2016-2017
Report
Globalisation Studies Groningen
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Introduction

Dear Globalisation Studies Groningen stakeholders,

For more than one reason we are pleased to address you through this report on our activities over the past 2 years. First and foremost, as you will see going through the pages of our report, GSG is alive and kicking thanks to its many stakeholder-colleagues strewn over all faculties and over all universities worldwide with whom we interact. Our small but dedicated staff continuously cooperates with our Groningen and international colleagues to keep running projects and endeavours running and to engage in new activities. In the field of education, research and enhancement of the international profile of our university you will find a multitude of examples of the aforementioned activities. You will see yourself, so to speak: without your input our range of events couldn’t have materialised!

Second, serving also as an explanation why there hasn’t been a separate 2016 activities report, the year 2016 has been a challenging year from an administrative point of view. Having had delivered our annual 2015 report which combined with the first 5-year period overview (2011-2015) the consultative processes between College of Deans, Board of Directors, Faculty of Arts (our administrative siege) and the GSG Board of Governors on the decision to grant GSG a second 5-year term has been more unwieldy than we could have foreseen. Although having full confidence in being granted a second term (hence the continued numerous activities) we felt apprehensive addressing the GSG stakeholder community without definite news. Well, the news is there and up until 2020 GSG once more can prove its interdisciplinary, inter-faculty, international value to the University of Groningen. A rainbow as a precursor to sustainable sunshine is firmly in our grasp. Again, thanks to reaching out to you, the dedicated academics of which there are so many in our University.

As announced in the end-of-five-years report, in the second term we propose to try to align our projects and activities to the three main areas of research our University holds dear: energy, health and sustainability. More in particular, a focus will be on the politics of energy, the societal conditions for a functioning global public health system, and the role technology and innovation plays concerning the sustainability of global society. Next to this, our efforts of institutionalising the presence of the University of Groningen in important issue areas and world wide continue, as can be witnessed by the appointment of Max van den Berg as honorary professor in Global Governance and Sustainable Livelihood, the creation of the Centre for Security and Sustainability underneath GSG, the appointment of prof. Jacques Zeelen to the UNESCO Chair Lifelong Learning, Youth and Work, our support for the Global Health Law Groningen Research Centre, our support for the Science and Society Group within the Faculty of Science and Engineering, and the enhanced presence in Asia at large, including Yantai. Last but not least, our educational activities at undergraduate, graduate and PhD level also continue to blossom.
Summing up, we believe this report will be good reading to showcase the international-societal relevance of Globalisation Studies Groningen and its future potential. We are grateful for the support of the College of Deans, the Board of Directors and the Faculty of Arts; but most of all, we are grateful to you.

Joost Herman
Highlights GSG 2015 – 2017

- Prof. dr. Jacques Zeelen (GSG professor in *Lifelong Learning and Social Intervention in the Context of Globalisation*) was appointed in 2016 to a new UNESCO Chair in *Lifelong Learning, Youth and Work* at Gulu University, Uganda. The inaugural speech for his Groningen chair was titled ‘Bowling Together: Lifelong learning as a Collective Challenge in the North and the South’ (17-2-2015).

- Prof. dr. Tjalling Halbertsma (director Centre for East Asia Studies Groningen – CEASG – and professor in *East Asian Studies*) held his inaugural speech ‘Domestic Challenges and International Opportunities: Meandering through Mongolia’s Past and Present’ (17-3-2015).

- Prof. Ron Holzhacker (professor in *Comparative Multi-Level Governance and Regional Structure* in the Faculty of Spatial Sciences and associate member of the GSG team) held his inaugural speech ‘Building Bridges: Governance, Societal Impact, and Sustainable Society in Southeast Asia’ (22-11-2015).

- Prof. Max van der Berg was appointed as honorary professor in Global Governance and Sustainable Livelihood in January 2017 with office at GSG.

- Dr. Timothy Wittig joined the GSG on part-time basis in order to build the *Center for Security and Sustainability* to inform and promote evidence-based action against threats to sustainable societies and the world’s natural heritage, such as wild life trafficking.

- Opening of the PNU – Groningen Research Centre (PGRC) at Pusan University in South Korea.

- Opening of the Groningen Research Centre for Southeast Asia and ASEAN (SEA ASEAN), located at the Gadjah Mada University in Indonesia.

- Not less than 17 Summer and Winter Schools were organised by GSG itself or with close GSG involvement in 2016 and 2017 only.

