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## Dear members,

Happy Dies Week everyone! This week we celebrate the birthday of our beautiful association. The week will be filled with many activities. Take a look at our Instagram to see what we are offering or look back at the Dies Newsletter that was sent to you last week. Anyways, I hope to see you many times this week!

Also, the elections are close! On the 22nd of November the Parliamentary elections of the Netherlands will be held. I am sure you, as a political scientist, have been excited for weeks. SPIL, and the elections, will hopefully not disappoint. SPIL will offer you multiple activities related to the elections. You will read more about this down below.

First of all, StOP (Study Association Deliberation Platform) is organising a **borrel with representatives from various political youth organisations**. So, if you are still wondering what to vote and done with all the one-liners. Or you just like a drink and a chat about politics. Join the borrel on the 15th of November.

Furthermore, the Education Committee is also organising an activity surrounding the elections. This will be a low-threshold activity to learn more about **Dutch politics**. Keep an eye on our Instagram for more information.

On the election night itself the Stairs Affairs Committee will organise a **Verkiezingsavond** where we will watch the exitpoll together. The results will be interpreted live by political experts. This is a Dutch spoken event.

This month the association will not only focus on the Netherlands this month. The association will make her annual trip to **Brussels** this month. The Brussels Committee is working hard to finish the last details for the trip. I hope that all the participants are ready and mostly very excited to go on the trip!

Lastly, SPIL is not SPIL without our borrels! The Masters Committee is organising a second **masters borrel**, after the success of their first one, on the 11th of November. Would you like to chat and meet new people? Join us.

The first **DEBAT** of the year will also be revealed during a borrel on the 23rd of November. If you cannot wait any longer, take a look on the website of the DEBAT, because the weekly **online articles** have begun. The first one is about populism in Slovakia.

In short, there will be many interesting and fun events this month. The board is looking forward to seeing you soon. For example in one of the common rooms. 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 at one of the activities,**

**Noor Stuijt**

Secretary

## Waarde leden,

Fijne Dies Week iedereen! Deze week vieren we de verjaardag van onze mooie vereniging. De week zal gevuld zijn met veel activiteiten. Neem een kijkje op onze Instagram om te zien wat we allemaal aanbieden, of kijk terug naar de Dies Nieuwsbrief die vorige week naar jullie is verstuurd. Hoe dan ook, ik hoop jullie op veel momenten te zien deze week!

Ook zijn de verkiezingen dichtbij! Op 22 november worden de Tweede Kamerverkiezingen gehouden. Ik weet zeker dat jij, als politicus, al weken in spanning zit. SPIL, en de verkiezingen, zullen hopelijk niet teleurstellen. SPIL zal je meerdere activiteiten aanbieden die gerelateerd zijn aan de verkiezingen. Hieronder lees je hier meer over.

Allereerst organiseert StOP (Studievereniging Overleg Platform) een **borrel met vertegenwoordigers van verschillende politieke jeugdorganisaties**. Dus als je je nog afvraagt wat je moet stemmen en klaar bent met alle oneliners. Of je houdt gewoon van een drankje en een praatje over politiek. Kom dan op 15 november naar de borrel.

Verder organiseert de Onderwijscommissie ook een activiteit rondom de verkiezingen. Dit wordt een laagdrempelige activiteit om meer te leren over de **Nederlandse politiek**. Houd onze Instagram in de gaten voor meer informatie.

Op de verkiezingsavond zelf organiseert de Stairs Affairs Commissie een **Verkiezingsavond**, waar we samen naar de exitpoll kijken. De uitslag wordt live toegelicht door politieke experts. Dit is een Nederlandstalig evenement.

De vereniging richt zich deze maand niet alleen op Nederland. De vereniging maakt deze maand namelijk haar jaarlijkse reis naar **Brussel**. De Brussel Commissie is hard aan het werk om de laatste details voor de reis af te ronden. Ik hoop dat alle deelnemers er klaar voor zijn en vooral veel zin hebben om op reis te gaan!

Tot slot, SPIL is geen SPIL zonder onze borrels! De **Masters** Commissie organiseert, na het succes van hun eerste borrel, een tweede borrel op 11 november. Heb je zin om bij te kletsen en nieuwe mensen te ontmoeten? Kom dan langs!

Het eerste **DEBAT** van het jaar wordt ook onthuld tijdens een borrel op 23 november. Als je niet langer kunt wachten op de fysieke versie, neem dan een kijkje op de website van DEBAT, want de wekelijkse **online artikelen** zijn begonnen. De eerste gaat over het populisme in Slowakije.

Kortom, er zullen deze maand veel interessante en leuke evenementen plaatsvinden. Het bestuur kijkt ernaar uit om jullie binnenkort te zien. Bijvoorbeeld in een van de gemeenschappelijke ruimtes. In Leiden bij SB03, in Den Haag achterin het houten paviljoen bij de ingang. Je bent hier van harte welkom voor een praatje voor, na of tussen de lezingen door!

**Tot tijdens één van de activiteiten,**

**Noor Stuijt**

Secretaris



**SPIL WEEKEND COMMITTEE APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!**



Help organise our most informal weekend of the year! SPIL Weekend!

Committee applications are open from 06/11 to 17/11.

