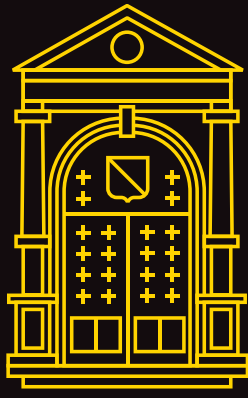Utrecht University

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HONOURS COMMUNITY

Dear reader,
We are proud to present to you the fourth edition of the "Think Big Newsletter".

The Social and Behavioural Science Honours Community has been very busy organizing fun and especially educational events. All students who went to the CV and LinkedIn-training, organized by the hardworking Committee of Academics, were very enthusiastic about the handy tips and tricks they were able to learn. We are very curious of all future trainings that will be organized the Committee of Academics! As already been said, within the Honours Community there is always some room for fun events. This month, the Community Committee will organize a committee battle!
Last but not least, there are some updates about the Honours Community chamber. First, the chamber is now decorated with a fabulous poster of our Honours Community logo! And second, there will soon be a bookcase so that students can exchange their favorite books.
In this newsletter you can read more about these past and future events followed by the activities of Studium Generale during March.

Enjoy reading our newsletter!

REVIEW CV AND LINKEDIN-TRAINING

The first activity of the committee of Academics on February 9th was a huge success! No less than 24 students participated in the CV and LinkedIn-training. During the course, we learned what not to do with our CV (have it be longer than 2 pages) and how to make the best of our own LinkedIn profiles (write a summary of a few sentences, only add your grades if they are really awesome, e.g. a GPA of 4.00). Finally, to top it all off, a professional photographer (**www.aveke.nl**) was willing to take pictures of all our lovely faces. Take a look at the LinkedIn profiles of the honours students and see if you can spot our pictures!

RESEARCH PARADE

Friday the 26th of February marked the date of the very first Research Parade, a student initiative aiming to change the relationship status of research and education. The opening talk was provided by prof. dr. Bram Orobio de Castro, telling us about his research using experimental procedures to study causal mechanisms involved in the initiation and maintenance of behaviour problems. In addition he told us how this knowledge could be used to improve interventions and to conduct randomized trials of their effectiveness to reduce disruptive behaviour problems. During the following workshops, students were introduced to the practical side of conducting research, with topics varying from 'Radicalization and social justice ' to 'the application of neuroscientific knowledge in solving social problems'. Along with dr. Jaap Bos, honours students Stefan Vermeent and Jan Schulpen organized a workshop devoted to the subject of the gray areas within research ethics.
By the end of the day both students and university teachers participated in a plenary debate, after which they joined each other for some drinks while looking back on a very educational and successful day!

THE EXCHANGE-BOOKCASE

As honours students we obviously love books. So, to further improve our literary knowledge, we have the following idea: the office cabinet in the honours chamber (Langeveld G138) will be used as a mini honours library! Everybody who has a book that, in their opinion, everyone should read can put it in the so called exchange-bookcase. It can be any book, varying from novels to study books. In case you want to share your book, write your name in it so that everyone knows who's the owner. There will be a list of the current loans to prevent books getting lost. We hope you all have some interesting books to share!

THE HONOURS COMMITTEE BATTLE

On the 8th of March the honours students will be reunited again to compete in a big committee battle! Each committee will be competing against the others to be the best of the Honours Community. There will be a lot of fun and crazy tasks to prove yourself, perfect for students who want to distinguish themselves from all the other students! To perform these tasks you have to be ambitious, creative and outstanding, only achievable for the top 10% of all students. Don't miss it!

STUDIUM GENERALE

Science Café Utrecht
The brain

Monday March 21th (20:30)
Café Het Gegeven Paard (TivoliVredenburg), Utrecht
This evening, Science Café Utrecht focuses completely on the most complex organ in our bodies, our brain. Filemon Wesselink, the host of the evening, will talk with different scientists about the debate of the existence of free will (Dr. Anouk Keizer and Dr. Niels van Miltenburg), the functioning of the brain in social interactions (Dr. Suzanne Dikker) and treatment of Alzheimer, Schizophrenia and Parkinson (Prof. Dr. Iris Sommer).

The psychology of secrets

Wednesday March 30th (20:00)
University Hall (auditorium),
located in Dom Square, Utrecht
Dr. Andreas Wismeijer will share his knowledge on the psychology of secrets. His research showed that people have a great desire to share their secrets, as long as they can do so within a safe environment and anonymously. Keeping an important secret to yourself can have a negative impact on your physical- and mental health. Keeping a secret can protect you against unwanted responses but it can be inhibiting as well.

Want to become even more involved and write a blog about a lecture for publishing on the website? Contact Rick Berends at r.j.h.berends@uu.nl.

For more information go to: **www.sg.uu.nl**

This newsletter is brought to you by the Social and Behavioural Sciences Honours Community and is send to future honours students, current students enrolled in the Honours Program of Social and Behavioural Sciences and it staff members. Our aim is to keep you posted on the latest activities and info regarding our Honours Community.

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