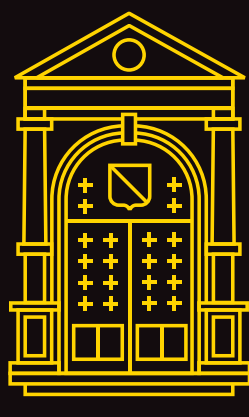




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HONOURS COMMUNITY

Dear reader,

We are proud to present to you the sixth edition of the "Think Big Newsletter".

The Honours Community has returned to The Netherlands! Fully exhausted but safely and definitely closer to each other. The trip was a huge success and we are very grateful to the Study-Trip committee! You can read about the ins and outs of the study trip down below (and more extensive in the upcoming second edition of the Honours Magazine). However, our little attempt to escape our ordinary education programme by going to the UK would not last forever. The Honours Magazine Committee is already very busy editing the second edition of 'Think Big: It's an Honour'. There will be a launch party for this second edition on the 9th of June! The exact time and place will be announced in the next newsletter. In addition, the other committees are also planning on some new events during the last months of this academic year.

In this newsletter you can read about the Honours Conference, at which the Honours Magazine Committee will present their achievements till now. Furthermore, you can read about some events organized for the potentially new honours students and other upcoming events in May! Enjoy reading our newsletter!

PAY ATTENTION- AMMENDMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Human Profiling training was planned on May 2nd (18:00) but will be on **May 12th 17:00**. The second meeting of the Think Big Reading Club was planned on May 11th but will be on May **18th 17:00** (we will be discussing "De Engelenmaker" by Stefan Brijs).



STUDY TRIP RESUME

On April 18th, we left with a large group of honours students on the very first international honours trip to Southampton. Two days were spent at the University of Southampton. On the first day, prof. dr. Sedikides held a lecture about self-enhancement and self-protection, and prof. Leopard held a lecture about social media. In between lectures, we worked in subgroups on various assignments, focusing on diverse topics like narcissism and the use of social media by companies. The second day was used to finish the assignments with some help from students from the University of Southampton and to present the terrific outcomes to each other.

There was also time for some sightseeing. On Wednesday, the bus brought us to London, where it made a first stop at the Freud museum. After a couple of very interesting and informative hours, everybody was free to explore the city for themselves during the rest of the afternoon. Lucky as we were with the weather, most people spent the afternoon outside, strolling through the city or sitting in a park. We can look back on at a very interesting, diverse and fun trip. It was a great way to strengthen the Honours Community and will hopefully be a regular part of the programme for years to come.



UTRECHT HONOURS CONFERENCE – HONOURS FUTURE

On the 2nd and 3rd of June 2016 Utrecht University will host the Utrecht Honours Conference: Honours futures. The conference will focus on several themes concerning visions for the future of honours: "the honours learning experience", "the honours teacher", "honours impact, honours & career, honours & society", "quality assurance in honours", "personal and social growth & honours", "sustainable honours" and "open student forum". Supporting this event, we most certainly want to seize this opportunity to promote our

honours magazine "Think Big: it's an Honour" and spread the word about our communal developments and accomplishments during the past academic year. As an alternative poster presentation we will present the magazine and our monthly Think Big newsletters. In addition, we will show the conference quests around on our Think Big website. For more information about the conference, please go to: www.utrechthonoursconference2016.nl We hope to see you there!

HONOURS ORIËNTATION COURSE DEBATE

In about three weeks (18:00-20:00 May 26th) the 'Lagerhuisdebat' will be held for the potentially new honours students. The first part will exist out of a debating workshop in little groups, like a lot of us have attended last year. The second part is new however. This part will exist out of a debate regarding a relevant social issue with all the students together.

It is also new that you can participate in this debate! In the debate we would like to have a few senior honours students with more experience in debating to help the new students. If you would like to participate in the debate from half past 7 till 8 and would like to get to know the new honoursstudents, you can report this to Honours.council.sw@uu.nl. Of course, we will thank you with some nice drinks afterwards.

MODEL UNIATED NATION

On the 17th and 24th of May there will be a clinic in Model United Nations provided by alumni from Utrecht University Model United Nations (UUMUN). For those who are not familiar with this concept: Model United Nations is an educational simulation in which students can learn about diplomacy, international relations and the United Nations. As Model United Nations delegation students attend prestigious conferences on universities like Cambridge and Harvard. In these conferences the participants participate as simulated delegates from different countries, organizations and / or political figures, each with their own specific goal. Using research, public speaking, debating and writing skills, in addition to critical thinking, teamwork, and leadership abilities the delegates will compete for the best possible outcome.

On 17th of May a training in these competencies will be provided and on the 24th of may we will engage in a simulated conference to put our learnings into practice.

STUDIUM GENERALE

**Tuesday May 10th (20:15),
Hofman Café, Utrecht**

The ideal image of 'a multicultural society' has disappeared slowly within The Netherlands. Instead, fear has grown for cultural and religious differences. Does this mean the end of The Netherlands as a tolerant society? Prof. James Kennedy will tell us, among other things, how people in The Netherlands first use the term 'tolerance' throughout history and how it fits their identity.

STUDIUM GENERALE

**Wednesday May 11th (20:00),
Academiegebouw (Senaatszaal), Utrecht**

All that refugees do when they arrive in The Netherlands is waiting and waiting. Waiting for answers on whether they will be able to stay. However, successful long-term integration begins with active integration and bonding with the society in the early period of being a refugee in that society. Dr. Fenella Fleischmann will explain why she is a proponent of the statement that refugees should bind with society from the first day on.

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