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Dear members,

O kom er eens kijken! Here it is, the long-expected newsletter for the 'gezelligste' month of the year (there is no translation, but I am sure after some years you know what it means). I often get the question why I hide the most fun part of the newsletter (meaning the guest-contributions). Luckily, I don't: it is just better to not read the newsletter on your phone. So open your laptop, get some Sinterklaas-candy, light some candles and enjoy!

Tonight is Sinterklaas-evening. Because many of you don't live at home anymore, there probably isn't someone to fill your shoe. Luckily Sinterklaas promised he would visit the common rooms, so diy your own shoe and leave it there tonight. Tomorrow, there might be something in it!

Purple Friday is also coming up: the day we celebrate everyone can be themselves. Thursday there will be a lecture about LGBTQ-rights, with a borrel afterwards. Friday itself will be coloured with a tote bag painting workshop. Don't forget to wear purple!

Would you like to learn more about the the history, mandate, and proceedings of the Kosovo Specialist Chamber (KSC)? We will visit them on **an excursion** on Monday the 12th of December. The court investigates warcrimes committed during the Kosovo-war. Get a presentation, ask all your questions, and join a tour of the court.

Unfortunately there are also exams this month. To make sure your prepare in the best way possible, it is smart to read all the lecture-material. So order your books quickly **via this link**. Furthermore, some students are willing to help you with studying and questions you might have during the **studygroups** on the 12th of December. Don't miss out on this opportunity!

The 42nd board hopes that everyone will have a great month! We would love to see you at one of our upcoming activities, but do you know that we also have a common room? In Leiden at SB03, in The Hague at the back of the wooden pavilion near the entrance. You are most welcome here for a chat before, after or in between lectures!

See you soon, with SPIL-yellow greetings,

Robin Buijs
Secretary

Beste leden,

O kom er eens kijken, wat ik in m'n mailbox vind! Hier is ie, de langverwachte nieuwsbrief van de gezelligste maand van het jaar. Ik krijg vaak de vraag waarom ik de leuke rubrieken (lees gast-stukjes) van de nieuwsbrief altijd verstopt. Dat doe ik niet, maar je kan het beste niet op je telefoon kijken. Dus open je laptop, pak je pepernoten erbij, zet het haardvuur aan en geniet!

Vandaag is het heerlijk avondje. Omdat velen van jullie niet meer thuis wonen, is er niemand die je schoentje kan vullen. Gelukkig heeft de Sint beloofd om in beide SPIL-hokken langs te komen, dus laat vanavond je zelf-geknutselde schoen achter. Morgenochtend kan je 'm weer ophalen!

Deze week is het ook **Paarse Vrijdag**: dé dag waarop we vieren dat iedereen zichzelf mag zijn! Donderdag zullen we aandacht besteden aan LHBTI-rechten met een lezing. Die avond is er een borrel. Paarse Vrijdag zelf draagt iedereen paars en geven we kleur door tote bags te verven.

Wil je meer weten over de geschiedenis, het mandaat en de werkzaamheden van de Kosovo Specialist Chamber (KSC)? Op maandag 12 december gaan we hierheen **op excursie**. De KSC onderzoekt oorlogsmisdaden van tijdens de Kosovo-oorlog. Er is een presentatie, een rondleiding en veel ruimte voor al je vragen!

Ten slotte zijn er helaas ook tentamens deze maand. Om hier goed op voor te bereiden is het belangrijk dat je alle stof goed leest. Bestel dus nog je boeken **via deze link**. Ook zijn er ouderejaars studenten bereid om je bij te spijkeren tijdens de **studiegroepen** op 12 december, in zowel Leiden als Den Haag. Een betere voorbereiding bestaat niet!

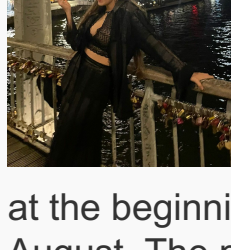
Het 42ste bestuur hoopt dat iedereen gaat genieten van de komende december-maand! We zien jullie graag op de aankomende activiteiten, maar wist je dat we ook een hok hebben? In Leiden bij SB03, in Den Haag aan de achterkant van het houten huis tegenover de ingang. Hier ben je voor, na of tussen je colleges door altijd welkom!

Tot binnenkort, met SPIL-gele groet,

Robin Buijs
Secretaris



The year of members...

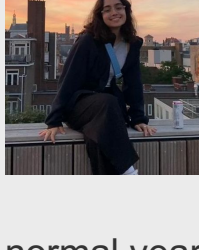


My SPIL journey started with the Freshman Weekend

at the beginning of August. The people there turned out to be absolutely wonderful, we had many common interests (probably since we were from the same program). In September I became part of the Education and Introduction Committee. In the Education Committee, we organized an event dedicated to Russia's relations with its neighboring countries. With my Introduction Committee we hosted a board game night (board games are always a thing), and last week we organized the Pub Crawl. I used to be skeptical about this format, but it was really fun!

SPIL well combines freedom and harmless traditions such as singing the anthem in old wooden pubs, which is a good thing for me, as a lover of the Dark Academy aesthetics.

Diana



This has been my first year as a SPIL'er in what I'd call a

normal year. It's been so fun to finally be able to see everyone in person and celebrate at events without any worries! I've enjoyed being able to meet with my committee (promotion) in person, as well as experience some more unique events — like the CoBo (thanks to Lara for the invite!).

I can still remember my first year, when I attended the GAs, borrels and all the other creative events that were organised from my laptop. I've got to admit, back then I wasn't even aware there was a SPIL song that we'd sing at events! Luckily now, times have changed, and it is being sung loud and clear...All I need to do now is learn all the words to it!

