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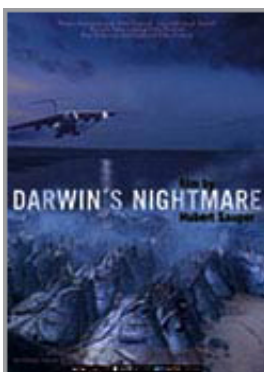
EU8 Social Inclusion Policy Conference

On October 25 and 26, The Maastricht Graduate School of Governance organizes a dynamic two-day conference to conclude a joint research project with the World Bank on social inclusion and social policy in 8 new EU Member States. During the conference, cross-country research analyses of social exclusion, social policy and social assistance conducted by the World Bank, Maastricht Graduate School of Governance and country research teams are disseminated, discussed and challenged.

Participants will have the opportunity to get a profound insight in the latest developments and a closer understanding of the challenges and opportunities in the social policy arena of the new EU Member States. The various research results and analyses will be presented and challenged by academic discussants, being experts in the various subject areas. Policymakers and government representatives from the 8 accession countries will shed their light on the academic analyses from a practical and policy viewpoint. And of course there will be ample opportunity for applicants to discuss these issues with academics, government representatives, policymakers and other stakeholders from the public, private and non-governmental sector during plenary sessions and informal meetings.

You are hereby cordially invited to join us on October 25-26, 2006.

For more information on the programme, please [click here](#) or send an email to Charlotte.Groven@governance.unimaas.nl



MGSog Movie Series

In collaboration with the Lumière art house movie theatre, the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance organizes 6 monthly movie nights to create a link between art and science. The selection of movies and documentaries chosen are all centered around the key-areas of the School: Sustainable Development, Globalization, Trade and Development and Social Policy and Labour. The idea of the movie nights is that the content of the courses will become more vivid for the School's students and that people who do not know the School yet, will definitely get a more tangible feeling for what the School stands for and what the programmes entail. Movies and documentaries selected include, 'Darwin's Nightmare', a horrific tale about globalization, differences between the developed and the developing world, and 'Syriana', a politically-charged tale about the state of the oil industry.

Prior to every screening, there will be an introductory speaker, either from an expert field or from our student organization [DEMOS](#) (or both) to introduce the movie/documentary and make a link to one of the School's themes. And to make it really irresistible to join, there will be an intimate drink in the lobby of the Lumière afterwards to meet students and staff of the School.

The next screening in line will be 'Darwin's Nightmare' on Monday, October 16 introduced [by Prof. Pim Martens](#), working for the International Centre for Integrated assessment & Sustainable development, Universiteit Maastricht.

Visitors from outside the School will receive 2 free drinking vouchers upon registration via movienight@governance.unimaas.nl. Normal ticket price is € 5.

Governance Ambassadors Meet Up

As our alumni ambassadors are always ready to undertake new adventures to share their experiences of the School, we thought it would be a good idea to include a small report by our most passionate ambassador, Mr. Nader Al-Wehibi. Nader studied Social Policy Design between 2004-2005 at the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance and works as insurance researcher at the General Organization of Social Insurance in Saudi Arabia. Between September 11 and September 15, Nader attended a training course organized by the International Social Security Association (ISSA) in Manila, the Philippines. There he met up with ILO teacher Kenichi Hiroshi and fellow Governance Ambassador, Carlo Villacorta. With his never ending enthusiasm, Nader managed to give a short presentation on the School and organized an 'on the spot' information stand with posters and brochures.

The ambassador network, how does it work?

As an ambassador you are the face of our School abroad and your activities range from giving presentations for different target groups (local universities, ngo's, consultancies etc.) to distributing posters, flyers or brochures, to attending conferences, information sessions. In return Governance Ambassadors can participate in our workshops and seminars at a reduced fee or for free.

How can you become an alumni-ambassador?

Please send an e-mail to R.Schwachofer@governance.unimaas.nl, saying that you are interested in becoming an alumni-ambassador. Thereafter, we will be in close contact to set up an action plan for you and the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance.



Nice to meet you...Zina Nimeh (PhD fellow ESPP)

I am Zina Nimeh and I am from Amman, Jordan and doing my PhD at the MGSOG. Before joining the ESPP PhD programme, I was working in the area of human development and public sector reform in Jordan. I worked with the government and donor agencies for several years on various projects that involved the Public Sector, Human Resource Development and Education. I did my undergraduate and master studies in Ohio, USA. My PhD topic



is on welfare in an Arab and Muslim context. The study of welfare and social protection policy is lagging behind in my country and I am hoping that my research would be a valuable addition to the field and to policy analysis in the region. Living in the Netherlands has been a great experience for me. I must admit that the weather here is totally crazy ...but one gets used to it eventually. Maastricht is lovely and as the Dutch say is a very 'gezellige' place; it is cozy and inviting and full of 'gezellige' things, little stores, little bars and cobble stone streets that make it so ... gezellig! Of course my experience would not have been the same had I not been a part of the MGSOG, I found in it a second home, fantastic people and great colleagues!

To learn more about the activities of the School please check our online agenda:

[Maastricht Graduate School of Governance agenda>>](#)

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