Dear PhD candidates, research master students, and supervisors,

It looks like we will be in this working-from-home-situation for some time longer, since higher education isn’t high on the list for reopening. And I know there are people thinking about how to arrange the new normal of the ‘anderhalvemetersamenloving’ at our university and faculty. In the meantime, working live can be challenging for all of us. Now that your private space has become your workspace, it’s really important to limit yourself. And know that everybody understands that these are no ‘business as usual’ times.

We hope everyone is doing okay, and that you and your loved ones are healthy and safe, especially those of you who have family and friends abroad. Please know that if there’s anything we can do, we will!

Due to the circumstances there are no events planned, but there’s always the coffee moment if you want to see your fellow PhD’s - or your coordinators ;-) 
Hou je veilig!

Highlights
Message from CSC (China Scholarship Council)

According to the new policy of the CSC, if the student's scholarship ends up at any time between 20th January to 30th June, the scholarship will be prolonged to 30th June. The CSC has sent this information to the Chinese embassy in each country and the students can contact the embassy if they need more information.

Global PhD support
A social connection with an experienced buddy

Are you looking for support during your PhD research? Do you encounter difficulties and stress? Or do you worry about the consequences the current COVID-19 crisis may have on your research project, personal life or finances?
Work as a PhD is exciting as well as challenging at the best of times. But in the present time of the COVID-19 crisis and social distancing, you can be confronted with additional restrictions and uncertainties for your research and personal life. Through the new initiative called Global PhD Support you can discuss these matters with an experienced buddy, someone who is personally assigned to you. The buddy offers you a social connection, where you can talk about anything you'd like with a good listener. Having a buddy is an opportunity to reflect on issues that are going on in your daily life.

The Global PhD Support is open to any (external) PhD candidate affiliated with Radboud University, regardless of your country of origin. Your buddy will schedule a first introductory meeting through an online platform. All contacts are strictly confidential.
Click here for more information and for signing up.

Good to know:
Radboud University offers several online PhD courses including courses on career development.
Check this website.
Workshops/Masterclasses/Lunch meetings

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Weekly On Tuesday 10.00 GSH Zoom "coffee meeting" with all PhDs of the Faculty of Arts organised by Peter

Weekly On Wednesday 14.00 GSH Zoom "coffee meeting" with all PhDs of the Faculty of Philosophy, Theology and Religious Studies organised by Nicolet

Since it is not possible to meet face to face during these times of corona exile, we decided to have virtual coffee corners instead. Nicolet hosts the PTR moment on Wednesdays from 14:00, Peter does the same for FoA on Tuesdays from 10:00. Everybody is welcome to join - if you don't get an invitation, ask your GSH coordinator for the Meeting ID so you can join anyway.

News and information

"University investigates financial situation of PhD candidates on a grant" (article on Voxweb)

"The Faculty of Arts caused a lot of commotion when they published two job openings for PhD candidates on a grant on the university website in January. Guess what? The vacancies are back online but on a different website. Not a problem, according to the university, which is working on setting new rules. "We're not about to take a red pencil to agreements made previously."

Read the whole article here.

"De promoter zat in toga achter zijn laptop" (article on Voxweb, Dutch only)

"Martine Kox kreeg haar doctorsbul vrijdag uitgereikt in haar eigen achtertuin. Haar promoter kwam het papierje hoogstpersoonlijk per fiets afgeven (en droeg daarbij keurig handschoentjes). Daarvóór had ze
haar proefschrift verdedigd van achter haar laptop thuis."

Lees hier het hele artikel.

**GSH on Facebook**

Most of you will know this, but for those of you who don't: there is a really nice Facebook page for the GSH. It is run by fellow PhD candidates, and it's one of the more convenient ways to find notifications of upcoming events, especially from POL & POFT. So please, join this page.

**Upcoming PhD defences**

Check the upcoming PhD defences of the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Philosophy, Theology and Religious Studies here.

We are looking forward to meeting you on the announced events.

All best wishes,

Nicolet and Peter (coordinators of the GSH)

*External PhDs (only those who submit to the GSH protocol) and postdocs are also invited, but in case a course is fully-booked, regular PhDs will go first.*

*The GSH is entitled to cancel a course in case the minimum number of registrations has not been reached.*

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www.ru.nl/gsh

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