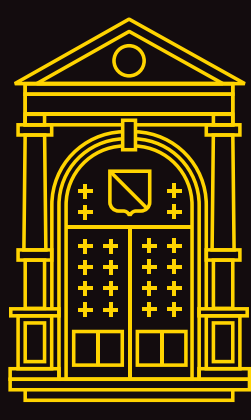




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HONOURS COMMUNITY

Dear reader,

We are proud to present to you the seventh, and this academic year's last edition, of the Think Big Newsletter. The last months of this academic year have been no different from the rest of the year when it comes to the investment of the committees in organising events for our community. In this newsletter you can read about the past launch of the second edition of our honours magazine: 'Think Big: It's an Honour' and the community-strengthening movie night. In addition, you can find reviews about past events such as the Honours Parade. Last but not least, you can read a preview regarding the upcoming introduction camp and next year's honours community.

Enjoy reading our newsletter!



LAUNCH HONOURS MAGAZINE #2

We did it! After some hard work during the past semester, the second edition of the honours magazine: 'Think Big: It's an Honour' is a fact. On the 9th of June we celebrated the launch of this second edition with our fellow honours students, teachers and other guests. Again, reactions were enthusiastic. During the launch party, Jaap Bos shared his thoughts about the Honours Magazine and complimented the writers

and it's design. In addition, Jet Klokgieters enlightened the item she wrote for this second edition. We thought her speech was inspiring and that she chose her words well to tell her story. We would like to thank everybody who has been involved in developing the magazine and thank you all for attending the second launch party! You can check out the Honours Magazine at: www.thinkbig.sites.uu.nl

THE HONOURS MOVIE-NIGHT

In the past, there have been conducted some notorious – even unethical – studies. An example would be the sensory deprivation studies conducted by the psychologist Donald Hebb in the 1950s and 1960s. Forty years after these, professor Ian Robbins conducted a similar research. Robbins study included six participants who were locked down in a nuclear bunker for 48 hours. Two days of sensory deprivation; that sounds like a

holiday to some of us. Well, the view of our Honours Community has definitely changed after watching this documentary on June 13th. We saw healthy participants changing into persons going mad. That encompasses the experience of anxiety, but also hallucinations, delusions and even intellectual impairment. Just think about the effects on imprisoned people who are locked up in sensory deprivation for years.

LECTURE – PSYCHOLOGIST IN THE ARMY

On Friday the 1st of July we gathered for one of the final honours events of this academic year. The committee of excursions had organized an interesting lecture, which was a great success! Deirdre Rietdijk, a psychologist of the National Ministry of Defence presented all the ins-and- outs and ups-and-downs that come along with the job. Working as a Defence psychologist is a tough job, especially when being a woman in a men's world. Additionally, working for the Ministry of Defence offers numerous possibilities to develop yourself. Afterwards we had some drinks and a bite to eat while at the same time sharing our views on working within the military (or check out the online results of the final exam of that day). All in all it was a great evening!



HONOURS PARADE

On the 5th of July students, teachers and all those who were interested could visit the very first Honours Parade of the faculty of social and behavioural sciences at Utrecht University. During the parade, students presented their past year's activities and accomplishments, including creative challenges and bachelor's theses. Some of the students also presented their paper on various topics in psychopharmacology, which was part of their honours component regarding this course. We were truly impressed and inspired by the amazing and hard work done by students during the past year. Hopefully, we will be able to make just as good of an impression during the Honours Parade next year!

THINK BIG READING CLUB

11:10 at the Gutenberg, Uithof. "Are we all there?" – "No, we are still waiting for one person. Oh, I see him coming. Walking with his nose in his book reading the last pages that is!" The meeting started typical: chaotic and last minute. But that is fine; we are all busy honours students after all. After we all got our coffees and had finished laughing about the name of the biscuit that came with it: Hoppe, which was also the surname of the main character of our book, we started the discussing the book 'De Engelenmaker' written by Stephen Brijns. Discussing a book adds a new dimension to your own experience: everyone had had their own brilliant insight and had missed clues that others did see. And so together we ended up knowing the (weird) hidden biblical references and fathomed the ending of the book. The discussing part actually took us the least amount of time, because catching up on everyone's latest news took a bit longer, of course. But we also managed to come up with a good format for the coming book meetings. We will put a vase in the Honours room, in which everyone can put in a book suggestion. Because we did not have a vase at the Gutenberg, we used a hat and the piece of paper told us our next book (which we will discuss after the summer holidays) will be 'Go set a watchman' by Harper Lee. We hope everyone will feel free to join us on our next meeting!

INTRODUCTION CAMP HONOURS YEAR 2016/2017

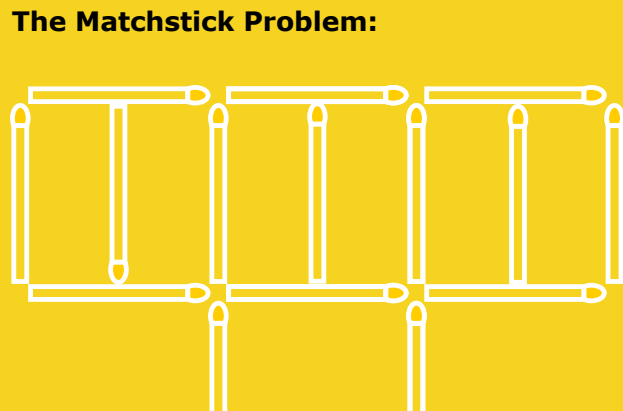
One of the greatest events in September will be the Honours introduction camp. The mandatory intro-camp will take place on the 2nd and 3rd of September (enthusiasts are welcome to stay till the 4th). We have booked the location for one additional day so 3rd year honours students can also come for a night filled with joy. The purpose of this camp is group bonding. Together we will decide where this year will take us and how we will make the most of our Honours Community. We will not reveal details about what is going to happen, but we can say that you won't be getting a lot of sleep since we plan to play the game 'Weerwolven' during the nights.

HONOURS GROUP YEAR 2016/2017

In September the current honours community will be joined by another +/-60 bright minds. This multi-year community brings opportunities for everyone. Current years only 2 educational sciences students will probably find more study partners within the upcoming cohort. In addition, new honours students can connect to older students to get help with finding a suitable internship. Being a community, we can help each other solve SPSS problems, get funding for exchanges, study for exams and reach to our full potential together. We hope that the future honour community will be able to continue our past year's activities and really put a new, and their own, spin on them. This is why we want to say welcome to all new faculty of social sciences honours students. This year was awesome; next one will be even better!

ANSWERS BRAINTEASERS HONOURS MAGAZINE#2

The Matchstick Problem:



The Burning Rope Problem

You light both ends of the rope. After 30 minutes, the first rope will be burned and only 30 minutes of the second rope are left. Now you light the other end of the second rope: it will burn up in exactly 15 minutes. Therefore, 45 minutes are measured!

What Am I

1. Hourglass
2. Arrow
3. Time

The Parking Space Problem

Turn your magazine or laptop upside down, and you will see the answer (it's 87).

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