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>>> Erasmus Intensive Programme

In function of the further internationalization of our faculty, we went from the 13th till the 25th February on an Erasmus Intensive Programme (IP) in Stuttgart and Ludwigsburg, two cities in Baden-Wurttemberg. Carlen Claeys, Charlotte Daenens, Virginia D'hondt, Inge Goditiabois, Jonatan Helpers and Nathan Poelman made part of this group, this was our experience.



The IP started early in the morning with a train ride towards the capital city of Baden-Wurttemberg, Stuttgart. We were nicely welcomed and escorted to the youth hostel, which gave us a nice view over the city. We get to know a bit the other



8 participating countries and went sleeping.

The next morning professor Wolfgang Rieth gave us an explication of the purpose of the two weeks to come. During the first week each delegation got the chance to present its country in function of e-Government. This had to be prepared at home in a presentation and paper.

In the second week we formed mixed groups and worked around subjects of e-Government, like One Stop, Data Protection...

The presentations were good, the one more "keen" than the other though. Ours was especially outstanding because we gave it on the day our country managed to be the slowest at forming a government.

The first week there was also a national dish night, where every country had to prepare something.

Nathan and Virginia did a good job making French fries (in the oven!) and meatballs in tomato sauce. During the weekend we visited the Mercedes mu-

seum.

In the second week we worked on our subjects and created with each international group a paper and



presentation. These presentations were all put together in one and presented the last day.

With pleasure we can look back on a very successful IP and want to thank everybody who made this IP possible: Prof. B. De Groote,



Prof L. Peferoen, the international office, the German delegation and Hochschule für öffentliche Verwaltung und Finanzen Ludwigsburg.

>>> Study abroad: Troy

The academic year in Troy, Alabama has been a wonderful experience for me. First of all, I was able to broaden my study in Business Administration in a foreign country, and moreover, I was surrounded with more than 800 international students from 50 different countries. In other words, I discovered both the US and many different parts of the world at the same time. In Troy, I was taking courses from the MBA program, with an international option (International Economic Development). From this programme, I successfully finished 8 courses.

Studying in the US taught me a lot about how Americans live, work and study, as well as how the country works. The University stimulated us to explore the rest of the US by organizing several cheap trips to destinations within the country. The trips I joined went to Atlanta, Panama City, Washington D.C. and New York City.

Classes are usually in small groups (from 10 to 25 people) and have a more practical approach. Group projects are very common and class discussions arise spontaneously.

It is always good to once create a large distance between someone's home country and the country he's

in. Sometimes, the closer one is, the less he/she sees. A good example is the Empire State Building in New York City. We were searching for it and kept on passing by it. We were standing too

close. From the street, all that is visible is a wall like any other office wall in that area. From a distance on the other hand, the Empire State Building clearly pops out and can't be missed.

I learnt much about Belgium and Europe while being in the US. I discovered how it feels to be "European".

Life on a University campus in the US is quite different compared to life on a Belgian one. The campuses are towns by itself; they have their own shops, dorms, gyms, police departments etc.. Everywhere they go they need a car. Some people barely




(need to) leave the campus. In Troy, I participated in several student organizations. I got to know what parliamentary procedure is and how (some) major meetings and events are started. At the beginning, the national anthem is played and everybody turns himself towards the US flag while putting their right hand on their chest. I could not imagine this in Belgium.

Although I have had a foreign experience before as I did my internship for my "Master in Business Administration" in Munich, my experience in Troy was very different. It had a much more global perspective.

