

# Erasmus Institute for Philosophy and Economics (EIPE)

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## Thesis title

Causal Reasoning in Economics: A Selective Exploration of Semantic, Epistemic and Dynamical Aspects

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## Project description

My PhD thesis contributes to contemporary discussions about causation in the sciences. It does so by studying three aspects of causal reasoning in policy-oriented economics: the semantics of causal generalizations, the role of evidential variety in causal epistemology, and the dynamics of causal beliefs when the epistemic community faces unexpected facts (i.e. deviant cases). My approach is case-based: I use the literature on the causes of unemployment to inform my philosophical work.

## Research interests

Ethics, political philosophy, rationality, development, economic methodology

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