



## Curriculum Vitae

Femke van Zeijl

Born 22 September 1971

Berkel-Enschot, the Netherlands

### Journalism

- 2019 Winner of audience award of De Tegel 2018, foremost Dutch prize in journalism.
- 2017-now Working on fourth book, *Do-It-Yourself Society*, non-fiction sociological study on life in Lagos.
- 2014-now Researcher and producer for international radio and TV covering Africa south of the Sahara.
- 2015-now Features for anglophone media a.o. *The New York Times* and *Al Jazeera*.
- 2015-now Radio reports for a.o. VPRO's *Bureau Buitenland*.
- 2012-now News reporting for Dutch language radio and TV (NOS, RTL,VRT).
- 2012-now Features for Dutch language media a.o. *NRC Handelsblad*, *VN*, *Opzij*, *OneWorld*.
- 2012 Settled in Lagos, Nigeria, as freelance correspondent.
- 2013 Publication third book, *Koning van de barraca's*, novel.
- 2010 Publication second book, *Gin-tonic & Cholera*, non-fiction sociological study about city life in Africa.
- 2008-2010 Crossmedia project *City Life in Afrika* for nrc.next.
- 2007 Publication first book, *Een nacht in een vijzel*, non-fiction travelogue about women in Africa.
- 2004-2005 Political and socio-economic editor at opinion magazine for women *Opzij*.
- 1999-now Freelance journalist, from 2002 in Africa south of the Sahara.
- 1996-1998 Contributing editor local newspaper *Dagblad De Gelderlander*.

### Other journalistic activities

- 2015-now Guest lecturer at departments of Mass Communication at various Nigerian universities.
- 2013-now Organiser and trainer *Responsibility to Report* seminars for Nigerian journalists.
- 2008-2012 Member of the board of *ZAM-net*, publisher of *ZAM Africa Magazine*.
- 2006 Belgian *Filip Decock Award* for journalism in developing countries.
- 2005-2012 Guest lecturer and student coach at various journalism schools in The Netherlands.
- 2003-2008 Member of the board and chairwoman of *Vrouw & Media Foundation*.
- 2002-now Moderator and presenter.

### Education

- 2020-2021 *Leiden University*, Masters course African Studies, graduated cum laude.
- 2016 *University of Ibadan*, *Yoruba Language Centre*, Yoruba language immersion course.
- 1994-1998 *Academie voor Journalistiek* in Tilburg, Bachelor course Journalism, diploma.
- 1989-1993 *University of Utrecht*, History Department, propaedeutic diploma.

### Further skills

- Languages Dutch, English, German, French and Portuguese.

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