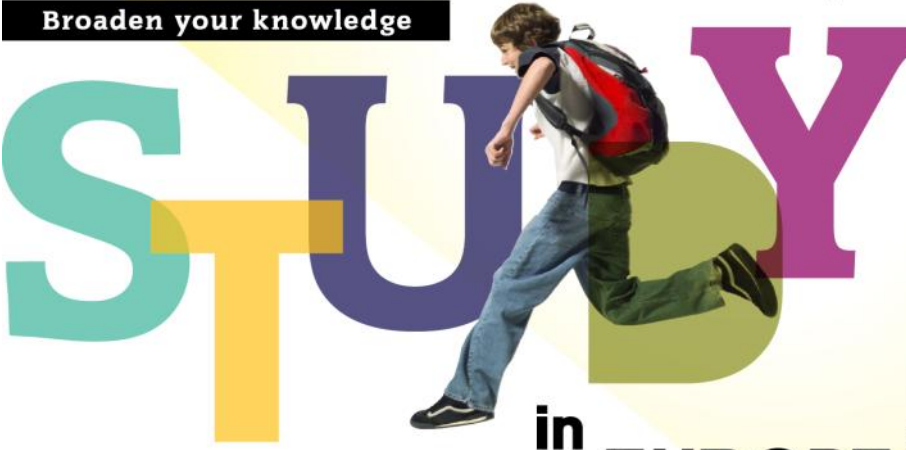
I ended my academic year with a trip through the Southwest of the US. There, my family joined me and together we rented a caravan to drive through the region.

It has been a great experience, and now that the CIS program is finished, I decided to extend my stay and take the remaining courses of the MBA program. One class has already started this Summer, for which I'm doing an internship.

Lieven Thorré


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>>> Sofie's world of Academic English

English is anything but logical. There is no egg in an *eggplant*. *Quicksand* tends to work slowly. And when the stars are *out*, you see them – but when the lights are *out*, you don't. This section will give you a 5-minute language workout and warn you for a few common errors.

Language Workout - Quantifiers

Choose the best verb to complete the sentences. Put the verb in the correct form. Answers in box below.

develop – classify – establish – account for –
to be seen – present – show – attempt – explain – explore – emphasize – describe

1. As can ... from table II, participation figures have been steadily falling since 1970.
2. Different authors have ... for the President's actions in different ways.
3. Mendel attempted to derive a system for ... the many different types of pea plant that he grew.
4. It is often most effective ... your data in a chart or table.
5. The data we have collected ... that there has been a downward trend with regard to job satisfaction over the last 50 years.
6. The aim of the research is ... a new software application which will help aviation engineers design more sophisticated aircraft.
7. The archaeologists should be able to use carbon dating techniques ... exactly how old the bones are.
8. Charles Darwin attempted ... the existence of different species in terms of evolution.



Why English teachers were rarely hung in the old west.

Error Warnings

The verbs **affect** and **effect** are different. **To affect** means to influence, **to effect** means to make something happen, to bring about.



The burning of fossil fuels has negatively **affected** the global climate.
The procedure has been successful and has **effected** a return to normal functioning of the engine.



Do not confuse **few (not many)** and **a few (some)**.

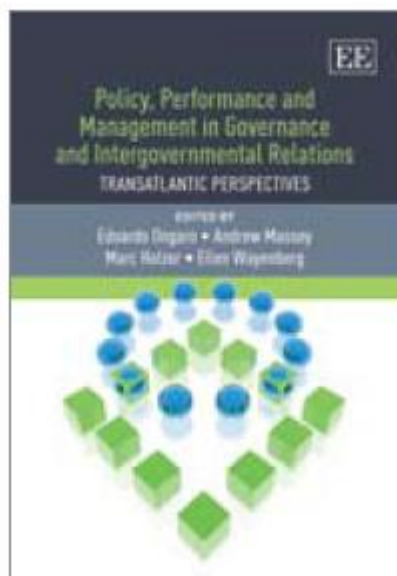
Few people enjoy this music.(= barely any)
A few people attended the event. (= some, but less than expected)

Answer Key:
1. be seen
2. accounted
3. classifying
4. to present
5. show/shows
6. to develop
7. to establish
8. to explain

>>> IAS Library

Since April 2010, the Faculty of Business and Public Administration of University College Ghent hosts the IAS-library. The IAS-library is the large collection of books, manuscripts, and journals that has been acquired by the International Institute

>>> Publications



2011/ **Policy, Performance and Management in Governance and Intergovernmental Relations** - Transatlantic Perspectives / Edited by Edoardo Ongaro, Andrew Massey, Marc Holzer and Ellen Wayenberg / 384p.

