

## Curriculum Vitae

Michel van Wijk was born on May 7, 1977 in Huizen, the Netherlands. In 1995 he passed the Athenaeum exams at the O.S.G. Huizermaat in Huizen. From 1995 to 2001 he studied and graduated as M.A. in Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Amsterdam. This includes an E.U. INTERREG internship at Kolpron Consultants in Rotterdam. Furthermore, he was an exchange student at the Technical University of Berlin in 1999. Extracurricular activities included organising international student trips, conferences and excursions. From 1999 to 2001 Michel van Wijk was enrolled in the master's program of International Affairs in the University of Amsterdam, which helped to develop his interest in academic research. This led to an appointment as Ph.D. student in Urban and Regional Planning at Utrecht University (2001-2006). The first years of research were spent at Ecorys Nederland in Rotterdam, and for three months at the J.W. Goethe University in Frankfurt am Main (2003). From 2004 to 2006 he was a research student at Hitotsubashi University in Tokyo, including a five-months Japanese language course.