- Funding decisions by Governing Board (CvB) and Board of Deans (CvD) of the University of Groningen for GSG’s operational period 2016-2020, based on GSG Evaluation Report for the 2011 – 2015 period.
About GSG

The GSG is a research institute under art. 9.21 of the Wet op het hoger onderwijs en wetenschappelijk onderzoek. The Executive Board and all faculties of the University of Groningen finance the GSG in 5-year commitment periods; it is an interfaculty institute positioned administratively under the Faculty of Arts. GSG has a simple organizational set-up, consisting of: 1) a small core staff of part-timers (between 0.4 and 0.7 fte), expanded with on several associated staff on project funding; 2) a Governing Board of four experienced professors; 3) a large circle of over one hundred stake-holders in all faculties of the university.

The approach of GSG

1. Advancing the specific internationalization ambitions of the university (such as U4, East Asia policy, linking to external funding agencies, to the Coimbra Groups of European universities, attracting PhD candidates from all over the world).
2. Providing flexible and effective support to project initiatives and applications of (especially newly incoming) University of Groningen staff in order to make these a success; providing e.g. pre-financing, administrative, PR, and lobby support.
3. Spotting and picking up opportunities emerging for institutions outside the university and linking these to our university staff in order to advance successful projects.
4. Expanding the set of attractive educational options in the fields of Global Studies, Development, and Humanitarian Studies at BA, MA and PhD levels, and via Summer Schools.

Research

We bring together and coordinate several interdisciplinary research groups and assist in organising events, from hosting individual guests to organising large scale international conferences. Linking researchers who otherwise would not have collaborated is one of the great added values the GSG can create. We also frequently assist faculty in writing research proposals, tenders submissions, and in several cases manage the resulting projects. GSG includes the Centre for East Asia Studies Groningen (CEASG) www.rug.nl/ceasg and the Center for Security and Sustainability.
Teaching

We strengthen existing inter-faculty educational programmes and initiate new programmes in the intertwined areas of globalisation, development and humanitarian cooperation. Examples are the NOHA Master programme, the Minor Development Studies and a number of Summer Schools. National and international students are the beneficiaries.

Communication & Representation

We act as a clearing house for information internally and externally. GSG promotes the internationalisation strategy of the University abroad. We also represent the university in international communities like that of NOHA / Humanitarian Net, the Coimbra Group of European Universities, and are member of a number of international networks.

Centre for East Asian Studies Groningen (CEASG)

The Centre, established in 2013, organises events, initiates new linkages and projects for the university, and plays a coordinating role in the Master’s specialisation East Asian Studies; it links the University of Groningen links to institutions and researchers in East Asia.

GSG Staff

Prof. dr. mr. Joost Herman is director of GSG and professor in Globalisation Studies and Humanitarian Action. He is also director of the Humanitarian Action (NOHA) programme, Financial Director European NOHA Association, and of the BA and MA programmes International Relations and International Organisations (IRIO) See: http://www.rug.nl/staff/j.herman

Prof. dr. Tjalling Halbertsma is professor in East Asian Studies with a special focus on Mongolia. He is head of the Centre for East Asia Studies Groningen (CEASG). See: www.rug.nl/ceasg and http://www.rug.nl/staff/t.h.f.halbertsma

Prof. dr. Jacques Zeelen is professor of Lifelong Learning and Social Intervention in the Context of Globalisation. At the same time he holds the UNESCO Chair on Lifelong Learning, Youth and Work, at Gulu University in Uganda. He coordinates the international network : Youth, Education, Work (YEW). http://www.rug.nl/staff/j.j.m.zeelen
Prof. Max van den Berg holds the honorary chair of *Global Governance and Sustainable Livelihood* at GSG, linking him to the programme of International Relations and International Organisations, to the programme International Humanitarian Action, and the Centre for International Relations Research. http://www.rug.nl/staff/m.j.van.den.berg/

Dr. Pieter Boele van Hensbroek is deputy Director of GSG and coordinator education and research; he also has a part-time appointment in the Faculty of Philosophy. http://www.rug.nl/staff/p.boele

Mr. Jarno Hoving is the office manager of GSG and of NOHA. http://www.rug.nl/staff/j.hoving

Dr. Yongjun Zhao is head of China Affairs. Assistant Professor in Globalisation Studies and Humanitarian Action, responsible for teaching in the Minor Development Studies, research coordination, project management. (employed at GSG till 1-10-2017). http://www.rug.nl/staff/yongjun.zhao

Dr. Tim Wittig is Assistant Professor of Globalization Studies and Humanitarian Action and a senior research fellow with GSG. He is co-coordinator of the RUG summer school on 'Illicit Trade,' and director of the *Center for Security and Sustainability* within GSG. https://www.rug.nl/staff/t.s.wittig

Professor dr. Oliver Moore professor in Chinese Language and Culture (since 2016) based in CEASG, and will develop the Chinese language programme at the University of Groningen. https://www.rug.nl/staff/o.j.moore
Jennieke Oordt is Office Manager of CEASG. https://www.rug.nl/staff/j.j.oordt

