



## Announcements

**The booksale is live!** As all professors will probably mention during their classes, the best way to get high grades is to do the readings! Physical books are therefore a must have. Luckily, you can order your books with a lowest price guarantee via the link below.

**New merchandise item:** shot glasses! This new item is a must have for all members, because there is no nicer way to shot your (non-alcoholic) drinks than from this limited edition glass. Also nice as a gift for you friends! You can order them [via this link](#).

### Order your books for block 4

## Dear members,

Spring is here! You've probably noticed it over the past few days: between the drizzly days filled with rain, the sun is showing itself more and more often. And now that exams are over, we can enjoy it too! So pour yourself a big glass of cold lemonade, go outside and enjoy this newsletter in the sunshine.

I would like to start this newsletter with the news that we are looking for a new board! A board year is a great way to develop professionally, meet lots of new people. Feel free to drop by the **Board Interest Borrels** on april 13th or 18th, and keep an eye on instagram for all the details!

On Thursday the 6th of April, the first edition of the **Haagsch Studenten Feest** will take place at PIP The Hague. With around 500 students from more than 20 different associations, it promises to be a fantastic evening. You don't want to miss it, so get your tickets quickly [via this link](#).

Excursions are always fun, but experience shows that embassy trips are the most popular ones. Luckily there is good news, we have another one like that in store for you! On 17 April, we are going to the **German Embassy** in The Hague. The ideal opportunity to ask all your questions about this interesting neighbouring country and do some networking. Keep an eye on Instagram for the specifics.

Furthermore, the Festive Committee is proud to reintroduce the **Great Social Activity (GSA)**. On April 19th, there will be a full programme of different activities, concluded by a big Disney Party! And if you just can't get enough of all the parties, the **Interfacultair Party (InFaFe)** will also take place on April 25th

This newsletter is too short to cover all the activities of the coming month, so be sure to check the agenda as well. But one thing is certain: with all the get-togethers and parties, we will be dancing into spring!

**See you at one of the activities,**

**Robin Buijs**  
Secretary

## Beste leden,

Het is lente! Je hebt het de afgelopen dagen vast gemerkt: tussen de druilerige dagen vol buien door laat de zon zich steeds vaker zien. En nu de tentamens voorbij zijn, kunnen we er nog van genieten ook! Dus schenk een groot glas koude limonade in, loop naar buiten en geniet in het zonnetje van deze nieuwsbrief.

Ik wil deze nieuwsbrief graag beginnen met het nieuws dat we op zoek zijn naar een nieuw bestuur! Een bestuursjaar is een geweldige manier om je professioneel te ontwikkelen, veel nieuwe mensen te leren kennen. Kom vrijblijvend langs bij de **Board Interest Borrels** op 13 of 18 april, en hou de instagram in de gaten voor alle details!

Op donderdag 6 april vindt de eerste editie van het **Haagsch Studenten Feest** plaats in PIP Den Haag. Met rond de 500 studenten van meer dan 20 verschillende verenigingen belooft het een fantastische avond te worden. Je wilt het niet missen, dus haal snel je tickets [via deze link](#).

