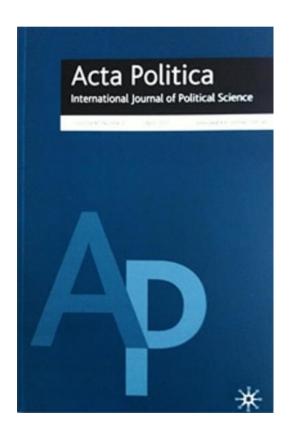


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## **RESUMEN:**

Not much is known about Members of Parliament (MPs) after they leave parliament. This study addresses this empirical gap by analysing postparliamentary employment in The Netherlands between 1967 and 2017. With 970 post-parliamentary careers included, it ranks among the most extensive studies into post-parliamentary career attractiveness up to date and a first inquiry into the development over time. By employing two different measures of attractiveness, this study provides two main findings: first, MPs are increasingly transferring towards a more attractive postparliamentary career in the 50 years under study, indicating changing patterns in post-parliamentary employment opportunities. Second, by comparing the development in patterns between private and political sector post-parliamentary careers, this study finds that the increase can mainly be attributed to an increase in private sector post-parliamentary careers. Not only are MPs increasingly moving towards the private sector, but they are also increasingly able to gain a more or similar attractive private sector function as of an MP. As a result, the findings indicate substantially different career opportunities, which, in turn, could have significant implications for parliamentary democracy.

## **SUMARY:**

Abstract
Development of the MP position
Political ambition: MP as the first career
Who gains?
Research design
Career attractiveness as a variable
Robustness check of attractivenes



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Development of post-parliamentary careers

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Fig. 2 Percentage of MPs that leave parliament coming from a more attractive background career or an equally attractive background career based on the measures of salary and top functions

Fig. 3 Percentage of background and post-parliamentary careers in the political and private sector of the total percentage of careers Sectoral differences: who gains?

Fig. 4 Percentage, for both the measure of salary as top functions, of similarly and more attractive postparliamentary career per sector

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