GSG Board of Governors

Professor of Finance Robert Lensink (chair)

Professor Emeritus of Molecular Neurobiology Paul Luiten

Professor of International Relations Jaap de Wilde

GSG Associate Staff

Dr. Sungkong Choi is associate researcher on CEASG, Korean Studies coordinator and member of staff of the Faculty of Economics & Business. https://www.rug.nl/staff/s.choi/
GSG ACTIVITIES IN EDUCATION

The University of Groningen aims to expose students to a truly international world, thus including programmes relating to Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East, as well as programmes relating to global problems such as security, environmental sustainability, migration and cultural diversity. GSG supports such programmes by linking faculty, advertising courses, and assisting in organising special conferences and workshops. The strategy of the University of Groningen is to mainstream globalisation-relevant subjects in the various disciplinary Master programmes rather than developing separate Master programmes in Development Studies or in Globalisation Studies.

Humanitarian Action Master Programme NOHA

NOHA is an international programme offered by eight European universities and has been awarded the high status of an Erasmus Mundus Programme. GSG and NOHA are twinned, sharing its director and secretary. The NOHA programme is the key programme within Europe for training persons for international humanitarian assistance and humanitarian action work, and continuously develops new initiatives in the field in close collaboration with the European Community Humanitarian Office (ECHO) office of the European Union in Brussels. Key partners in NOHA are the universities of Deusto, Uppsala, Aix-Marseille, Leuven, Dublin and the Ruhr Universität Bochum. NOHA also includes a network of non-European partners, namely Monash University (Australia), Universidad Javeriana (Colombia), Bangalore University (India), Universitas Gadjah Mada (Indonesia), Université Saint-Joseph de Beyrouth (Lebanon), University of the Western Cape (South Africa), and Columbia University (United States). Through the NOHA programme we are linked to a number of initiatives in the European context, such as the EU ECHO Office, Humanitarian Net, and joint networks on doctoral studies, Marie Curie fellowships, as well as to a wide
range of private and government organisations all over the world in Humanitarian Assistance. We host several PhD researchers in the NOHA framework.

**Minor Development Studies**
The GSG-coordinated Minor Development Studies continued to prosper. More than 70 students from all faculties are registered for the 30 EC / full semester Minor (in addition many students take single courses as electives); student evaluations are excellent. A two-week Summer School in rural Tanzania together with Tanzanian and Chinese students is now fully integrated as an elective in the Minor programme. The programme consists of courses from the faculties of Economics & Business, Arts, Social and Behavioural Science, Spatial Sciences, and Natural Sciences. The course (including electives) consist of: Global Development Studies; Environment and Development; Ethnicity, Culture and Politics; Social and Institutional Change; Population and Development; International Humanitarian Action; Topical Themes in Development; Reading Seminar (see [www.rug.nl/gsg/education](http://www.rug.nl/gsg/education)).

**Master specialization East Asian Studies**
The CEASG has launched a one-year Master specialization in East Asian Studies in 2014. The specialization is part of the International Relations and International Organization (IRIO) programme. The Master's specialization is organized around the achievements, opportunities and challenges facing East Asia and taught by international staff. The programme focuses on the political economy and international relations of China, Japan, Korea and Mongolia. The programme takes a multidisciplinary approach. Work placement and study abroad are optional. Director of Studies is prof. Janny de Jong; Course Coordinator is dr. Yongjun Zhao (till 2017).

**Other Courses**
GSG supported the development of courses in Global Health, Population & Development, and Environment & Development. The GSG director, prof. Joost Herman, developed a new course *International Humanitarian Action*, as part of the Dutch Studies Programme. Pieter Boele van Hensbroek, together with Lucas den Boer, developed the course *Azjatische Filosofische Tradities* (Asian Philosophical Traditions) in order to strengthen the global orientation of the Philosophy and other study programmes; in 2016 a Master-level course in *Indian Philosophy* was added.
Summer Schools

Globalisation Studies Groningen organises several Summer Schools every year and assists in organising a number of others. For the complete list of University of Groningen Summer Schools, please consult: www.rug.nl/summerschools

2017 Summer Schools:
November – Land Acquisition, Resettlement and Social Sustainability
August - Africa, China and Europe Intensive Programme in Development Studies (ACE); held in Kagera Province, Tanzania
August - Sixth Groningen Energy Summer School
August - Land Acquisition, Resettlement and Social Sustainability; held in Maputo, Mozambique
July - Medical Sciences Summer School Global Health
July - Transitional Justice and the Politics of Memory; held in Cres, Croatia
July - Youth, education and work in (post-)conflict areas
June-July - Land Acquisition, Resettlement and Social Sustainability
June – Practical Training Course on Resettlement and Social Sustainability; held in Almaty, Kazakhstan
May-June - Practical Training Course on Resettlement and Social Sustainability; held in Tbilisi, Georgia

