ABRI Seminar George Kuk - 10 March
ABRI and the KIN Group would like to invite you to a seminar given by Prof. George Kuk, (Nottingham Trent University) about “The Role of Affect on Creativity in Open Design Commons”.

The seminar will take place on Friday March 10 at 12:00 in room HG-01A32. Lunch will be provided.

To register for this event, please send an e-mail to Lesley Weston: l.a.weston@vu.nl before Thursday March 9, 2017. For more information please click here.

Deadline Application PhD positions - 15 March
Applicants should have a MPhil / Research master (e.g. our Business in Society Programme) or an equivalent programme with good grades in Economics, Business Administration, Operations Research, Sociology, or a related discipline. The deadline for application is 15 March. The full text of the vacancy can be found here.

VU Master's Day - 11 March
Visit the VU Master's Day on Saturday, March 11th and get to know our Master's degree programmes. Meet our teachers and students during the information sessions and at the information fair.

M&O Research Seminar - 15 March
M&O will hold a Research Seminar on discourse and language in organizations on 15 March from 10:30 - 12:00 in HG-16A00, Kerkzaal in the 16th floor of the main building of Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.
For the schedule please click [here](#). For more information about our Master's programme Business in Society please click [here](#).

**ARCA Seminar Michael Minnis - 13 March**
M. Michael Minnis (University of Chicago Booth School of Business) will present his paper (co-authored with Petro Lisowsky) titled “Accounting Choices and Capital Allocation: Evidence from Large Private U.S. Firms”. This seminar will take place on Monday, March 13 from 12.00 to 14.00 in 8A-44 in the main building.
To register for the ARCA seminar, please send an email to: [l.m.abinta@vu.nl](mailto:l.m.abinta@vu.nl). For the abstract please click [here](#).

**PhD Defence Ruben van Werven - 15 March**
Ruben van Werven will defend his thesis titled "Acquiring resources for a new venture: A study of the micro-level linguistic practices of startup entrepreneurs" on 15 March at 13:45 in the Aula. For more information please click [here](#).

**NEWS**

**Eirini Spiliotopoulou wins Wickham Skinner Best Paper Award**
Dr. Eirini Spiliotopoulou (Logistics & OR) has won the Wickham Skinner Best Paper Award of the leading journal Production and Operations Management of the American Production and Operations Management Society (POMS) for her paper “Information Reliability in Supply Chains: The Case of Multiple Retailers”.

It is an award for which one cannot apply and which is awarded by the journal based on all articles published in 2016. The committee was impressed by the overall quality and both relevance and rigor.

As a leading professional society in the field of production and operations management, POMS has the responsibility to influence and recognize outstanding research and teaching accomplishments. The Wickham Skinner Award is intended to encourage POM scholarship and publication, to promote significant research in the field, to reward academics who have achieved unusually high accomplishment early in their careers, and to facilitate the sharing of innovative new ideas about teaching POM.

The award ceremony will take place on May 7th in Seattle, during the POMS 28th Annual Conference.

**“Inside Executive Education: The Participants’ View”, by Prof. dr. Konstantin Korotov**
VU Business School is working on developing new Executive Education programmes. Various initiatives are taken by the School of Accounting, School of Finance and School of Management. At the same time

Dr. Sierk Ybema (VU), Prof. Dr. Loizos Heracleous (WBS), and Prof. Dr. Joep Cornelissen (RSM) will present. For more information and the programme please click [here](#).
we are looking for opportunities to learn from other schools who are successful in offering executive education. One of such schools is ESMT - European School of Management and Technology in Berlin. ESMT was founded in 2002 by 25 leading German corporations. Today, it is placed 12th globally in Financial Times combined ranking of executive education programs.

On April 3, Prof. dr. Konstantin Korotov who runs a number of executive education programmes globally will be visiting VU. We would like to invite you for his

**Date:** Monday, April 3  
**Time:** 15:00 – 16:30 + reception afterwards  
**Location:** ALMA room, 10th floor VU OZW Building  
**Registration:** Please register by emailing to Niki Konijn (n.m.konijn@vu.nl)

**Content**

Prof. Korotov's talk summarizes an exploration on how participants in executive education programs experience their involvement in such types of professional development, what challenges they face, and what expectations they have of the education providers. Understanding of the participants' view and experiences should support faculty involved in executive education in designing and delivering programs with more efficiency and value to the participants and their organizations. The talk is based on published research and work in progress, as well as personal experience of the speaker as an executive education faculty member and program director.

For a short biography please click [here](#).