

# NIEDERLANDE

## Minister for Education, Culture and Science

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### Ms Jet BUSSEMAKER

Born on 15 January 1961, in Capelle aan den IJssel  
Married, one child

#### Personal details

Full name: Mariëtte Bussemaker

Place of residence: Amsterdam

#### Education

1973-1979	Secondary school, Oegstgeest
1979-1986	Degree in political science, University of Amsterdam
1993	Doctorate in social sciences

#### Career

1985	She began her career at the University of Amsterdam.
1985 - 1993	she was a research assistant, researcher and lecturer at the university.
1989 - 2007	she worked for one day a week at VU University, Amsterdam, where her work included a research project financed by the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO). She was also a visiting fellow at Harvard University.
1986 - 1988	She was a policy officer at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment, where she was involved in promoting research in women's studies.
19 May 1998	She became a member of the House of Representatives for the Labour Party (PvdA). Her portfolio included social affairs and tax policy, and together with John Leerdam she was responsible for drawing up the PvdA's cultural strategy.

- 22 Feb. 2007 she was appointed State Secretary for Health, Welfare and Sport in the fourth Balkenende government.  
After serving as State Secretary she worked for a short period as an independent consultant.
- 1 March 2011 she joined the Executive Board of the University of Amsterdam and the Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences. She has also been a crown-appointed member of the Social and Economic Council (SER).
- 5 Nov. 2012 She was appointed Minister of Education, Culture and Science in the Rutte-Asscher government

### **Party political positions and outside activities**

She has previously held the following positions as part of her activities for the PvdA: member of the manifesto committee (1998), member of the editorial board of *Socialisme en Democratie* magazine and member of the social policy network.

She has also served as a board member and lecturer in a number of areas.

These positions include:

- Secretary of the National Ombudswoman Foundation
- Chair of the practicing political scientists section of the Dutch Political Science Association
- Visiting lecturer at a course on public administration organized by the Public Domain Foundation
- Chair of the supervisory board of the Netherlands Media Art Institute
- Chair of the supervisory board of the Amsterdam Fund for the Arts
- Member of the supervisory board of the East Indies Memorial Centre
- Crown-appointed member of the Social and Economic Council.