
Curriculum Vitae

Erik Rietveld

Erik Rietveld (1969) studied Economics & Business at the University Maastricht and graduated in 1993. He worked for almost five years as Advisor Mergers & Acquisitions with Royal Ahold NV. After that he lived for a year in Brazil, where he studied Philosophy, Psychology and Portuguese at the University of Sao Paulo (USP). He started with his Master in Philosophy at the University of Amsterdam (UvA) in 2000 and graduated *cum laude* in 2003. In September of that year he enrolled as a student of the Research Master in Cognitive Science and in December he became a PhD-student at the University of Amsterdam, Department of Philosophy/ILLC.

The title of his dissertation (2008) is *Unreflective Action: A Philosophical contribution to Integrative Neuroscience*. This interdisciplinary work contains, amongst other things, a discussion of Wittgenstein's descriptions of the phenomenology of architects at work. Rietveld is fascinated by the fact that in many situations in our daily lives we act adequately, yet without reflection. He discusses the importance of relevant 'affordances' (alluring and potentiating possibilities for action in a given environment) for understanding unreflective action. Since 2006 Erik Rietveld has been part of Rietveld Landscape, a studio for landscape architecture that was founded by his brother and landscape architect Ronald Rietveld after his nomination for the Prix the Rome.

Erik Rietveld was a visiting scholar at UC Berkeley's Helen Wills Neuroscience Institute in Spring 2005. He developed and taught a new interdisciplinary course 'Neurophilosophy' at the University of Amsterdam in Spring 2006. During that semester he also taught 'Philosophy of Language'. In Fall 2006 he returned to UC Berkeley for a second research visit. In 2008 he has joined the European Science Foundation's 'Eurocores' project 'Consciousness in a Natural and Cultural Context' and collaborates with Nico Frijda and Ed Tan on the study of emotion experience in situations of engaged everyday action.

Erik Rietveld will be a Fellow in Philosophy at Harvard University during his visit at the Department of Philosophy there in 2008-2010. He will investigate the design and making of affordances by architects engaged in unreflective action. Rietveld's papers have been accepted for publication by journals such as *ANTW*, *Theory & Psychology*, *Inquiry* and *Mind*.