knowledge about China, Africa and disruptive technologies such as 5G, semiconductors, AI and IoT.

Experience in leading international research projects, training managers, international diplomatic mediation, and starting a business in China.

## LINKS

LinkedIn:

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/sannevdlugt/>

LeidenAsiaCentre:

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## SKILLS

CRITICAL THINKING

ACTIVE LISTENING

WRITING SKILLS

PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS

EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### DIGITAL POWER CHINA

Berlin  
Feb. 2021 – Ongoing

### LEIDENASIACENTRE

Leiden  
May 2019 – Ongoing

### DUTCH HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (for VOLT)

The Hague  
Jun. 2021 – Sep 2023

### CLINGENDAEL INSTITUTE

The Hague  
Jun. 2019 – Feb. 2021

### MEN-TOR

Bremen/ Heuvelrug  
Sep. 2016 – Jun. 2021

### YOUNG CHINA WATCHERS

Brussels  
Okt. 2013 – Okt. 2015

### PROFUNDO

Amsterdam  
Sep. 2012 – Sep. 2013

### CENTRE FOR CHINESE STUDIES

Stellenbosch  
Aug. 2009 – Dec. 2012

### CHINA EXPERT

A research consortium consisting of European China experts and engineers devoted to tracking and analysing China's growing footprint in digital technologies and its implications for the EU.

### RESEARCH FELLOW

Studying the consequences of China's re-emergence as a global power for Europe.

### SENIOR POLICY ADVISOR

Guiding the policy team and preparing debates, bills, motions and external communication. Commissions: Foreign Affairs, Defence, European Affairs and Foreign Trade and Development Aid.

### RESEARCHER

Connected to the Clingendael China Center. Writing policy briefs and reports, conducting research on behalf of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and providing training to diplomats.

### INTERCULTURAL TRAINER

Providing intercultural training and advice to large European and Chinese companies.

### INITIATOR

Voluntarily organised monthly informal lunches for European policy officers of the EC to achieve greater cooperation between the various departments and a more coherent policy towards China. These informal lunches resulted in a new chapter of the Young China Watchers.

### ECONOMIC RESEARCHER

Commissioned by WWF. Studying the impact of Chinese investments and trade on biodiversity and ecosystems in 20 African countries.

### RESEARCHER

Responsible for organising the China Forum seminars; initiating, conducting and reporting on academic research; and providing seminars and training on the Chinese business culture for both academic and business audiences.

## EDUCATION

### BREMEN INT. GRADUATE SCHOOL of SOCIAL SCIENCES

Bremen  
2018

### STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY/ PRIO

Oslo & Stellenbosch  
2011

### VRJE UNIVERSITEIT

Amsterdam  
2007

### PhD

International Business. Research into the supposed competitive advantages for Chinese companies compared to Western companies in countries with relatively low political stability and weak institutions.

### Master of Arts

International Political Economy and Conflict Dynamics with a focus on sub-Saharan Africa.

### Master of Science

Culture, Organisation and Management. Thesis 'Created in China: Possibilities and constraints for the creative industries in Xi'an' (Cum Laude)