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MGSoG cooperation with the World Bank

Currently, MGSoG is working together with the World Bank on two different projects in the field of social protection and social assistance. The first project comprises a study tour for World Bank staff working for the department Europe and Central Asia organised by the School. The staff members of the World Bank are interested in learning about social protection and assistance policies in the EU by visiting four different countries. In the beginning of June, a delegation will visit the Netherlands, Belgium, Denmark and the United Kingdom. In every country, the delegation will hear an official policy perspective from the responsible Ministry, visit executive and implementing institutions and be presented with a critical view on the country's policy by a research institute. The study visit will be followed up by a dissemination workshop at the headquarters of the World Bank in Washington DC for fellow interested staff members.

Secondly, the School is also carrying out a review on Social Policy together with three research institutes in Central and Eastern Europe upon specific wish by the the World Bank to give an overview of social policy and social policy changes in the new EU member states. Country studies in three countries, Estonia, Hungary and Poland, will be conducted as an example for the developments in the greater EU region. The country studies are conducted by the research institutes in these countries, while the School's researchers will create a final report to summarize the findings and present an overview. The final report is scheduled to be finalized at the end of June.

Experience day

With the new masters programme structure being operable as of January 2006, we decided it would be a good idea to organise an experience day for interested masters students and those who simply want to learn more about the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance. The exact date still has to be set but the idea is that the experience day will take place around May 17. In the morning programme there will be a possibility to follow tutorials with the current MPP/SPF/SPP students while in the afternoon, parallel information sessions will be given in which field specialists and professionals will talk about their activities and the skills needed to be working in a related field. The fields to be covered will include: sustainable development, globalisation, trade and development, social policy and labour and economic policy research. In between the parallel sessions,

there will be an information market with members of the students affairs office and coordinators of the specific programmes. Of course an experience day would not be complete without an enjoyable drink to conclude the day where you can meet current students and staff members. If you want to know more about the experience day, please send an email to info-gov@governance.unimaas.nl

Advanced Academic Updates

Next to the master and PhD programmes within the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance, the School also offers national and international organizations, scholars and professionals the opportunity to update their knowledge on specific governance themes. In cooperation with our extensive network within the field, MGSOG creates training programmes according to specific needs, objectives and trends. Within these training programmes, recent insights from academic theory and research with respect to policy problems will be incorporated in seminar settings; workshops and lectures will be given by prominent specialists from across the globe. One of these training modules are called 'Advanced Academic Updates' (AAU). Upcoming AAU's will include an 'Insiders China Insight' week in which academics give in depth knowledge of China's social development in order to understand key aspects of the emergence of new social problems and renewed government interest of China. Also upcoming is the AAU on 'Social Sector Reforms outside the EU', where experts in the field of analysing and implementing social policies and reforms will give intensive hands-on and country specific training sessions. It is the School's ambition to organize the AAU's at least three times a year. To learn more about the AAU's and a programme overview, please keep checking our website for the latest updates.

Nice to meet you...Maurice Meeuse (Student Affairs Officer)

Hello, my name is Maurice Meeuse and I'm the new Student Affairs Officer at the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance. Let me tell you a bit about myself by jumping back to the year 2004, a year which I spent half in Vancouver, Canada working on my final thesis. Vancouver is a beautiful city if you like mountains and water as much as I do. Coming back to the Netherlands I defended my thesis and graduated as a bachelor in Information Technology. I got married in 2005 and this was also the year that my son, Bas, was born. Bas is now 10 months and always happy; he smiles the whole day and I try to spend as much free time as possible with him.



In 2005, I also started working for Maastricht University at the Education Office of the Faculty of General Sciences. My main tasks as a Student Affairs Officer at the MGSOG consist of updating and maintaining Premium and the EleUM community of the School. Furthermore, I take care of the planning and organization of the different master programmes, summer courses and seminars and I support my colleagues of the Student Affairs Office, Céline and Susan. Finally, I want to say that I am very happy to work at the MGSOG, it is a friendly, young, dynamic and above all, a motivated team!

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