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## THANK YOU

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*'Not all those who wonder are lost'*

□ *J.R.R. Tolkien, Lord of the Rings*

This quote resonates with me because I contemplated extensively before I made the decision to leave Sydney and move to Amsterdam. It was not an easy decision to make. I never thought that when I arrived here over 3 years ago I would be able to stay until the end of my PhD and beyond. It has been an incredible experience and I am very thankful to have been given this opportunity and to have met so many interesting people along the way. I have learnt so much from my stay here and it has enabled me to shed some blinders and alter the manner in which I experience the world. Thus, my PhD journey did not only involve writing this dissertation but also my transition to the Netherlands and all that this change entailed. Leaving everything you know behind and starting from scratch is not without its difficulties, but I had help from many people. Thank you to everyone who has helped me through these different stages of my life and who made my new life here so enjoyable.

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