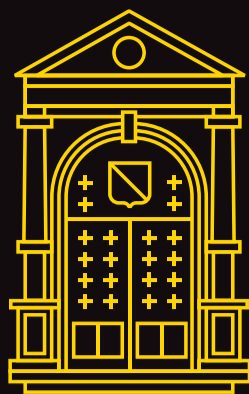




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# HONOURS COMMUNITY

Dear reader,

We are proud to present to you the first edition of this year's "Think Big Newsletter".

This newsletter is brought to you by the newest Social and Behavioural Sciences Honours Community! Our aim is to keep you posted on the latest activities and info regarding our Honours Community. Besides the Honours Magazine and Think Big Newsletters our website [www.thinkbig.sites.uu.nl](http://www.thinkbig.sites.uu.nl) provides more information about the Honours Community Reading Club and Social Cosmos: an interdisciplinary social science journal published by former students.

During the introduction camp in September, new committees were formed including a new magazine committee! All committees presented their plans for the upcoming year at the first official Honours community meeting. In addition, the council presented plans for a biweekly honours meeting which will take place on Monday evening. Both the Honours Community and honours coordinators responded with great enthusiasm! In this newsletter you can read about the recent activities that were organised by the introduction committee and the community committee. Furthermore, you can read about some events that are organised by Studium Generale which could be interesting for both first and senior year students. Enjoy reading our newsletter!



## THE HONOURS INTRODUCTION CAMP

The first activity of the honours students was introduction camp. After we got some information on Friday afternoon at the University of Utrecht we left in two groups to the camp. Arriving at a beautiful site, we first played some fun games to get to know each other. After some "newspaper-slapping" we proceeded to the dining hall for a homemade dinner. Friday evening was marked by a social activity: the Pub Quiz. When all the "informative" questions were answered, and the ponies and pornstars were divided correctly by the different groups, the first day came to an end. The next day was mainly focused on educational- and practical issues. The committees for this academic year (2016-2017) were formed. During the afternoon Otto van Wiggen, who was a general in Dutch army, gave an intriguing lecture about his military vision on leadership. He also talked about his book "No one is more important than the team". By the end of the day, everyone rejoiced when an old-school food truck arrived (called *frietkar* in Dutch)! Off course, we devoured as many chips and snacks as possible. Eventually, a successful honours introduction camp came to an end. We are sure that it will become a great year!



## A REQUEST FROM THE MAGAZINE COMMITTEE

One of the committees that was formed during the introduction camp is the committee that is going to be responsible for the honours magazine. There is only one small problem: the magazine committee only consists of psychology students. Since the Social and Behavioral Honours Programme takes an interdisciplinary approach, we would like to be able to reflect this within our magazine. Therefore, the magazine committee is looking for honours students who don't study psychology and can help create ideas for articles. We are looking for interesting topics and issues regarding all social sciences. If you have an idea you can write it down and drop it in the magazine box (located in the honours room Langeveld G1.38). We look forward to your brilliant and original ideas. Off course we'd like input from everyone who has an idea or wants to help in any kind of way! You can easily contact us via: [honours.redactie.sw@uu.nl](mailto:honours.redactie.sw@uu.nl)

## FIRST YEAR'S PUB CRAWL

On Monday the 26th of September the community committee organised the first social activity of this year. They invited all honours students to join them for dinner and some drinks in 4 of the many bars that are located in Utrecht. After our biweekly Dare to Compare meeting we came together for dinner and enjoyed the different costumes some of us were wearing. The pub crawl had in fact a jungle theme. And so, after dinner both humans and jungle animals went to the first bar where we played several games and drank some beers. After we went back and forth between various bars the majority of the group went home. Only a small group of nocturnal animals danced until the early morning hours.

## STUDIUM GENERALE

**Monday November 21th (20:15),  
Tivoli Vredenburg, Utrecht**

Whether you get it from extreme sports or using drugs, a thrill is for many alluring. Bungee jumping, taking a pill at a party or climbing a mountain. Obviously, this kind of thrill seeking behavior isn't without risk. So why do we seek it? And how is it that we so often get our kicks from behavior that is not normally accepted? Amongst others, this topic will be discussed with media scientist Dr. René Glass and neurobiologist Dr. Heidi Lesscher.

## STUDIUM GENERALE

**Monday November 28th (19:00),  
Filmtheater 't Hoogt, Utrecht**

Human Rights Watch operates on the front lines of Syria and Libya to document war crimes. Getting this information in the hands of criminal courts and media is a dangerous task. This documentary follows four members of the Emergencies Team as they piece together the actual events that take place in troubled spots around the globe. How can victims of mass atrocities committed by governments and non-state actors get justice? Q&A with Dr. Brianne McGonigle Leyh (Human Rights, UU).

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