



Utrecht University

Dear Participants,

The organizers of the **Utrecht Common Session Autumn 2013** are really happy to give you a warm welcome!

We hope you are as excited as we are to see what these three days of conferences are ready to offer.

The activities will begin on the evening of **Tuesday 29th at 21.00**.

A short warm welcome is planned for the people who will already be in Utrecht in order to create the right atmosphere of companionship, collaboration and to meet new and old friends.

1) The real beginning of the Commons Session is on **Wednesday 30th October at 10.00** for the first plenary session at **UCK – Marnixzaal**.

Nonetheless due to logistical needs we invite you to arrive between 9.30 and 10.00 in order to give us the opportunity to register the participants, give you a small present, and ask you to book your seat for the **farewell dinner**, which will be held on **Friday 1st November at 18.30** in *eLe Tapas Spanish Restaurant*.

On Wednesday 30th the conferences will finish around 18.00-18.30.

2) The second day, **Thursday 31st October**, the activities will start at **10.30** with the third plenary session, which will take place at **UCK – Marnixzaal**.

We would like to underline that during the late afternoon you have the opportunity to actively participate in the **debate on Green Criminology**, which will take place at **Drift (D13), from 17.00 to 19.00** (the end of the conferences for the day).

3) The third and last day, **Friday 1st November**, the conferences will start at **10.00** with the fifth plenary session in **UCK – Marnixzaal**.

The three days of conferences will reach its close starting from **15.00 until 17.00** with the last plenary session in **Drift (D13)**.

*Afterwards, around 18.30, we are happy to invite you to the **Farewell Dinner** that hopefully you will have already booked the first day of the conferences in order to close the Common Sessions with a delicious dinner, good drinks, and fun.*



Extra activities

During the Common Session conferences, we thought it would be interesting for the participants to have something different to do, particularly after an intensive day – let us say, **from 20.30 to 22.30**.

Since the Netherlands is famous also for its Coffee Shops, we have decided to welcome you on **a tour within a Coffee Shop!** But what is the difference between the going on your own free time and joining us on this visit?

Easy!

First of all our guide, Dr Tim Boekhout van Solinge, is an expert in the market of drugs and will be very happy to explain to you many interesting points regarding the trade. Secondly, you will have the opportunity to meet the owner of the Coffee Shop himself who will be able to answer even more questions or curiosities you may have.

Unfortunately, the shop is quite small so not more than 20-25 people can participate to this tour.

But don't worry!!!

For the others we have planned a **visit around the city** with a guide who will be happy to tell you about the history of the city of Utrecht and to answer your questions.

Nonetheless, if you prefer something more quiet and relaxing why not take a **boat tour** around the beautiful canals and the old city centre within the heart of this medieval city? In this case obviously the tour is during the day and ends at 17.00. More info at: <http://www.visit-utrecht.com/en/content/canal-cruises>.

Farewell Dinner – Friday 1st November 18.30

As mentioned in the "**Common Session Welcome**", we have planned the Farewell Dinner at *eLe Tapas Spanish Restaurant*: "eLe" means the power of the soul. This place is a little piece of Spain under the Dom. The authentic tapas are made by Jesus Avelino Guardiola Román, and Fermin Miranda Caceres creates a cozy atmosphere with his guitar and powerful voice. You will be able to taste typical and delicious Spanish food (we say it because we've tried it!) and then to have fun and dance.

Price: 17,50 euro, buffet-style (drinks are excluded)

Please, **remember** that we need to know as soon as possible if you want to participate in order to book the room, so be quick on **Wednesday morning** and sign up for the dinner at the registration!



What to sightsee in Utrecht?

Utrecht is one of the beating hearts of the Netherlands, a city with an unparalleled vitality. A medieval city center small enough to explore on foot, yet still large enough to enjoy world class festivals, modern architecture, trendy shops and interesting museums for days on end. Utrecht has a wealth of culture and history and bustles with life, notably of 65,000 students. What else? An extensive number of cultural events. Friendly outdoor cafés and restaurants. Hospitable hotels... Utrecht has it all. The Dom tower and cathedral are perhaps the most famous attractions of the city, but it has much more interesting churches and monuments that has to be seen:

The Dom tower

*Domplein 9-10
3512 JC Utrecht*

The Dom tower is the symbol of the city of Utrecht. With his 465 steps and over 112 meters height it is the highest church tower in the Netherlands and with a breathtaking view over the city and the region Utrecht.



