UPCOMING EVENTS

**FADO: Seminar: May 22, 2014: Lia van Wesenbeeck and Menno Pradhan**

Lia van Wesenbeeck (SOW-VU) and Menno Pradhan (Development Economics) will deliver two presentations on the topic “Public Policy”. This event will take place in room 7A-06 at 12:00-13:00. Lunch will be provided.

NEWS

**NWO TOP grant of 885K Euro for logistics research in “Network planning and contract design for cross chain control in cash networks”**

The FEWEB logistics research group (Wout Dullaert, Sander de Leeuw, Olli Bräysy, Pietro De Giovanni and Karin de Smidt-Destombes) received an NWO TOP grant of 885K Euro together with the OR group (Bernd Heidergott, Joaquim Gromicho and Leen Stougie) for research in optimizing cash distribution networks. It is one of four proposals that have been awarded a grant during the recent NWO TOP grant proposal round. The TOP grant round welcomed proposals related to the Social Infrastructure research agenda, the research agenda of the top sector Logistics, or the research agenda of the top sector Creative Industries. Research groups were required to set up a consortium with external public and/or private partners willing to contribute to the execution and funding of the research. In total 26 proposals have been submitted for funding of which four have been awarded with a grant.

The winning VU project is backed by industrial partners Geld Services Nederland (GSN) and ORTEC, who contribute 20% of the total project value as well as their leading professional expertise. GSN, a joint venture of the major banks in the Netherlands, manages the cash distribution in the Netherlands. ORTEC is a global software provider in the area of optimization of logistics planning.

Despite its practical relevance and academic research challenges, the distribution of cash has received relatively little scientific attention. The project aims to fill this gap by developing strategies and methods to increase efficiency and effectiveness of distribution of cash in networks by integrating transport, maintenance and inventory decisions. A core difficulty in developing these strategies and methods is that a minimum level of uncertainty needs to be guaranteed for security reasons to prevent that distribution routes become predictable. The project is furthermore focused at developing contracts to improve coordination between relevant stakeholders in the cash distribution network.

The grant enables the team to appoint two PhD candidates as well as a post doctoral researcher for a period of 4 years. The announcement (in Dutch) is also available on the [NWO site](#).
Accounting: Symposium: June 2, 2014: Erich Kirchler, Michiel Denkers and Juan P. Mendoza
Henri C. Dekker and Jacco L. Wielhouwer organise a symposium titled ‘Trust, compliance and regulation: possibilities and risks of trust-based regulation’. Can authorities trust firms and individuals? Speakers will be Erich Kirchler (Professor of Economic Psychology University of Vienna), Michiel Denkers (Head of supervision Netherlands Authority of the Financial Markets AFM) and Juan P. Mendoza (Researcher VU University Amsterdam). It will be held on June 2nd, from 9:30 till 12:30 in the Main Building, in Room Agora 2 (3rd floor). To register please send an email before May 16 to l.m.abinta@vu.nl
The symposium will be followed by the PhD defence of Juan P. Mendoza.

ABRI: PhD Defence: June 2, 2014: Juan P. Mendoza
Juan P. Mendoza will defend his dissertation “Trust-based Regulation” on June 2 at 13:45 in the Aula at the VU University Amsterdam.

ABRI: Lunch seminar: June 10, 2014: Tom Meyvis
Dr. Tom Meyvis from New York University Stern School of Business will present his work “Building a Better Experience: Increasing Enjoyment through Experience Restructuring”. The seminar will take place on Tuesday, June 10 from 12:00-13:00 in room 2A-06 (VU University main building) and will include lunch. To register for this event, please send an email to n.m.konijn@vu.nl before June 9.

ABRI: Research Seminar: June 10, 2014: Montserrat Prats Lopez
Montserrat Prats Lopez will present her paper titled “Crowdsourcing for exploration: consequences for coordination and identity” on June 10, from 16:00 – 17:00 in BelleVUe room 0H-20.

ABRI Barbeque: June 10th, 2014
All members of the ABRI community are invited to a barbeque that will take place next June 10th at 17:00. The exact location will be announced in due time. If you want to join the ABRI barbeque send an email before June 3rd to m.diezdonoso@vu.nl.

ETDW: Workshop: June 27 and 28: Michael Lounsbury, David Seidl and others
The 3rd European Theory Development Workshop will be held on the 27th and 28th of June at VU University, Amsterdam. The workshop is an initiative of a number of leading European business schools and provides European researchers with an opportunity to present and share papers with the editors of the leading theory journals in the field including the Academy of Management Review, Organization Science, Journal of Management Studies and Organization Studies. The overall purpose of the workshop is developmental, with editors and experienced senior colleagues providing feedback and helping to get papers a step closer to publication. More than 60 of the leading researchers in business and management will be on campus for those two days, including the two keynote speakers for this year’s event: Michael Lounsbury (University of Alberta) and David Seidl (University of Zurich). They will work hard during the day, but will enjoy the picturesque scenery and urban cool of Amsterdam during a social event on the Friday evening.

ABRI: PhD Defence: July 7, 2014: Chen Fleisher
Chen Fleisher will defend his dissertation titled “The contemporary career navigator: Individual and organizational outcomes of self-directed career management” on July 7 at 11:45 in the Aula at the VU University Amsterdam.