**Short Bio Wouter Jacobs**

Dr. Wouter Jacobs joined RHV of the Erasmus School of Economics (ESE) as Senior Researcher late 2014. At RHV Wouter is involved as lecturer in the UPT-minor (Port Cities and Regional Development) and as coach in the Masters Seminar ‘Ports and Global Logistics’. In addition, Wouter is involved in developing the World Port City Roadmap in collaboration with various stakeholders.

Wouter holds a PhD (2007) in Management Sciences from the Radboud University Nijmegen, the Netherlands. His PhD deals with the ‘Political Economy of Port Competition’ and provides empirical analysis of institutionalized practices in the port management of Rotterdam, Dubai and Los Angeles-Long Beach.

After his PhD Wouter has worked as postdoctoral fellow at ESE (Dept. Applied Economics) and Utrecht University (Dept. Economic Geography). The last 2 years Wouter was employed as Assistant Professor at the Institute of Transport and Maritime Management Antwerp (ITMMA) at University of Antwerp, Belgium and he held a one-year guest professorship in economic geography at Ghent University. He is currently also involved as guest lecturer ‘Global Production Networks and Regional Development’ at Chongqing University, China.

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