2016 Summer Schools:
December - Land Acquisition, Resettlement and Social Sustainability; held in Maputo, Mozambique
August - Africa, China and Europe Intensive Programme in Development Studies (ACE); held in Lingbao, China
August - Fifth Groningen Energy Summer School 2016
July - Transitional Justice and the Politics of Memory; held in Cres, Croatia
July - Land Acquisition, Resettlement and Social Sustainability; held in Maputo, Mozambique
June – July - Land Acquisition, Resettlement and Social Sustainability
June - Practical Training Course on Resettlement and Social Sustainability; held in Almaty, Kazakhstan

2015 Summer Schools:
November – Land Acquisition, Resettlement and Social Sustainability
October - Practical Training Course on Resettlement and Social Sustainability; held in Almaty, Kazakhstan
July - Africa, China and Europe Intensive Programme in Development Studies (ACE) in Morogoro, Tanzania
July - Land Acquisition, Resettlement and Social Sustainability
June - July - Transitional Justice and the Politics of Memory in Cres, Croatia
There are several ways in which the GSG stimulates research on Globalisation, Development and Humanitarianism:

- We assist stakeholders in writing research proposals and submit project proposals (that we sometimes also manage and administer);
- We organize public guest lectures, seminars and assist stakeholders in organizing large events such as international conferences;
- We serve as a clearing house of information between University of Groningen researchers;
- We initiate and co-ordinate several research clusters, PhD hubs clustering foreign PhD researchers shaping one research community, and colloquium series;
- We publish dissertation, Research Reports, and texts of inaugural lectures;
- We host a number of PhD researchers and guest researchers.

**Science, Technology and Innovation Network Groningen for Sustainability (STINGS)**

STINGS was initiated by the Science & Society Group of the faculty of Natural Sciences (now FSE) in collaboration with GSG. It has developed into a strong research partner in various consortia, operating several major programmes itself in the field of sustainability, such as the use and regulation of biotechnology in Africa, to tackle urban vulnerabilities, to spark innovation in the field of potato breeding and to advance technological and societal innovation in the Horizon 2020 Marie Sklodowska-Curie RISE PRUV project in support of ‘Preparedness and Resilience to address Urban Vulnerabilities’.

(https://www.rug.nl/research/sustainable-society/suso-and-research/stings)

**The Groningen Research Centre for Southeast Asia and ASEAN (SEA ASEAN) linked with the Gadjah Mada University in Indonesia**

The (SEA ASEAN) builds on the existing Spirit Indonesia Groningen (SInGA) research team on governance. It includes studies in the traditionally democratic, middle-income countries in Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, and the Philippines, as well as two countries in political and economic transition, Vietnam and Myanmar. An interdisciplinary team of scholars and PhD researchers are engaged with theory-driven comparative research focused on governance, societal impact, and sustainable society in Southeast Asia. SInGA director, Ronald Holzhacker (Chicago, US, 1961), was appointed Ubbo Emmius Endowed Professor in **Comparative Multi-Level Governance and Regional Structure** in the Faculty of Spatial Sciences and is sponsored by Unilever Indonesia and Shell Indonesia. His inaugural lecture ‘**Building Bridges: Governance, Societal Impact, and Sustainable Society in Southeast Asia**’ was held in November 2015. Several conferences were held, such as at the Netherlands Royal Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) in Amsterdam. SInGA research also resulted in the book **Decentralization and Governance in Indonesia** (New York: Springer 2015).

(https://www.rug.nl/research/ursi/sea-asean/?lang=en)
Youth, Education and Work (YEW) Network

YEW is a global network of scholars and practitioners who use research to contribute to solutions that help youth develop productive learn-work biographies and find meaningful (self-) employment. Global challenges of youth unemployment, social exclusion and lifelong learning are being addressed through participatory research approaches that connect stakeholders and are embedded in local and practical knowledge while maintaining high academic standards. Through joint publications, student exchanges, conferences and seminars the Youth, Education and Work network involves research institutions, companies, government, civil society and youth from several countries in South America, North America, Africa, Middle East and Europe. The network emerged from the former research project named Early School Leaving in Africa (ESLA) which started in 2007. It involves nine PhD studies of candidates from Uganda, India and The Netherlands, mostly benefiting from an NFP fellowship. YEW has developed strong linkages with important organisations in the field, such as *Child and Youth Finance, Edukans, Gulu University, Makerere University, Uganda Martyrs University, and San Gil University* in Colombia.

