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Curriculum Vitae

Quinten Somsen (1989) was born in Hengelo and graduated from the Bataafs Lyceum. He began his academic studies at Leiden University, earning a propaedeutic diploma in Political Science in 2010, before transitioning to History. He specialised in the political history of early modern Europe, focusing particularly on the history of the Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation. During his studies, he spent a semester at Münster University and did archival research in Vienna. He completed the Research Master in History (2014–2017) with distinction (*cum laude*) and was awarded the Mr. Hugo Weiland Thesis Prize for his master's thesis on a succession conflict between the Prussian and Franconian branches of the Hohenzollern dynasty, adjudicated by the Imperial Aulic Council in Vienna. The NWO-funded *Monarchy in Turmoil project* (2017–2022), a collaboration between Leiden University and the Huygens Institute in Amsterdam, enabled him to further develop his expertise on eighteenth-century German history, but now through a comparative lens, focussing on a Dutch and German princely court in the late eighteenth century. This has culminated in his PhD-dissertation: *Asserting Princely Power in Hesse-Kassel and the Dutch Republic: The Courts of Landgrave Wilhelm IX and Stadholder Willem V in Comparison (c. 1770-1806)*, supervised by prof. Jeroen Duindam and dr. Joris Oddens.