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Erik-Hans Klijn is professor at the Department of Public Administration of Erasmus University Rotterdam. He also received an honorary doctorate from the Ghent University in 2019.

Klijn is an international distinguished Public Administration scholar especially on the field of network governance. His research the last 5-10 years has focused on several topics like:

- the impact of network management on network performance (Klijn and Koppenjan 2016). Research showed the crucial influence of network management for reaching outcomes (Klijn et al, 2010a, Klijn et al. 2015). And explored effects of networks characteristics on network managers choices for strategies (Klijn et al, 2020) and effects of network management on performance in infrastructure projects (Klijn et al, 2023)
 - the role of trust in complex decision-making in networks (see Klijn 2010b, 2016, Warsen et al, 2018) and public private partnerships)
 - democratic legitimacy in complex decision-making; We found for instance that the involvement of stakeholders empirically is more important than the involvement of political institutions (political parties, city council etc (see Klijn and Edeloebos, 2013).)
 - Research on Public Private Partnerships: We studied the influence of organizational forms and managerial effort on PPP performance (see Kort and Klijn, 2011; Steijn et al, 2011, Kort et al, 2016; Warsen et al, 2018) and showed that contract characteristics have hardly any effect on (perceived) outcomes (Klijn and Koppenjan, 2016), while trust and managerial effort is very crucial for PPP performance (Kort and Klijn, 2011; Warsen et al, 2018; Warsen et al, 2019).
 - the influence of media attention on complex decision making in networks (Klijn and Korthagen, 2018). Research shows that intense media attention has negative influence of network performance (see Korthagen and Klijn 2014). Media is also important in the agenda of setting risks policy issues (Opperhuizen et al, 2020)
 - public branding (Eshuis and Klijn, 2012). Research shows that public brands have impact on the trust people have in policy (see Karens et al, 2016), and we showed that stakeholder influence is important for brand effectiveness (see Klijn et al, 2012; Eshuis et al, 2017; Stevens et al, 2021).
 - regulatory agencies and street level bureaucracy. More disclosure of performance information both leads to a more formalized style but also to a more accommodating style where inspectors provide more explanation to inspectees (see Boer, de et al, 2019), and blame risk is less important than most people think (Klijn et al, 2020).
1. research gate (where publications mentioned can be downloaded):
<https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Erik-Hans-Klijn>
 2. google scholar (where citations can be viewed)
<https://scholar.google.nl/citations?user=Wh9RookAAAAJ&hl=nl>

ADDITIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- April 2007 – present: [Erasmus University Rotterdam](#), Department of Public Administration and Sociology, Rotterdam, Netherlands. **Position:** Professor (Full). **Description:** Research and

teaching: network governance, media attention and branding. From 2012-2018: President of the International Research Society of Public Management (IRSPM).

- May 2006 - June 2012, [University of Birmingham](#), Institute of Local Government Studies (INLOGOV); Birmingham, United Kingdom. **Position:** Professor
- October 1999 - April 2007, [Erasmus University Rotterdam](#), Faculty of Social Sciences; Rotterdam, Netherlands. **Position:** Professor (Associate)
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