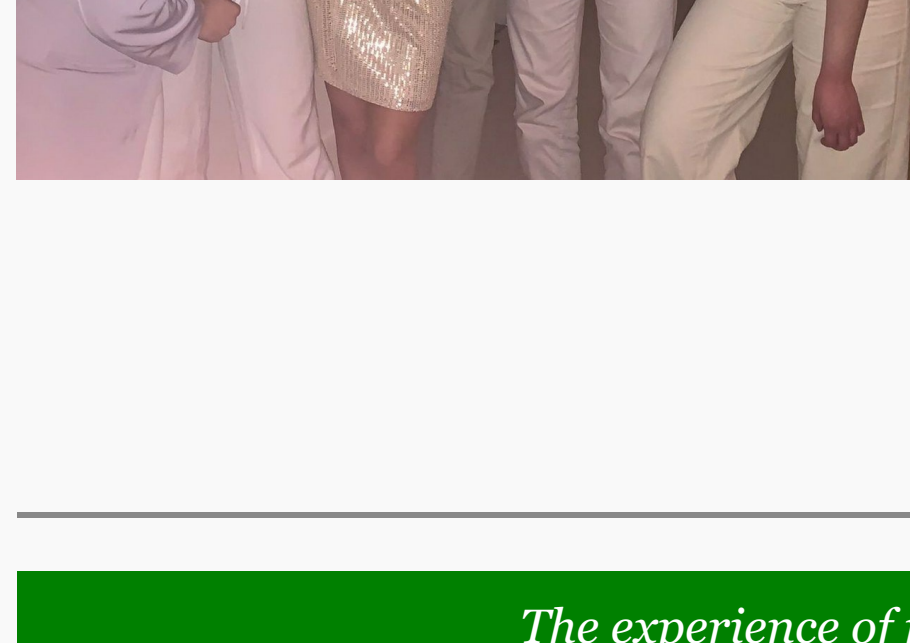
Excursies zijn altijd leuk, maar de ervaring leert dat de ambassade-tripjes het meest populair zijn. Gelukkig is er goed nieuws, we hebben er nog zo eenje voor jullie in petto! Op 17 april gaan we naar de **Duitse Ambassade** in Den Haag. De ideale gelegenheid om al je vragen over dit interessante buurland te stellen én lekker te netwerken. Hou de Instagram in de gaten voor de specifics.

Verder herintroduceert de Festive Commissie met grote trots de **Grote Sociale Activiteit (GSA)**. Op 19 april is er een vol programma met verschillende activiteiten achter elkaar, afgesloten door een groot Disney Feest! En krijg je maar geen genoeg van alle fuifjes, dan vindt er op 25 april ook nog het **Interfacultair Feest (InFaFe)** plaats.

Deze nieuwsbrief is te kort om alle activiteiten van de komende maand te bespreken, dus kijk ook even goed naar de agenda. Maar één ding staat vast: met alle borrels en feestjes gaan we dansend de lente in!

**Tot tijdens één van de activiteiten,**

**Robin Buijs**  
Secretaris



## Agenda

- April 6th:**
- Haagsch Studenten Feest
- April 13th:**
- Board Interest Borrel Leiden (19:00 till 21:30)
  - Festive Borrel Pubquiz (from 21:30)
- April 17th:**
- Excursion German Embassy
- April 18th:**
- Board Interest Borrel The Hague (20:00)
- April 19th:**
- Great Social Activity
  - Disney Party
- April 25th:**
- Interfacultary Congress (InFaFe)
- April 28th - 30th:**
- SPIL Weekend to Antwerp
- May 1st:**
- Committee Thank You Day
- May 3rd:**
- SPIL Congress

## Quote of the month

Thirze: "I'll probably make dumb decisions on SPIL-weekend"

Niels: "I think you do that in general"



## Vacancy

Due to the departure of the current student-member, the Programme Board of the Institute of Political Science seeks a new student-member for the remainder of the 2022-2023 academic year (until 31 August 2023) as well as the academic year 2023-2024. This is an important position: the student-member is responsible for representing students' interests and perspectives within the institute's governance. The student-member works for 6 hours per week for the Institute. [Click here for the full vacancy.](#)

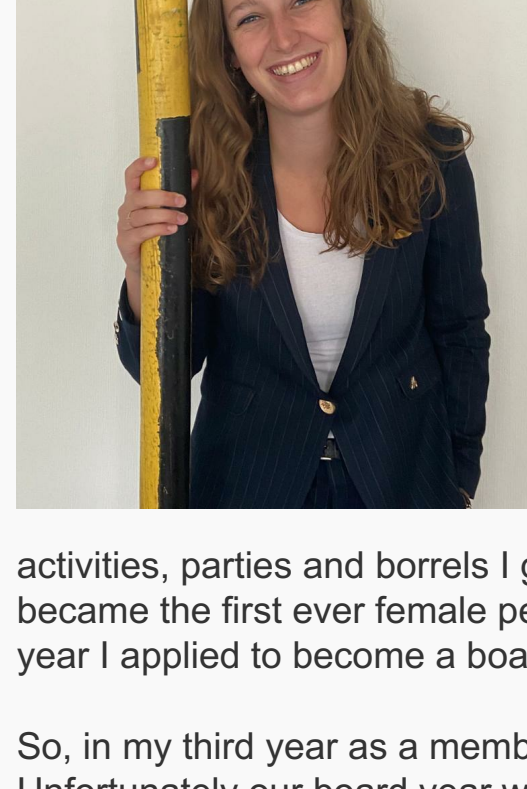
## LUS Teaching prize

Nominate your favorite teacher! The LUS student think-tank presents the LUS Teaching Prize for the best teacher of the year. It's a special prize, which is given to the lecturer who is considered to be the most inspiring teacher. The winner will receive 25.000 euros. All students can nominate their best teachers: do you already know who should win the 2023 prize? [Vote here!](#)

