

# The Governance E-Gazette



Maastricht Graduate School of Governance

## Visit to Turkey

On Saturday 15 October 2005, three people from Maastricht University went to Turkey to participate in the International Education Fairs of Turkey (IEFT): Roger Senden of the Student Service Centre, Niene Peek, a student of Medicine and me: Susan Roggen of the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance.

IEFT was founded in 2001 to bring quality education providers together with motivated students, helping to create greater visibility for the many study options available around the globe. It's a travelling circus: in just over a week, the fair moves from Ankara to Izmir to Bursa to Istanbul.

We talked to many prospective students, mostly interested in Master programmes. The majority was looking for economics (-related) programmes, but I managed to find a couple who were interested in governance!

Fortunately, we also had some free time. While in Izmir, we visited Efeses (an old Roman city that is gradually being dug up) and we had a wander around Istanbul. We enjoyed the colours and smells of the Grand Bazaar and marvelled at the size and grandeur of some of the mosques.



## The importance of Good Governance

On Monday November 14, the Dutch Development Minister Agnes van Ardenne visited Maastricht University to join a public debate on "Access for Social Security for everyone". This debate was organized by the faculty of Medicine in cooperation with the COS Limburg organisation and the Mustangh foundation. In her speech prior to the debate, the minister repeatedly called attention to the growing importance of a global awareness and a better understanding of the notion of good governance. She stated that regional and local actors are becoming more important in decision making processes alongside supra organisations like the EU, WTO, WorldBank etc. According to the minister, brain circulation and capacity building are the key factors for future improvements in social security, especially in the developing countries. The minister emphasized that in order to realize this global awareness, pioneering initiatives like the School of Governance, where specialists are educated in multifaceted

aspects of policy processes, are needed to pave the road. The minister will join the sixth WTO Ministerial Conference which will take place in Hong Kong from 13-18 December 2006. This sixth WTO conference will focus on agriculture and non-agricultural market access; the aim is to agree on formulas and other details that will determine the scale of reductions in tariffs on thousands of products and on farm subsidies. Furthermore, preparation for the final stages of negotiations in services, various WTO rules and a number of development issues will be on the agenda. For more information on the WTO top, please [click here](#)



### **AIESEC and the School of Governance join forces**

Recently, the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance set up a cooperation with international student organization AIESEC-branch Maastricht. AIESEC was established shortly after the Second World War by seven countries, and is currently operating in more than 80 countries. By means of global exchange AIESEC stimulates global cooperation and cultural understanding. The clear resemblances in mission statements and shared interests was a good reason for the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance to start thinking about involving AIESEC in their public relations and linking topics of interest by organising events together. Alongside, AIESEC will be able to offer students of the School (as well as other UM students) the opportunity to participate in their programmes and projects. For more information on AIESEC, please [click here](#) and for their projects, [please click here](#).

**Nice to meet you...Céline Duijsens-Rondagh  
(Student Affairs Officer)**

Together with my colleague and good friend Susan Roggen I mainly manage all student affairs at the School. I started working for the university in 1997 as a secretary and later on, since 2002, for Chris de Neubourg as Office Manager for the SPF programme. After a while all Chris' brilliant ideas started to become concrete and since October 2005 I am very happy to be part of this new initiative.



The atmosphere at the School is really inspiring and I just adore my colleagues, always happy to be here those three days in the week that I work.

I am 31 years old and live in Maastricht together with my husband Bas and beautiful kids: daughter Eunice (4 years old) and son Firmin (2,5 years old) in a lovely 1930's former customs' house near the Belgian border. Each day we are treated with the most beautiful view over the river Meuse which is across the street. The house is especially cherished because we have been busy reconstructing it for more than six years. Currently, we are busy with the finishing touches in the house; we love the atmosphere of our old house and try to bring this back into our accessories and furniture, which has really become a huge hobby... Next to a great house we have a wonderful (big) garden which will be our main focus for the coming spring and summer. The garden is half-finished so since two years we have a nice space for the kids to play and for us to relax and bbq in our garden kitchen! Next to all this, I love to work-out a few times a week to keep up my energy level, I eat magazines about interior design, lifestyle and what's new on trends and developments for kids and only during holidays I manage to read an actual book. Anyway, the life of a young mum, but a damn good one!

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