In relation to the YEW network, prof. Jacques Zeelen of GSG has been appointed to the UNESCO Chair in *Lifelong Learning, Youth, and Work* at Gulu University in Uganda (https://www.rug.nl/research/globalisation-studies-groningen/sections/esla/?lang=en)

Preparedness and Resilience to address Urban Vulnerability (Horizon 2020 programme)

PRUV is a collaboration of GSG with its partners University College Dublin, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Universidad de Deusto, Universitas Gadjah Mada, as well as the private partners *Concern Worldwide, Future Analytics*, and *Plan International Limited*. PRUV will engage in interdisciplinary research on present day urban vulnerabilities worldwide. The aim is to develop a new comprehensive paradigm to sustainably address urban vulnerabilities through progressive conceptualization and technological innovation. (https://www.rug.nl/research/globalisation-studies-groningen/news/horizon-2020-marie-sklodowska-curie-rise-application-approved?lang=en)

PNU-Groningen Research Centre (PGRC)

PGRC is a partnership between Pusan National University (PNU) and the University of Groningen. The Centre is hosted by the Social Sciences Institute at PNU. At the University of Groningen, the Centre is facilitated by Globalisation Studies Groningen (GSG) and the Centre for East Asian Studies Groningen (CEASG), and coordinated by dr. Sunkung Choi. Dr. Choi is assistant professor at the Faculty of Economics and Business in Groningen and an alumna of PNU.

The inter-faculty Centre follows the successful examples of the Dutch Studies Centre at Fudan university in Shanghai, the International Studies Centre at Tsinghua University in Beijing, the Dutch Studies Centre at Osaka University, and the recently launched research Centre for South East Asia and ASEAN at Gadjah Mada in Yogyakarta.
Global Health Law Research Groningen (GHLG) Research Centre
The GHLG involves research from a legal perspectives in issues of health. Research topics related to international health law range from key expertise in tobacco control and access to medicines and medicine regulation, to issues like reproductive health, vulnerability and migration, accountability, and climate change. (http://www.rug.nl/research/groningen-centre-for-law-and-governance/onderzoekscentra/ghlg/)

Center for Security and Sustainability (CSS)
CSS is an initiative of GSG and dr. Timothy Wittig and builds upon the extensive experience and research on wildlife trafficking. CSS aims to inform and promote evidence-based action against threats to sustainable societies and the world's natural heritage, such as wildlife trafficking. It involves: 1) Evidence-based education, training, and mentorship initiatives for practitioners; 2) Linking conservation and sustainability initiatives, public sector agencies and private, and non-profit sector partners together; 3) Direct research support to partner institutions and communities. (http://www.rug.nl/research/globalisation-studies-groningen/sections/css/)

International Network Observatory for Global Strategy and Big Data (INO)
GSG and prof. Andrej Zwitter have been co-founders of the international consortium of academic and non-academic partners INO, working on research topics related to Big Data, Global Strategy, and Ethics. Consortium Partners are Centre for Applied Research in Security Innovation (CASI), Liverpool Hope University; TIPE - The Initiative for Professional Ethics, Texas A&M, Qatar; Austrian Institute for International Politics (OIIP); European Centre for Applied Research (ECFAR); FACT (Foundation for Art and Creative Technology). (http://www.networkobservatory.org/)

GSG STIMULATING PHD RESEARCH
GSG is an activating and coordinating agent in stimulating PhD studies at various faculties of the University of Groningen. We link Groningen staff to PhD candidates, candidates to possible promotors, and stimulate clustering of PhD researchers into fruitful collaboration networks. GSG staff is also very active in supervising PhD candidates, with, on average, more than 15 PhD projects ongoing at GSG. Prof. Joost Herman and Dr. Yongjun Zhao visit annually the Beijing China Scholarship Council (CSC) Fair where thousands of Chinese students from all the top Chinese universities search for a foreign university. Every year this makes several of these candidates to choose for PhD studies at various faculties in Groningen with a China Scholarship Council fellowship.

GSG PhD Hubs
GSG PhD Hub strategy was initiated in 2013 in order to create attractive, multidisciplinary theme groups for PhD studies in the field of Globalisation. Hubs consist of a group of PhD researchers and one or several University of Groningen professors. Themes are:
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- Humanitarian and Conflict Studies
- Governance for sustainable resource use
- Good governance and sustainable society
- Education and Lifelong Learning for Social Inclusion
- Essential legislation for access to medicine
- Religion and Conflict
- Research in ethics and globalization (discontinued 2016)

PhD candidates (co-)supervised by GSG staff

Laksmi Kusumuwati (Indonesia); Monique Westra (Netherlands); Justine Jones (Netherlands); Mashele Rapatsa (South Africa); Robert Jjuuko (Uganda); Maha Bhobe (India); Bastiaan Aardema (Netherlands); Chamutal Afek-Eitam (Israel, Netherlands); Cong Duan (China); Q. Xu (China); Yiping Duan (China); Xingyu Yan (China); Bin Jiang (China); Yingruo Wang (China); Marit Blaak (Netherlands); Nathalie Beekman (Netherlands); Femke Bijker (Netherlands); Marieke Zijderveld (Netherlands). Muhadi Sugiono (Indonesia), Heribertus Jaka Triyana (Indonesia), Taufiq Hidayat Putra (Indonesia), Lucy Akello (Uganda), Paul Wabike (Netherlands - stopped), Marit Blaak (Netherlands).