## Agenda

**November 6th-10th:**

- Dies Week (for more info @spilplaats)

**November 11th:**

- Masters Borrel

**November 15th:**

- Leidsch Debat PJO Borrel (StOP)

**November 17th:**

- Education Election Event

**November 20th-21st:**

- Brussels Trip

**November 22nd:**

- Stairs Affaris Election Night

**November 23rd:**

- DEBAT Reveal Borrel

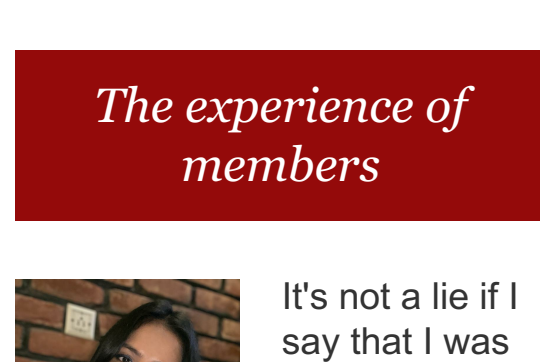
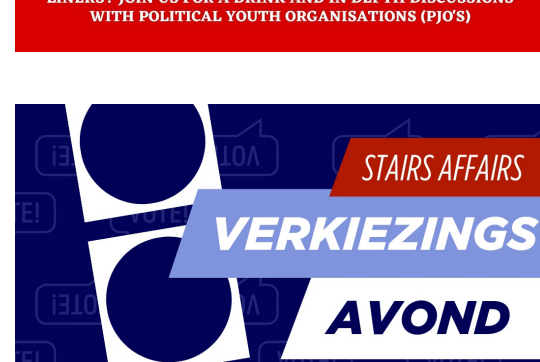
**November 27th-1st:**

- Sinterklaas Schoen zetten

## Quote of the month

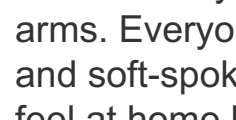
That's a big risk you're taking, but not as big a risk as an app.

- Jules Fockens



## DEBAT Website

## The experience of members



It's not a lie if I say that I was more excited to join SPIL than actually starting my master's at Leiden

University. From attending SPIL Freshmen Weekend to being appointed as treasurer of the Master Committee and joining as a member of the Introduction Committee, I have been welcomed by SPIL with open arms. Everyone is so humble and soft-spoken that I already feel at home here.

Talking about the Freshmen weekend, that was the best start I could have to begin my new journey here in the Netherlands. I had a good time I would highly recommend students out there to join SPIL, as there's nothing to lose but only gain.

- Jyoti Verma

## Old Hands / Oude Rotten Column



Vox Populi, Vox Dei\*, and here we are! The members are fed up, royally fed up, with the abandonment of traditions and the 'TIMES hAVe ChAnGeD'-policy. So It is high time to comply with the numerous requests to dedicate a regular column in the newsletter to views from the past. In *Old Hands* Alfons P.C Hooft en Patrick (lack of further SPIL) Daamen will look for forgotten LIT stories. Every newsletter we will talk with an old-member or old member and we will try to find

their funniest, craziest or weirdest anecdote from their SPIL years. Because even if the SPIL is only a training institute for the lower echelons of the civil service, even SPILers have had experiences that they can bring up every birthday without people immediately being filled with desire to see the inside of their eyelids. 'What should I think of?' Let us explain.

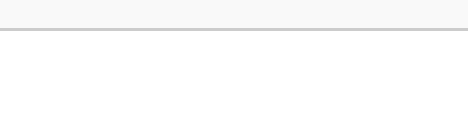
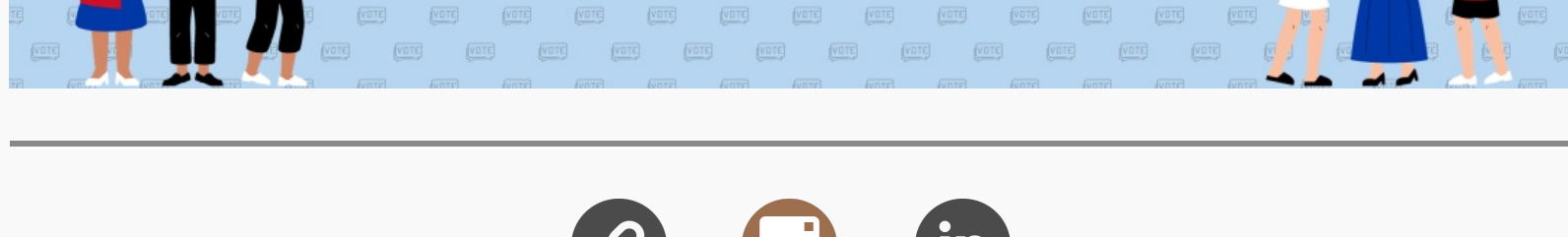
Without the SPIL Patrick would never have been accosted by people for two weeks because they saw him being sung to by Caroline van der Plas in honor of his birthday. Without the SPIL Alfons would never have complicated the work of a professional Russian photographer, because Alfons and the lens of his iPhone SE had been sent on a mission in the name of the commission. Without the SPIL Patrick would never have been reprimanded by soldiers to remove his hands from his pockets when asking a question to the commander of the armed forces. Without the SPIL Alfons would never have had to withdraw in tortoise formation from the King Abdullah the Suburbs of Amman, because they had slightly misjudged the social economic situation of the suburbs of Amman. Without the SPIL Patrick would never have been rejected by Queen Maxima (although she does admit that there still is some tension between them). And without the SPIL Alfons would never have learned so much about the many gray areas surrounding the issue of postal fraud.

We think you now understand what we are going for.

See you all tomorrow,

For ever yours,  
Alfons Pieter Cornelis Hooft,  
Patrick Daamen

\*[red. This is the only latin known to the atheneüemer' amongst us)



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