of Administrative Sciences (IIAS), since its establishment in 1930. The IIAS is an NGO with scientific purposes, and has its seat in Brussels. Its mission is to provide a global forum and platform for scholars and practitioners in public administration, through

which knowledge and best practices are promoted. The collection of the IAS-library consists of 17000 volumes and 145 journal titles in the broader field of public administration: administration, management, politics and political economy. As such, it is one of the largest collections in public administration scholarship worldwide. The collection consists of older works, but also has a substantial number of recent books and journals. Without any doubt, having this collection in Ghent provides a great opportunity for our lecturers, researchers and students, who wish to consult this collection for research-purposes: it is a valuable additional source of



knowledge next to our own collection. Besides that, the fact that our faculty hosts this collection, will also be beneficial for the ongoing efforts for the internationalization of education and research of our faculty: it is our ambition to welcome scholars from all over the world who wish to consult this collection.

Students, lecturers or researchers interested in this collection, may contact bram.verschuere@hogent.be for more information on the content of the collection, or people from the library for a visit of the collection.

>>> Visit Ghent: The house of Alijn

The history of the building is a story on its own, so lets stick here to the museum. A museum of folklore makes me think of dusty, smelly rooms and boring stories. This museum proves that the opposite is possible. The left wing focuses on the 19th century local customs and mainly the rites of passage.

The right wing tells the story of the 20th century Flemish life. Various objects, rooms and curiosities will draw your attention. If you want to find out which iron your mother was using in the sixties or what commercials your grandfather was looking at in

seventies, this is the place to be.

Here you can also find a quiet interior garden, a small café and an interesting shop. This place is well worth a visit if you're interested in the ordinary, though the museum presents this in an extraordinary way. Find out and discover yourself!

More info about Ghent:

<http://www.visitgent.be/>



>>> Internship abroad: Hong Kong

There are several reasons for me to search for my internship abroad. Staying in the same place narrows the mind, I wanted to see things from another perspective so I chose to go abroad and to meet different cultures and see more of the world. This is also a nice opportunity to improve my communication skills and to develop myself more.

Having visited Hong Kong in the past years and having my roots there I wondered how it would be to live in a unique place like this and in the end I decided to look for my internship here. Hong Kong is one of the world's top international financial centers and is often being called a bridge between the west and China. It is



a nice place to visit more and to have a taste of Asian culture.

The company which accepted my internship is Enfinity Asia Pacific Limited, Enfinity's Asia Pacific headquarters. Enfinity is a Belgian company which operates on the global market (but mainly in Belgium). Enfinity develops and finances green energy projects (mainly solar energy). I've come across Enfinity in several Belgian articles and read that one of the 2 founders had been relocated to Hong Kong for entering the Asian market and that there was a Hong Kong department. After reading the article I also understood that Enfinity seemed a young, enthusiastic and lively company so I decided to apply there.

My internship includes working in the accounting and finance department, booking invoices and expenses, preparing data for financial analysis and looking up tax data. The accounting information

system used is SAP, a known business management software programme that is widely used around the globe. The company office is close to the center of Hong Kong (in Wan Chai).

The life in Hong Kong is very nice and completely different from life in Belgium. It is very noticeable people seem to be always busy with something (especially their smartphones) and on-the-go. Hong Kong is also a very unique place, due to its high population density and limited space almost everything is close by (countless shops, restaurants, public transport,...) which is very convenient. Because of the numerous amounts of restaurants you also have a wide variety of food choices to try out different types of (exotic) Asian food. Shops and restaurants are usually open till late in the evening around 11pm and on Sundays and holidays.

It was also very surprising for me to notice that many people speak English well, which many wouldn't expect of Asian countries, so the language barrier is much smaller than expected. All public signs are both written in Chinese and English, also many other written texts



(in shops and restaurants) are in both languages.

While being abroad you can meet various challenges. One big challenge is combining work, thesis, free time and other tasks, also due to long travel times to the office. Another one is communicating in a foreign language you aren't used to speak, but you get more used to this after a while and learn to express yourself more clearly. Also finding a calm place to rest and escape the busy Hong Kong life was a small challenge.