Yva



Dear SPIL'ers,

Last year I

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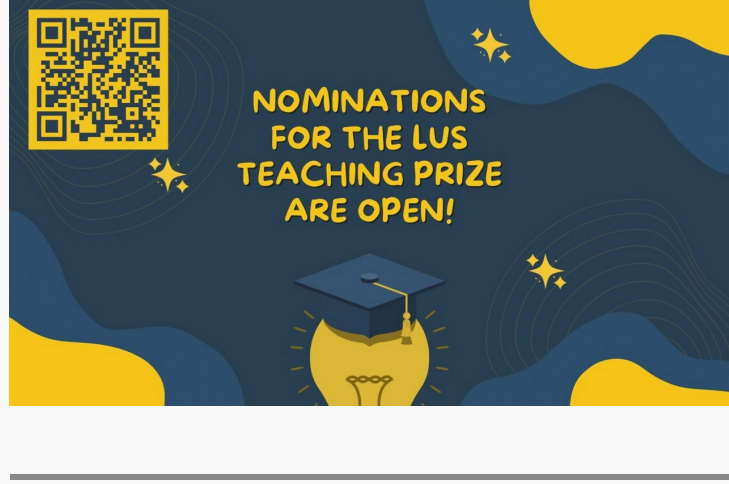
pleasure of

participating as a secretary in the 41st board of the Study Association for Political Scientists in Leiden.

I look back on a successful year with a new generation of active SPIL'ers. The highlights for me were the trips, where I flew to Athens and Thailand together with both new and old faces. It warmed my heart that we were able to host physical trips, parties and formal events again.

On top of that, common rooms were finally open again after 1,5 years. It was nice to see that members stopped by to take a break from studying. The common room will for ever be a safe space for me in university.

Yesim



From now onwards, you are invited to nominate your favourite lecturer for the LUS Teaching Prize. The LUS student think-tank presents the LUS Teaching Prize for the best teacher of the year. It's a special award, which is given to the lecturer who is considered to be the most inspiring teacher in giving their classes. All students can nominate their best teachers: do you already know who should win the 2023 prize? **Vote here!**

Vacancy

Who: The Institute of Political Science + Institute of History + Institute of Security and Global Affairs are looking for several part-time BA (second or third year) student assistants.

When: February - April 2023 (each around 25 hrs/month)

What: Coding of information on counterterrorism practices around the world in the period 2010-2020

How to apply: Send your cv (including grade list) and a very short(!) motivation letter to Dr. Roos van der Haer: R.van_der_Haer@fsw.leidenuniv.nl by the **15th of January 2023**.

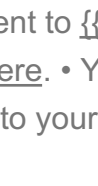
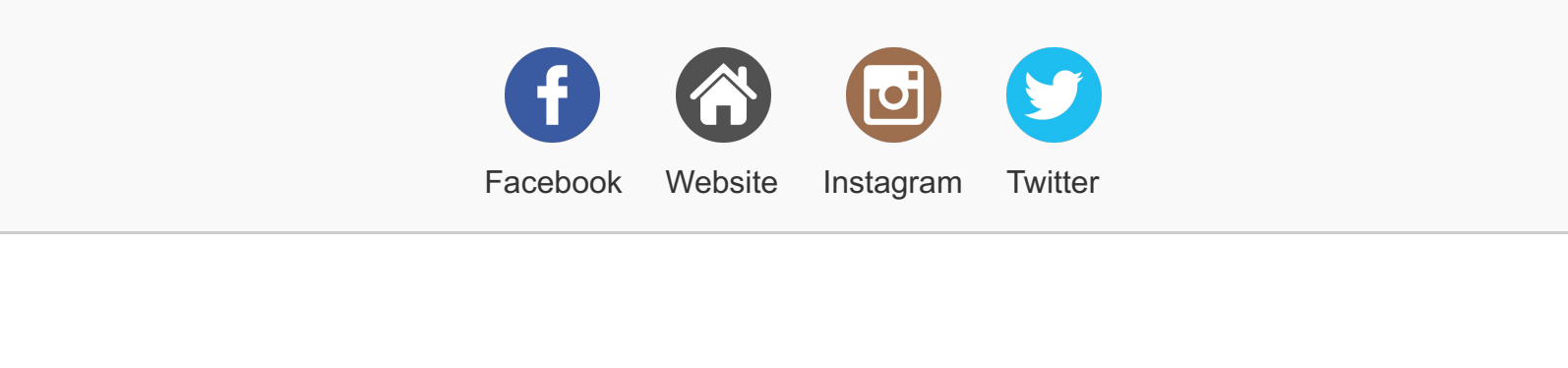
Work description:

- Coding the Country Reports on Terrorism published by the United States State Department Bureau of Counterterrorism on the presence and changes of counterterrorism practices around the world, such as the arrest of terrorists and changes in the legal realm.
- Recording this information in a Google form.

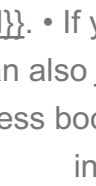
Requirements:

- Diligent and precise (necessary!)
- Excellent English language skills (necessary)
- Own laptop with an internet connection (necessary)
- Previous coding experience (plus)
- Interest in terrorism and counterterrorism (plus)

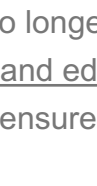
The actual starting date and working times are flexible, but the students are expected to have finished all hours by the beginning of May 2023. The hourly net wages are around 14 EUR per hour. Please note that the procedure for employing Non-EER students takes up to 5 weeks and that it will not be possible to complete this before the starting date. **For non-Dutch EU citizens, a Dutch health care insurance is necessary.**



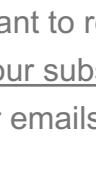
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