Paushuize

*Kromme Nieuwegracht 49
3512 HE Utrecht*

Paushuize is the second oldest building in the historical heart of Utrecht. This palace was originally built for the only and one Dutch pope the Netherlands has ever known, Pope Adrian VI. In 1522 he was elected Pope, but he died a year later in Rome. He has never inhabited his home in Utrecht himself. In the 19th century the building was the residence of the Queen's Commissioner in the province of Utrecht.



City Castle Oudaen



Oudegracht 99
3511 AE Utrecht

City Castle Oudaen is a monumental building dating from 1296 that has its own grand café, à la carte restaurant and brewery.

Sint Willibrord Church
Minrebroederstraat 21
3512 GS Utrecht

St. Willibrord Church is one of the most beautiful neo-Gothic churches in the Netherlands and one of the hidden treasures of Utrecht.



Winkel van Sinkel
Oudegracht 158
3511 AZ Utrecht

The cultural culinary department store located on the Oudegracht. It is a unique monumental building, with a continuously varying range of activities, music, dance, drink and dining options.



Academiegebouw
Domplein 29
3512 JE Utrecht

This neo-Renaissance Academy building dates from 1892 and is the ceremonial and representative heart of the Utrecht University



Rietveld Schröderhouse
Prinshendrikklaan 50a
35XC Utrecht

The masterpiece of Gerrit Rietveld, full of 'De Stijl', icon of the city of Utrecht and monument on the UNESCO World Heritage List.



Where to Eat & Drink?

Obviously we know that after so many conferences you are hungry (starving, even?) so why not to try one of these great places during the lunch break or in the evening?

*In the following places you have the opportunity to eat for a cheap price since they have **special student meals**. They are typical student cafés, really nice also for drinks in the evening (or at night)!*

Havana Utrecht
Oudkerkhof 29
35 GJ Utrecht
+31 30 231 50 40

Student meal: **6,50 euros**

Café Rex
Nobelstraat 207
3512 EM Utrecht
+31 30 230 21 03

Student meal: **7,00 euros**

Heerenplein
Lucasbolwek 1
3512 EG Utrecht
+31 30 231 75 71

Student meal: **8,00 euros**

Café De Beurs
Neude 37-39
3512 AG Utrecht
+31 30 233 30 07

Student meal: **9,00 euros**

Studentencafé 't Neutje
Neude 30
3512 AG Utrecht
+31 30 232 24 58

Student meal: **9,00 euros**

Café Lieve Lust
Nobelstraat 8-10
3512 EN Utrecht
+ 31 30 238 2421

Student meal: **9,50 euros**

Stadscafé- Restaurant Broers
Janskerkhof 9
3512 BK Utrecht
+ 31 30 234 34 06

Student meal: **10,00 euros**

ACU
Voorstraat 71
3512 AK Utrecht
+ 31 30 231 45 90

Vegan



Utrecht has a long list of great pubs, bars, and cafes where you can go for a drink and/or dancing. The cafes listed in "**Where to Eat & Drink?**" are also really good places to go out after dinner. They are popular amongst students and therefore also on weekdays they are cosy and crowded. Many of the student bars and pubs are located on the **Nobelstraat**, **'t Neude**, and **Janskerkhof** (*please note that in some bars you need to show a student card to get in*).

Some other options are:

Kafee Belgie
Oudegracht 196

Café Flater
Oudegracht 140

't Gras van de Buren
Lange Jansstraat 16

Café de Kneus
Nobelstraat 303

Café de Kostenkoper
Loeffe Berchmakerstraat 4

Irish Pub Mick O'Connells
Jansdam 3

Café Olivier
Achter Clarenburg 8

Café Orloff
Donkeregaard 8

Café van Velsen
Mariaplaats 8

De Voortuin
Voorstraat 4

Bar Walden
Domplein 18

Café de Zaak
Korte Minrebroedersstraat 9

There are no doubts that the local Utrecht Master's students and staff members will be very happy to make suggestions, help you out, and join you in other places where you can have fun and dance after dinner!