Being abroad also helps you to learn a lot about a different culture and to see certain aspects of life from a different point of view. The sight of the Hong Kong skyline on the ferry when going back from work also never seems to tire me...

Timmy Luk

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>>> Study in Belgium

When we were coming to Belgium, we didn't know what to expect. We were the first from our university to go on Erasmus in Ghent. We had heard a lot of opinions about studies and life in Belgium. Some said that it is very hard to study, others- it is too easy; ones were saying that Belgium is a lot of fun, others- that it is boring. But still, both of us decided to come to Ghent.

Justina always wanted to go on Erasmus somewhere in this part of Europe (Belgium, Netherlands, Germany or France), so when she saw that our university suggests Erasmus studies in Ghent, she chose this city. Also, she wanted to go to a country which provides high quality education and she was sure that was the case in Belgium !

Ruta could not decide between Belgium, Slovenia or the Netherlands, but finally she decided to come to Ghent and now she thinks that she made the best choice.

First day when we came to Belgium (for both of us it was the first time in this country) we were surprised that people are so kind, helpful and friendly. And it stayed like that till the end of our Erasmus. After a few weeks we noticed, that they are very interesting, have a good sense of humor and are not afraid of sarcasm! Who else would decide to make a huge party when you don't have a government for a long time and you even break the record with that?

Our studies started 4 days after we came to Belgium. We were both curious, how it was going to be to study in another country, and scared that it will be too hard, especially because of the language barrier (Our English is pretty good, but at home we studied in Lithuanian, so we weren't sure if we are able to understand everything. For the teachers English wasn't their mother-tongue, so it was very possible that their pronunciation would be unclear.). All our teachers seemed open to other cultures and nationalities, and we understood every single word they said. Some of the lectures were very different from those we have at home, but all of them were very interesting and useful. Studying required time, but it didn't mean that we had to forget about experiencing other pluses of Eras-

mus students- traveling, meeting new people and socializing!

Also, as we said, we visited a lot in Belgium (with our classes and even more by ourselves). Brussels, Antwerpen, Brugge, Ypres, Oostende, Aalst. We were amazed by the architecture of Brugge and Antwerpen, Ypres seemed very interesting because of its history, and in Aalst we were in the famous carnival festivities (in February). It was a lifetime opportunity, because you don't see a lot of men dressed like women and acting so crazy every day! We liked Oostende because of the sea and Brussels impressed us because of the mixture of different cultures, beautiful old town and sure, because it has so many EU institutions it is the capital of European Union! But Ghent was our favorite- it is a great combination of history, nightlife, and culture. And its landscape makes you feel like in a fairy tale! Sitting on the Graslei feels like being in a beautiful postcard. But the most important thing was that Ghent is a student city, so it is full of young people! To be honest, before coming to Belgium we did not expect it to be such a beautiful country.

Our dormitory, Vesalius was full of young people. Our entire floor was full of Erasmus student from different countries! It was the first time Justina lived in a dormitory. But she enjoyed it a lot! The last semester in Lithuania Ruta lived in a dormitory, but her life back home and here, in Vesalius, was completely different. One is to be a regular student and the other is to study abroad and meet a lot of interesting people from all over the world. The best thing in a dormitory was the living room, a common space to meet and speak, have a dinner or watch a movie!

Another thing, which we enjoyed was the international dinner. Every Sunday evening, the 2nd floor (it was the floor were almost all of us, who stayed in the student

house, lived) gathered in the living room to try traditional meals from foreign countries. It was a good experience and a lot of fun to try unknown meals. Some of them looked (and tasted) really strange! Now we think that we have a pretty good knowledge in foreign cuisines and know what to expect from different countries.

In conclusion, when our Erasmus period finished both Ruta and Justina were sure that Ghent is perfect city for studying- young (a lot of students), but old (look at the architecture in the city center!). It is impossible to say that it is boring. When we were there, we forgot about the meaning of this word. Ghent is full of great places to go and it has a lot of events! It's great to stay in Ghent during the summer also because of the festivals. We couldn't do it this summer, but hopefully, we will come back to remember all the moments we had there and then we will also attend these festivals!