## PLNT Skills

The Leiden Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (PLNT) offers free workshops on, among other things, writing and negotiation. See their schedule [here](#).

## The experience of members



Dear fellow SPIL-members,

When Robin asked me if I would write for this months' newsletter and didn't hesitate. I love to tell people my experience as a member of SPIL. Then I started thinking... how did my relationship with the SPIL start? Believe it or not, it all started almost five years ago! I signed up for the Freshmen Weekend which was the best decision I probably could have made as I now look back on all the amazing friends I made during those three days in Delft.

That first year of me being a member of SPIL I did not sign up for any committees as I was to busy becoming a member at my student association. But once everything on that department was settled, I signed up for the festive committee in my second year in Leiden. During the many festive activities, parties and borrels I got to know my fellow SPIL'ers very well. During this year I also became the first ever female pedel of SPIL on the cobo of the 39th board! And at the end of that year I applied to become a board member.

So, in my third year as a member of SPIL I became the Commissioner of External Relations! Unfortunately our board year was during the pandemic, but together with my fellow board members we made the very most out of it. My board, which was called SPILuminous, aimed to provide a bit of light at the end of the COVID-19 tunnel. And I can full-heartedly say that SPIL filled my soul with love and laughter even during those challenging times.

Now it is my fifth year of being a SPIL member and I do not only cherish the moments I have already made, but I am still making them! Currently I am part of the Board of Advisors and I am a proud member of the Audit Committee this year. Moreover, I spend every bit of free time between study sessions in one of the common rooms.

Looking back on these five years I strongly recommend anyone to join SPIL and enjoy all the amazing activities and opportunities it offers. For those who are still in doubt about signing up for a committee next year I would say go for it! And for those wondering about the upcoming applications for the next board, come find me at the board interest borrel at (date) or catch me in the common room and you can ask all the questions you might have!

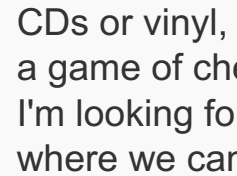
Hope to see you all soon!

With SPIL-yellow love,  
Jette

## Roomservice: help SPIL'ers find a room!

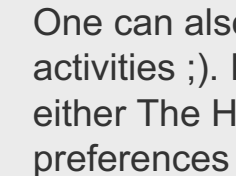
Help your fellow SPIL'ers find a place to live! If you know something that's available, share it with the people below. If we use our collective network, we can for sure make a difference!

- **Looking for a room?** Send an email to [secretary@spilplaats.nl](mailto:secretary@spilplaats.nl) with the following information: name, age, gender (m/v/x), study, phone number, picture and a small description of yourself + what you are looking for exactly (max. 50 words).
- **Looking for a roommate?** Send an email to [secretary@spilplaats.nl](mailto:secretary@spilplaats.nl) with the following information: what kind of house you live in, who you are looking for, availability and how to get in touch or apply.



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Hey fellow Spillers! I'm looking for a room around the Hague or Leiden from April onwards; sub-renting will only get you so far. Most days you'll find me listening to CDs or vinyl, working on a project, playing a game of chess or engaging in a debate. I'm looking for a household of any size where we can have dinner and talks together, without any obligations other than doing your part. Please give me a call or approach me at a SPIL event. Cheers! :)



**Key info:** Thomas Meijer, (m), 19 years old. First year IRO. +31 6 3715 9123

Hi, I am a very outgoing person. You can find me doing all sorts of thing arranging from hanging out with friends to listening to, or making, music. One can also find me on almost all SPIL activities ;) . I am looking for a room in either The Hague or Leiden with no preferences with regards to the amount of people I would be sharing the house with. I believe I can bring a lot to the table at a studenthousehold and I am a well organized roommate and I am always down for an adventure :)

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