PhD projects completed in the 2015-2017 period:
Cuthbert Tukundane (Uganda), Alice Wabule (Uganda), Peace Tumuheki (Uganda)

GSG Publications


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Public Activities 2015

21 January  Tunisian Youth Politicians Masterclass

4 February  Public Lecture of prof. Zuo Ting (China Agricultural University, Beijing): Smallholder Farming Practices and their Impact on Environment in Rural China

5 January  Dr. Lamont and Ms. Pannwitz present on Japan’s Development and Humanitarian Policies at the 6th Arab Conference for Commercial and Maritime Law

28 January  Prof. Zuo Ting of China Agricultural University arrives at GSG for a research stay


18 February  GSG/CEASG Annual Conference + Opening Rediscovering Mongolia’s Manuscripts

5-14 March  March 5-14 Lectures and presentations on Action Research and Financial Inclusion of the Youth by prof. Jacques Zeelen in Bogota and San Gil, Colombia

17 March  Inaugural lecture Mr Prof T.H.F. Halbertsma: Domestic Challenges and International Opportunities: Meandering through Mongolia's Past and Present

18 March  Presentation of results on mitigating disaster risks of the project The Partners for Resilience (an alliance of 5 Netherlands based organizations: CARE Nederland, Cordaid, Netherlands Red Cross, Red Cross/ Red Crescent Climate Center and Wetlands International, and their partners in 9 developing countries)

20 March  Avril McDonald lecture by Christine van den Wyngaert, judge International Criminal Court

March  Chairperson of Youth, Education and Work Prof. Dr. J.J.M. Zeelen facilitated a training in qualitative research at the University of San Gil, Colombia.

26 March  Prof Qiang Zhang, Associate Dean of the School of Social Development and Public Policy (SSDPP) of Beijing Normal University, visited GSG for talks on cooperation. The Beijing delegation,
including Dr Lichao Yang and Ms Lei Zhu, discussed collaboration after visits to the SSDPP by Prof Joost Herman, Dr Pieter Boele van Hensbroek and Dr Yongjun Zhao in previous years.

30 March  ‘Xi Jinping: Mao 2.0’ – public lecture by Jan van der Putten with Studium Generale and CEASG

9 April  Associate Professor Jing Chang of Chang Zhi University arrives for a research visit to GSG from April till June 2015. Ms Jing Chang studies governance in multicultural societies.

23 April  CEASG China Platform with Groningen Confucius Institute


30 April  GSG-NGIZ Lecture Series on Big Data and Globalisation – ‘Peace Informatics: How Big Data can support Aid and Peace’

19 May  Masterclass: Methods of Ethnographic Research in Religion: Preparation, Challenges, and Possible Solutions, CEASG with Theology Faculty

20 May  Ni Yuping (Tsinghua University) and Zhang Ping (Shaanxi Normal University) public lectures: ‘China double lecture: State and Society in Ming and Qing China (1368-1911)’ (organized with the History Department)

26 May  Book Launch of several books published by GSG members

8 June  GSG-NGIZ Lecture Series on Big Data and Globalisation – ‘A Data Driven Society’

June  Youth, Education and Work team members Jacques Zeelen and Marit Blaak trained 15 members of the Catholic University of Mozambique on qualitative data analysis and Atlas.ti

11 June  China Research Network Lunch and Lecture, with CSRCA/Theology

15 June  *Studium Globale* seminar: The Balance between Drug Control and Access to Opioid Analgesics in Middle Income Countries

16 – 19 June  Workshop Report Qualitative Data Analysis. At the Catholic University of Mozambique, Beira. Course given by prof. Zeelen and Marit Blaak

18 & 19 June  CEASG Conference: ‘IR Theory and Political Thinking in East Asia’
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22 June  
Summer School ‘Transitional Justice and the Politics of Memory’; held in Cres, Croatia

25 -27 June  
Eurasian Rural and Agricultural History Workshop (CEASG with History)

27 June  
Hoe krijgt het MBO vleugels? Organized by YEW together with the Dutch MBO raad in the Hague with the Ministry of Education. Participation of key politicians and education experts