Justina Kozlovska and Rūta Vidauskaitė,
Lithuania



>>> GaPS goes international

The research group *Governing and Policing Security (GaPS)* of the department of Public Administration is exploring international territory for both research and education through cooperation with various international partners.

International Master's Programme in Criminology, Governance and Police Science

Since the beginning of 2011, the GaPS research group participates in the *International Master's Programme in Criminology, Governance and Police Science* offered by the Ruhr-University Bochum (Law Faculty)



in Germany.

This international master's programme aims to answer to the increasing need for criminological, governance and police science knowledge in peace-making and -keeping efforts in post-conflict and transitional countries. Furthermore it is oriented towards establishing rule of law, human rights standards and sustainable security in these countries and on capacity building in the law enforcement (in particular police) and criminal justice sector. The development of personal skills of professionals working within the field of security and justice and supporting NGOs and civil society in their functions to monitor and evaluate democratic police work and criminal justice based on human rights standards is an important aim.

This new 2-year international master's programme is taught in English and allows global participation through distance learning. The e-

learning platform with 24/7 availability of online lectures suits in particular (but not only) professionals.

The GaPS research group is responsible for two modules in this international masters programme: module 5 *Governance and Ethics* (Gudrun Vande Walle & Arne Dormaels) and module 6 *Governance of Security* (Marleen Easton, Gudrun Vande Walle & Lieselot Bisschop). Both of these modules are tailored to the interests as well as teaching and research expertise of the GaPS members. The modules deal with issues of blurring boundaries between law enforcement agencies, (nodal) governance, policing, securitization and technology, environmental crime, integrity, ethics and corruption. For more information, please visit www.macrimgov.eu.

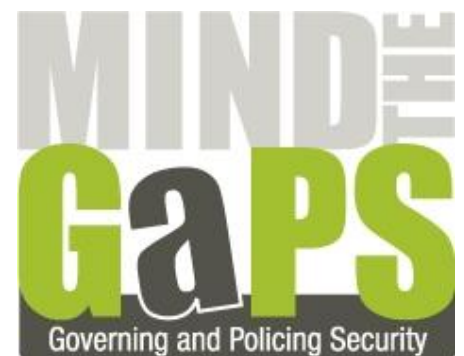
PhD Midwinter Seminar March 2011, 10-11 March @ University College Ghent

In March 2011 GaPS hosted the yearly session of the PhD-Mid-Winter Seminar at the University College Ghent. This PhD seminar is a cooperation between the Police Academy of the Netherlands, the Department of Governance Studies of the VU University, the Defence Academy of the Netherlands, and the Research Group 'Governing & Policing Security' (GaPS) of the Department of Public Administration of University College Ghent. Under the supervision of Prof. dr. Monica den Boer and Prof. dr. Marleen Easton, PhD students of the respective institutions were invited to give a presentation about their research and explain the current stage the PhD project was in. Fien Gilleur, Arne Dormaels and Lieselot Bisschop were the participating PhD students for University College Ghent. Based on the papers and presentations of the PhD students, professors and doctors from different disciplines raised challenging questions and provided interesting feedback. Also the exchange of research experience was encouraged and discussions about content-wise, meth-

odological as well as ethical difficulties were stimulated. This resulted in an overall very instructive international meeting, which has hopefully come to stay.

Visit of South Korean police officers

In January, GaPS had the pleasure of welcoming 3 South Korean police officers to Ghent. Hong Sung Jin and Min Keun Tae both work for the South Korean National Police Agency and are members of the Cyber Terror Response Center (NETAN). Hyeon Yu is a professor of Cybercrime Investigation at the Korean Police Investigation Academy. In order to ameliorate information flows, coordination of national investigations and cooperation of NETAN with international police forces, these three visitors did an international benchmark. GaPS composed for them a varied schedule of academic presentations on international and European police and justice cooperation, European institutions such as Europol and Eurojust and also facilitated study visits at the Department of International Police Cooperation and the Federal Computer Crime Unit of the Belgian police. They also familiarized themselves with the integrated structure and organization of the Belgian police organization and had a meeting with the former vice-president of Europol Willy Bruggeman.



