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1.) Arts and Archaeology meet Sciences



This Honours Class is offered by the Centre of Arts and Archaeological Sciences (CAAS), in which the Leiden Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Archaeology cooperate with the Technical University of Delft. The main goal of this class is to confront students with multidisciplinary interaction as well as in-depth knowledge of relevant analytical (archaeometrical) techniques.

The programme of this class will centre around one main congress with a variety of topics (including material studies, isotope studies, geophysical techniques) and two workshops. One workshop will focus on the range of scientific techniques applied to a frozen mummy known as the '*Ice man*'. The second workshop focuses on the applicability of new techniques in arts, historical and archaeological research, and carries the title '*Imaging Techniques in Painting Studies*'. The Honours Class is intended for advanced students from both the humanities and the sciences who are highly motivated to investigate the advances of multidisciplinary cooperation.

Conveners: Dr. Th. van Kolfschoten, Prof.dr. H. van der Plicht, Dr.J. Dik (TUD) and Prof.C. van Eijk (TUD).

2.) BA Honours Class History: the West and the World

During the last two centuries, the 'West' has strongly influenced the history of the world. The West was the first to modernize, and dominated the world in many areas: economics, politics, military power, science and culture. What exactly does the *Rise of the West* mean and how can it be explained? If there is such a thing as 'the West', what are its distinctive characteristics? Is the West still a significant concept at the beginning of the 21st century?

Concrete themes of this Honours Class include: classical Antiquity and the Middle Ages from the perspective of world history; the comparison between China and Europe, 1500-1800; the relation between Turkey and the West in the 19th and 20th century; the West and the Islamic world at the beginning of the 21st century. Convener: dr.P.G.C. Dassen.

3.) 13th Crayenborgh Lecture Series: Demography and Migration



People and plagues have been on the move since the beginning of human civilisation. However, for most of us migration and the danger of alien diseases seem to be new threats connected with the process of globalisation. The 13th Crayenborgh Lecture Series will look into past migrations and pandemic diseases, focusing on population in Medieval thought, The Black Death and the transformation of the West, the death of the native American population after European conquest, the Influenza Pandemic of 1918-1919, the Great Irish Famine and the demographic future of Europe.

Convener: prof.dr. H.W. van den Doel.

4.) Advanced Criminological Methodology

The Department of Criminology offers an Honours Class in criminology for students with serious ambitions in the field of academic criminological research. By participating in this Honours Class, students can further develop their knowledge and skills in the field of criminology. Public safety, crime and crime control are important issues in the public and political debate. Criminology is an integrated academic discipline that addresses these issues. Because of the complexity of these issues, sophisticated research designs and advanced theories are needed to be able to offer possible explanations and solutions. This Honours Class will look at the leading edge of criminological research and will focus on breakthroughs in theory and methodology. The Honours Class aims at studying and discussing the most important contemporary topics and developments in criminological methods. Conveners: Prof.dr. G.J.N. Bruinsma and Dr. W. Huisman.

5.) The European Union and its Neighbours



Following its enlargement to include central, eastern and southern Europe, the European Union shares common borders with, inter alia, Ukraine, Russia, Belarus, the Middle-East and the Balkans. Developing and maintaining good relations with all these diverse neighbours is of fundamental importance for the political stability and economic well-being of the European Union, and Europe at large. During the Honours Class the multifaceted (legal, political, economical) aspects of the EU's relations with its neighbours will be explored. The

Honours Class is intended primarily for advanced (bachelor) students in law or political sciences who are highly motivated to explore one of the most topical issues of European law.

Conveners: Prof.dr. C. Hillion and Dr. M.K. Bulterman.

6.) Sharia and National Law in the Muslim World

This Honours Class will address the role and position of sharia (Islamic law) in national legal systems across the Muslim world. Challenged by Huntington's theory of the so-called clash of civilisations and his opinions on law and sharia, it will discuss the relation between and the compatibility of sharia and the rule of law. The subjects covered by this class will include conceptual aspects – What does sharia mean? What is the rule of law? - as well as historical, legal and socio-political aspects. The course will use case materials from selected countries such as Egypt, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Pakistan and Indonesia. Implications for foreign policy and international legal cooperation will also be discussed.



Convener: Prof. Jan Michiel Otto of the Van Vollenhoven Institute for Law, Governance and Development.