2 July  
Public lecture by Dr. Gaby Bamana (Congo / Mongolia)- ‘Gendered Meanings of Tea in Mongolia’

6 - 18 July  
Third Edition of Africa, China and Europe (ACE) Intensive Programme in Development Studies (ACE) in Mzumbe, Tanzania

6-13 July  
Summer School on Land Acquisition, Resettlement and Social Sustainability

11 July  
Dr. Ruohong Chen (Beijing Foreign Studies University) - ‘Addressing Climate Change: WTO Rules on Environmental Standards’ (organized with the Faculty of Law)

13 – 31 July  
Pusan National University Summer School, Korean Studies, Groningen

10 September  
The University Peace Days - Innovation in Peace - Advances in Peace and Peace Research

17 September  
The University Peace Days - Innovation in War - New Threats and Opportunities

17 – 21 September  
GSG participation in Science without Border PhD Fair in Sao Paulo, Brazil

18 Sept.– 2 Oct.  
Needs Assessment in the start-up phase of the NICHE project ‘Innovative ways to transfer technology and know-how, developing skills and expertise for gas, renewable energy and management’. Prof. J. Zeelen and a team of experts from Mozambique

22 September  
Meet the University Side programme for Pusan National University Prof. Chun Hongchan and Prof. J. Phillips

October  
Practical Training Course on Resettlement and Social Sustainability; held in Almaty, Kazakhstan

9 – 10 October  
Groningen - Osaka Bi-Annual 2-day Conference on Humanitarianism and Regenerative Medicine

15 October  
GSG application in Horizon 2020 Marie Sklodowska-Curie RISE ‘PRUV’ (Preparedness and Resilience to address Urban Vulnerability) approved
29 October  Action Research PhD Day “Doing justice to multiple voices in action research”. With participation of seven PhD researchers in the YEW network, five from Africa

November  Winter School ‘Land Acquisition, Resettlement and Social Sustainability’

4 November  U4 Cluster Conference on Governance of a Contemporary Multilateral Institutional Architecture’ in Groningen; co-organised by GSG

6 November  GSG director Joost Herman published an Open Letter on Groningen opportunities in Yantai

12 November  Mr Timothy Broas, US Ambassador to the Netherlands, gave a speech on US-EU relations and the rise of Asia

15 November  Celebration of the 10th anniversary of Osaka University’s European office in Groningen with conference on ‘Regional Security and Cooperation in East Asia, perspectives on the role of Japan’ and visit of the Japanese ambassador to Groningen

18-25 November  GSG visit Beijing/Shanghai for China Scholarship Council Fair. One hundred potential PhD candidates were interviewed

29 November  Presentation on ICT Craftsmanship project of YEW, in the Board room of the Groningen Provincial Government

9 – 12 December  Conference ‘Framing the Study of Religion in Modern China and Taiwan: Methods, Concepts and New Research Paths’

14 December  Groningen Winter School on Human Rights

Public Activities 2016

6 January  Substantial Korea Foundation Grant for CEASG and FEB to allow the continuation of the tenure track appointment of Dr. Sunkung Choi at FEB, with affiliation to GSG/CEASG

9 February  Inaugural lecture prof. dr. Janny de Jong entitled: Orwell’s shadow. The historian as an antidote to nationalism in postwar Asia and Europe

16 February  CEASG & SG Lecture: ‘Taiwan and the Anti-China Sentiment’

3 March  Lecture CEASG/ICOG: ‘Cultural Translation of Chinese Ethnic Minority Literature: the Case of King Gesar’

8 March  CEASG Lecture: ‘Understanding Chinese Law’ by prof. Zhang Xiaoping
8 April  Conference at Dutch Studies Centre Groningen-Fudan in Shanghai on *Trade, Investments and Development Cooperation in Sino-Dutch relations*

11 April  CEASG welcomes dr. Toshiharu Hase as Osaka University’s new Regional Director

14 April  Ten Years Dutch Studies Centre Fudan-Groningen

25 – 26 April  *Critical Political Thought in the Age of Declining Empires: African, Asian, Islamic, and Russian Perspectives*. Comparative Political Theory Workshop with participants from Turkey, Finland, Germany, Greece, Russia, Belgium

17 May  CEASG & SG Lecture by the Congolese scholar Gaby Bamana (author of *On the tea road, A journey into Mongolian life and culture* (2011)): ‘Conversion of a Missionary - The Mongolian and Congolese Experience’

19 May  Lecture: The Philippines vs. China - South China Sea Arbitration Case: International Law and Politics

25 May  Lecture: China and Europe in Global Economic History: From Europe’s Divergence to China’s Convergence

June  Practical Training Course on Resettlement and Social Sustainability; held in Almaty, Kazakhstan

