

The Governance E-Gazette



Maastricht Graduate School of Governance

Beyond Yalta and Beyond

After months of careful preparations and many nail biting hours, Saturday October 1st came faster than expected. With the grandsons of Stalin, Roosevelt and Churchill, Tim Sebastian, Maria van der Hoeven, almost 70 national and international press agencies and about 600 viewers, the event can truly be called a tantalizing and remarkable experience. After a breathtaking discussion volley lead by BBC's Tim Sebastian, 6 of the Maastricht University students took the stage to talk about Europe now and the role of its future leaders.

The atmosphere was sharp, witty and above all enthusiastic and we can look back on, indeed, a grand official opening of the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance!



Students run for Governance

As Irving Berlin says "Talent is only the starting point", the MGSOG is proud to be not only the starting point for young academic talent, but also for the many other talents its students possess. ESPP students Britta Augsburg and Melissa Siegel, participated in the Amsterdam Marathon, Sunday October 16, thereby becoming the School's first official "Governance promo team". We asked them to share their experiences at the ESPP PhD programme and the School: "We came to Maastricht in search of a stimulating academic environment with the right balance of work and play. The School of Governance has been extremely supportive in both respects. Our program is quite challenging and we have many tasks to accomplish (we have the key to the building which makes night and weekend shifts possible) but we always take time out for a good time. The gossip around is that the Monday morning champagne breakfasts will become institutionalized. To make sure that sitting in class and in front of the computer all day does not reap havoc on our mind and body, we have already run two half marathons and will continue with a promotional marathon running schedule sponsored by the School of Governance. FYI: The 6th of November in Maastricht will be our next run for all who would like to join or support".



Nice to meet you..Annemarie Rima (Associate Academic director- degree programmes)

On the 1st of October I started to work for the School of Governance. A great day to start because it coincided with the opening of the Graduate School and the fantastic event Yalta and Beyond. I felt really guilty that day because all the people from the school worked so hard making this event a success and I was so lucky that I could just participate without having done a thing. I am working as associate academic director of the School and thus a member of the management team (which is Chris de Neubourg, Renee Speijcken and me). The team is responsible for the management and the strategic development of the School. Renee and I have divided the tasks: She is responsible for the non-degree programmes and I will be responsible for the degree programmes (Master and PhD). I used to work as the director of the Tinbergen Institute and was responsible for setting up the PhD programmes. I was head of the International Office in Delft and as such, responsible for the setting up of international MSc programmes. Furthermore, I have been a manager in several jobs at different universities. I have the feeling that many of my personal interests of my former jobs are



all coming together in my work at the School. Now, I can use the knowledge and the experiences which I have gained during these diverse jobs to improve the development of the School. The first two weeks I have had meetings within the School and the Maastricht University and what I learned was that everybody has really high expectations of the School. I now realize that the founding of the School is a great initiative which will be followed closely by the executive board of the university. That it is an experiment to stimulate inter-faculty cooperation and more demand-driven education. I am proud to be part of this. Furthermore, the staff of the School is great, a close team of very nice colleagues and a great working atmosphere. I already feel at home. With respect to my personal life. I am living together with Jeroen (already for more than 30 years), we have lived in Utrecht for the past 16 years, but now moved to Maastricht. I will become 50 next year. I love to cycle in the Belgium Ardennes, but I also love to sit near the open fire and read a good book.

Seminar Series

The new School of Governance Seminar Series (SGSS) is organized by the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance. The series offer a regular forum for the presentation of new research developments and the discussion of social and economic policy issues. Guests will be both scholars and policymakers active in the field of social policy and welfare in the broadest sense.

Upcoming seminars

Wednesday 9 November 2005 at 12.30 [Tongersestraat 53, room to be announced]

Linear Social Security Scheme when some Individuals are Myopic: A Positive and Normative Approach

Philippe de Donder, National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), University of Toulouse

Wednesday 16 November 2005 at 12.30 [Tongersestraat 53, room to be announced]

The changing patterns of European pension systems

Elsa Fornero, University of Turin

Wednesday 7 December 2005 at 12.30 [Tongersestraat 53, room to be announced]

Social Protection as a Productive Factor

Wolfgang Scholz, International Labour Office (ILO)

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