>>> Internship abroad: Sydney

I'm Florence Declercq master in strategic management doing my internship in Sydney and I just love it. I wanted to do my internship overseas just to get the experience of working in another country. Last year I went to England on Erasmus and I enjoyed it so much that it made me eager to do my internship overseas, just a little bit further than England. Why Australia? Why not? Australia has such a large amount of varieties, not only in people, cultures but especially the country itself. From outback to smaller villages to vivid



cities such as Sydney and Melbourne, Australia has it all...

The company where I work in is a training and consultancy company. My job here is running a project with respect to environmental sustainability. I have to look if there are opportunities to add new courses or qualifications on their scope, what their competitors are doing concerning sustainability and what the benefits and the risks are. All my colleagues are very helpful and friendly. Every Friday, there are office drinks in the company to get to know your colleagues better.

A little bit more about living in Sydney. One word: expensive! Sometimes I still can't believe how much I have to pay for groceries, accommodation, transport, nights out... In the beginning I lived in a 2-bedroom apartment with 7 other Europeans and some cockroaches (in the beginning I was terrified of these little horrors, but after a while you get used to it, as long as they stay where they are...) and I paid 150 dollars a

week. This is monthly 480 euros with nothing of privacy and with too much cockroaches. Luckily one of my colleagues offered me a room at here place so now I have my own room and I haven't seen any cockroaches. I see it as much more than luxury.

Sydney is so spread out that I'm still exploring things all the time. You can start in the inner city with lots of shops, pubs, museums and end in national parks with wildlife and breathtaking views. It's also easy to meet new people here as there are backpackers everywhere looking for the same things as you. I've learned to speak to people on the bus, train, plain... Most of the time they talk back, and if not (and instead they give me a really strange look) I can't be bothered cause I'll never see them again.

If you are not sure whether to do your internship in Belgium or overseas, stop doubting and just go. You will never regret it. You'll learn so many things just because of that extraordinary experience. It's a ones in a lifetime. I would definitely do it again, without any doubt.

Florence Declercq

>>> IFPAM Meeting 2011 in Saratov (Russia)

The 20th anniversary of International Forum of Public Administration and Management (IFPAM) has been held on 22-23 September, 2011 in our partner University, the one of the oldest IFPAM members Stolypin Volga Region Institute (Saratov). The IFPAM has been initiated by six institutes. In 2010 the numbers of members has increased to 14 universities from 12 countries. The representatives from University of Applied Sciences Ludwigsburg (Germany), Corvinus University Budapest, Faculty of Public Administration (Hungary), University College Ghent, Faculty of Business Administration and Public Administration (Belgium) Slavyani foundation Sofia (Bulgaria), Academy of State and Social Construction under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan (Uzbekistan) took part in the this year meeting in Saratov. During the sessions a new member was admitted to the IFPAM – the University of Carlo Cattaneo (Italy).

Since the International Forum of Public Management and Administration was founded in 1992 it has been pursuing intensification, coordination and organization of the scientific cooperation between professors and lecturers of the member institutions. IFPAM mainly develops collo-

quia for professors and lecturers and prepares international research projects and study programs. The yearly conference is essential for the coordination of the common projects. This year the main topics were the development of a Joint master program in International public Administration and Management (MIPAM), the program of Eastern Partnerships and Erasmus Intensive Programme.

This year Stolypin Volga Region Institute welcomed IFPAM in the new academic status as a part of the federal network system of the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration. The format of the meeting was also modified as it was the first IFPAM session held in the framework of the international scientific conference. The motto of the

meeting 2011 was Education reforms and integration in the area of the Public Administration trainings in Europe. Prof. Walter Maier noticed that this format of the annual meeting could be a good opportunity for further development of the IFPAM association and to add a scientific component in the administrative forum. This will make a more effective collaboration for both administration and scientific community of the member Universities possible.

- Naira Ambaryan