        Summer School ‘Land Acquisition, Resettlement and Social Sustainability’

13 June  SIB/CEASG Lecture: 'Dispute Settlement in the South China Sea: Beijing, Manila, The Hague' by Gou Haibo

July  Summer School ‘Transitional Justice and the Politics of Memory’; held in Cres, Croatia

        Summer School ‘Land Acquisition, Resettlement and Social Sustainability’; held in Maputo, Mozambique

7&8 July  Joint Seminar University of Groningen-Academia Sinica (Taipei) on 'Diplomacy and law in the settlement of trade disputes'

August  Fifth Groningen Energy Summer School 2016

        Summer School ‘Africa, China and Europe Intensive Programme in Development Studies’ (ACE); held in Lingbao, China

5 August  Youth development: exploring meaningful learn-work trajectories. Youth, Education and Work 2nd invitational conference, Kampala, Uganda

8 – 19 August  ACE Summer School 2016: held in Beijing, Yantai and rural areas in Henan Province
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<td>International expert Symposium on ‘Urbanisation in China and Implications for Africa’s Development’. In collaboration with the Ford Foundation.</td>
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Public Activities 2017

13 January  Welcoming three new Chairs at GSG: Max van den Berg, Jacques Zeelen, Oliver Moore

6 February  Guus Hiddink on South Korea guest at College Tour, Academy Building

21 February  The Korea Corner of the he Korea Corner, launched in 2014 at the University Library, has been relocated to the Study Rooms of the Harmonie Building. The new location features “한식 Hansik: Food for Thought”, a small exhibition on Korean Food and two study places to consult Korean resources or other study material

1 March  Lifelong Learning and Professionalisation through Action Research. Seminar evoked by the occasion of the PhD defences of Alice Wabule and Peace Tumuheki.

30 March  Start conference and signing of an agreement for the TTV project on developing new ways in technical schooling between GSG and partners: Alfa-college Groningen, Engie Services, Energiewacht Assen, Strukton Worksphere, Eekels Technology, InstallatieWerk Noord, and OTIB.

May  Practical Training Course on Resettlement and Social Sustainability; held in Tbilisi, Georgia

10 May  Award-Winning Film Director Joshua Oppenheimer at GSG-REG organized Summer School on Transitional Justice & the Politics of Memory

23 May  Presentation of Prof. dr. Andrej Zwitter at the European Parliament on Humanitarian Intelligence and Data Protection

June  Practical Training Course on Resettlement and Social Sustainability; held in Almaty, Kazakhstan

Summer School ‘Land Acquisition, Resettlement and Social Sustainability’

The project Mapping Religious Diversity in Modern Sichuan: A Spatial and Social Study of Communities and Networks receives a prestigious three-year research grant from the Taiwanese Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation. Dr Stefania Travagnin (Centre for the Study of Religion and Culture in Asia, Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies) and Dr Elena Valussi (Loyola University Chicago)
3 July

70 students from Pusan University start a two-week Summer School in Groningen and are welcomed by RUG Chair of the governing board, prof. Siebrand Poppema

July

Medical Sciences Summer School Global Health

Summer School ‘Transitional Justice and the Politics of Memory’; held in Cres, Croatia

Summer School ‘Youth, education and work in (post-)conflict areas’

Augustus

Summer School ‘Africa, China and Europe Intensive Programme in Development Studies’ (ACE); held in Kagera Province, Tanzania

Sixth Groningen Energy Summer School

Summer School ‘Land Acquisition, Resettlement and Social Sustainability’; held in Maputo, Mozambique

22 September

GSG affiliated staff dr. Chris Lamont was quoted in an article of the Washington Post

16 October

CEASG Workshop on traditional arts during China’s economic growth

20 October

Vocational Education: Developing craftsmanship in the transition from education to work. Conference of TTV project-members: companies, institutions, researchers and experts in the field of vocational education

November

Winter School on Land Acquisition, Resettlement and Social Sustainability

7 November

Guest lecture prof. Jacques Zeelen at Makerere University Kampala, Uganda

15 November

Action Research in Different Contexts: Pitfals & Perspective. Public lecture of prof. Jacques Zeelen. Gulu University, Uganda

20-21 November

Towards meaningful research partnerships: Rethinking lifelong learning, youth and work in Uganda. UNESCO Chair Stakeholders Start Conference. Esella Country Hotel Kira, Kampala, Uganda

7 December

‘Revitalising the Silk Road: China’s Belt and Road Initiative’. Presentation by prof. Richard Griffiths (Leiden University)

12 December

Workshop and Inaugural Lecture Oliver Moore as professor in Chinese language and cultures
A selection of University of Groningen staff connected to GSG

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