7.) Developmental disorders: from categories to dimensions

For the eighth consecutive year, the department of Clinical Child and Adolescent Studies offers to twelve gifted students an Honours Programme in Developmental Psychology and Clinical Child and Adolescent Studies. The title of the theme “Developmental disorders: from categories to dimensions” reflects the current discussion about dimensions and categories. Lecturers from leading universities will shed light upon this discussion from their specific field of study. The international approach will inspire and challenge the group of carefully selected students. The students will have to prepare thoroughly by studying different papers on the subjects. They will have to participate actively in dialogue with the lecturers. Convener: Prof.dr. I.A. Berckelaer-Onnes.

8.) Media, Politics and Administration

The 9th Honours Class of the Departments of Political Science and Public Administration discusses how mass media shape politics and influence citizens’ political behaviour and orientations. The lectures will explore the function and the role of mass media in politics and administration, as well as the current state of empirical research. The Honours Class will invite an international selection of key contributors to the debate. The Honours Class is intended for advanced students (Dutch and foreign) in Political Science and Public Administration. Conveners: Dr. Tereza Capelos and Dr. Trui Steen.



9.) Recent Developments in Psychology

This Honours Class aims at providing an in-depth coverage of a number of important topics in psychological science. The topics will range from basic scientific to methodological to applied issues. Eight topics will be covered, each comprising two sessions: one with a Leiden faculty member and one with an international guest. The seminars are not merely research presentations; discussions will be more detailed, in order to illustrate how ideas are transformed into research questions and subsequently investigated. Students will study a number of papers per seminar. The guest instructors are senior researchers from all areas of psychology. This Honours Class is primarily intended for 2nd year Psychology students of Leiden University. Convener: Prof dr. Willem van der Does, Department of Psychology.

10.) Conceptions of Science

This Honours Class aims to give students insight into the system of the scientific and academic disciplines. These branches of learning exhibit a great diversity in presuppositions and methods, and thereby also in the sorts of knowledge that they produce. Because of this diversity, experts in different fields often find it difficult to appreciate one another’s research problems and styles of work.

The modern knowledge society, by contrast, requires university graduates to understand the distinctive contribution that is made by different scientific and academic disciplines. This Honours Class, consisting of lectures and interviews with researchers in various disciplines, focuses on what claims are regarded as interesting in each discipline and how such claims are validated. The Honours Class is open to all second and third-year BA students of Leiden University. Convener: Dr. James W. McAllister.



11.) Biosecurity and International Environmental Treaties



This Honours Class will offer you a toolkit to analyse international environmental treaties in the context of importance, role of science and practicability. This course will allow students to debate a selection of environmental treaties. It will be taught by the Cleveringa-professor 2005-2006, Prof. Dr. Ir. Louise O. Fresco, the assistant Director-General of the FAO (the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the U.N. in Rome). Contributions will also be made by a number of guest lecturers. The Honours Class will be given on a number of Fridays during February-April 2006 and is open for all advanced students of Leiden University. This

is a unique opportunity to learn from people who have been directly involved in international negotiations. Convener: Prof.dr. Ir. L.O. Fresco

12.) Identity: the impact of being (genetically) unique

The 2006 Honours Class is all about identity. Every human being is unique. We all have different phenotypes (the way we look) and different genes – apart from monozygotic siblings, that is. We have different mentalities and express our emotions differently. In short, ultimately, we all live unique lives. Although we are not always aware of it, identity and uniqueness (these two concepts are not always synonymous) play an important role in our life. This ranges from the legal aspects surrounding the storage of personal data in (electronic) archives to finding the perfect match for an organ transplantation. During the Honours Class, we will learn, among other things, what makes us human and causes us to create our own genetic profile, which will be very useful, not only for our future drug passports but also for our identification by forensic experts should the occasion arise. Conveners: Prof. dr. P. de Knijff, Department of Human Genetics (LUMC), Prof. dr. E.C. Klasen, Dean of LUMC.



13.) Medical Humanities: illness and health in science and art



The Honours Class "Medical Humanities" tries to narrow the gaps that exist between the various academic disciplines with regard to the thinking on illness and health. On the basis of themes taken from art, literature, mathematics, history and the philosophy of science, students will study subjects in two ways: from a medical point of view and from the point of view of another discipline. Some examples of issues to be discussed are: the interpretation of works of art by physicians and art historians; the cultural basis of perception, the "presentation" and the representation of illness, as seen in anthropology, medicine and (German) literature; the view of philosophers of science and

physicians on therapies that are based on scientific evidence and on therapies that are not based on scientific evidence.