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NWO Grant for Paul Jansen, Matthijs Bal and Frank Hakemulder
Paul Jansen (VU University), Matthijs Bal (formerly VU University, presently University of Bath) and Frank Hakemulder (Utrecht University) have received a 900,000 euro grant from NWO for a research project called 'Uses of Literary Narrative Fiction in Social Contexts: Changes in Self and Social Perceptions'.

The project aims to understand how narrative fiction has the ability to change people’s self and social perceptions, and research will be conducted in both the education setting (i.e., classrooms at secondary schools), as well as the workplace. Part of the project specifically aims at investigating how narrative fiction can be used in the workplace, such as in training and development programs. The grant allows the team to employ a post-doc researcher, a PhD student in Educational Science, and one PhD-student in Management, who will be employed on FEWEB. The interdisciplinary team in the research project brings together researchers from literary science, educational science, language science, and management science.
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ABRI: Lunch and Seminar: March 11, 2014: Dr. Jeff Treem
Dr. Jeff Treem, from the University of Texas at Austin, will present his work “We Don’t Want Facebook at Work: Exploring Resistance to Enterprise Social Media” on March 11. The seminar will take place on Tuesday, March 11th from 12:00-13:00 in room 10A-04 (VU main building) and will include lunch. To register for this event, please send an email to: n.m.konijn@vu.nl before March 10th.

ABRI: Research Seminar: March 18, 2014: Lin Jia
Lin Jia will present the paper titled “Business Model: A Marketing Perspective” on March 18. More information about this event will be available in due course.

FADO: Seminar: March 27, 2014: Pieter Gautier and Albert Menkveld NEW
Pieter Gautier (Economics) and Albert Menkveld (Finance) will give two presentations on the topic: “Markets with frictions”. This session will be chaired by Willem Verschoor. The seminar will take place in room 7A-06 from 12.00-13.00. Lunch will be provided.

FADO: Seminar: April 10, 2014: Eric Bartelsman and Peren Ozturan
Eric Bartelsman (Economics) and Peren Ozturan (Marketing) will give two presentations on the topic “Economic Crisis”. The seminar will take place in room 7A-09 at 12:00-13:00. Lunch will be provided.

FADO: Seminar: May 8, 2014: Suzanne van der Ster and Gabor Maroti
Suzanne van der Ster (Econometrics) and Gabor Maroti (ILI) will deliver two presentations on the topic “Scheduling”. The seminar will take place in room 7A-09 at 12:00-13:00. Lunch will be provided.

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.