University of Groningen Summer Schools 2015

Understanding the Netherlands
Success Factors of a Medium-Sized Economy

11 July – 31 July 2015
Groningen, the Netherlands

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The aim of this Summer School is to develop an understanding of how the Netherlands, as a medium-sized country, has been able to maintain high welfare levels in a region dominated by (regional) international powers such as Germany, France and the UK. Specialisation and flexibility, both in politics and the economy, seem to characterise this position. From a Korean perspective, Korea being surrounded by powerful economies such as China and Japan, there may be valuable lessons to be learned from the Dutch experience.

The lectures and seminars will take place over a 3-week period which offers participants the unique possibility to learn and travel within the Netherlands.

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### Academic coordinator(s)

- Prof. Herman de Jong
- Dr. Sunkung Choi

### Fee

- € 1250

### Who is it for?

- Third year undergraduate students and master students

### Language of instruction

- English

### Credits/Certificate

- 3EC and a Certificate of Attendance

### Application deadline

- 31 May 2015

### More information

- www.rug.nl/summerschools
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