ACE Venture Lab: Bootcamp: May 11 – 15, 2015
ACE Venture Lab organizes a 5-day Bootcamp for researchers, senior scientists and MSc students. Registration to this event has been closed. Read more about the programme. For questions contact jeroen@ace-vlab.nl.

General: Ascension Day: May 14, 2015
Due to Ascension day ABRI WE will not be published on 14 May. The next ABRI WE will appear on May 21.

ABRI: Research Seminar: May 19, 2015: Anne Kranzbühler
Anne Kranzbühler will present her paper “The differential effects of expert and peer advice in health care decision making” on May 19, from 16:00 – 17:00 in BelleVUe room 0H-19. Drinks in the Basket will follow the seminar.

Limperg Instituut: Symposium: May 20, 2015
The Stuurgroep Statistical Auditing of the Limperg Instituut organizes a Symposium “Auditkwaliteit geborgd” on May 20, in the Auditorium of VU University, from 13:00 – 18:00. Registration to this event has been closed. For more information click here.

FADO: Seminar: May 21, 2015: Dominic Detzen and Stefan Heusinkveld
Dominic Detzen (Accounting) and Stefan Heusinkveld (M&O) will deliver two presentations on the topic “Professionals under pressure”. The event will take place in room 7A-06 at 12:00 – 13:00. Lunch will be provided.

M&O: Lunch Seminar: May 21, 2015: Luca Carollo
On May 21, Luca Carollo from the University of Milan (Italy) will present his paper entitled “CSR managers talk: occupational rhetoric between continuity and change in organizations” The seminar will take place from 12:30-13:30hrs in room 8A-44 (and will include lunch). For the abstract please click here.

HIGHLIGHTED RESEARCH CENTRE: VU CHINA RESEARCH CENTRE (VCRC) WEEK 19
China used to be that faraway origin of cheap goods and the region where all multinationals were trying to set up shop. We were caught off guard, when China was pronounced the world’s second economy in 2010 and during the following years Chinese companies started buying up European businesses or setting up new companies in our backyard. The same happened with Japan a few decades earlier. Academics then vied to study the driving forces behind that Japanese miracle. However, in the case of China, in spite of the fact
that an entire bookstore could be filled with books introducing China alone, the people in the field only find their Chinese counterparts puzzling and their behaviour hard to comprehend.

In my opinion, the reason behind this lack of understanding is that modern China studies have started on the wrong foot. Most researchers take the converging point of view, i.e. the idea that people of all regions of the globe are converging towards Western values and practices, for granted. I challenge that belief and instead contend that social practice in a certain region can only be understood from the perspective of the people in that region. My own research is based on the approach and the VCRC is collecting a growing group of researcher sharing this basic assumption. This is not restricted to business studies.

VU researchers from the faculties of Law and Social Sciences may join and I regularly scout for suitable Chinese PhD candidates to add to our research force. The following is a list of research projects that already are in various stages of execution:

- **Chinese Organizing Processes** – Peter Peverelli (VU FEWEB); fundamental research studying Chinese organizing processes and the social embeddedness of Chinese organizations.
- **Sources of China Entrepreneurship** - Peter Peverelli (VU FEWEB), Lynda Song (Renmin University of China); this is a long-term (8 years already) project studying the social capital of Chinese entrepreneurs.
- **Chinese Investment in Europe** – Ma Yuan (Chinese PhD candidate, VU FSW); This research focuses on the influence of the personal motivations of the managers involved.
- **Multi-religious Chinese Families** – Bram Colijn (PhD candidate, VU Theology); The central question of this project is: How are family rituals negotiated between Protestants and practitioners of Popular Religion in Xiamen?

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**EVENT OVERVIEW**

**SPRING 2015**

**PhD Council: Social Activity and Dinner: May 27, 2015**
The Social Activity and the PhD Dinner will take place on May 27. The activity will either be climbing or laser gaming. Dinner will be at 19:00. More information to be announced.

**FEWEB: Farewell Lecture: May 29, 2015: Léon de Caluwé**
On May 29 at 15:45 in the Aula prof.dr. L.I.A. de Caluwé will deliver his farewell lecture titled “Spannend veranderen: over spanningen bij veranderen en adviseren”.

**ABRI: Junior Researcher Graduation Day: May 29, 2015**
The Junior Researcher Graduation Day will be on May 29 (afternoon) in BelleVUe, room BV 1H17. Save the date!

**ABRI: PhD Defence: June 1, 2015: Linn Kolbe**
Linn Kolbe will defend her dissertation titled “The mindset of the R&D professional: Decision making in innovative contexts” on June 1 at 15:45 in the Aula of the Main Building of the VU University Amsterdam. For more information please click here.

**ABRI: Lunch Seminar: June 1, 2015: Charles Hofacker**
Charles Hofacker from Florida State University will present his work titled “Towards Information-Dominant Logic: The Growing Centrality of Information Products in Marketing”. Please click here for an abstract of his work. The seminar will take place on Monday, June 1st from 12:00-13:00 in room BV 0H-21 (BelleVUe Building) and will include lunch. To register for this event, please send an e-mail to: m.diezdonoso@vu.nl before May 28th, 2015.

**ABRI: Junior Researcher Application Deadline: June 1, 2015**
For excellent master students who are considering to do a PhD in business, organisation or management, ABRI offers the opportunity to spend 8 months in a paid position as a Junior Researcher. The position includes an advanced research study as part of the ABRI Doctoral Programme in Business and
Organisation, as well as a research position with Amsterdam Business Research Institute (ABRI). The programme’s goal is to develop a PhD proposal, to experience real scientific research with 2-3 research groups within ABRI, and to develop academic research and writing skills. Top students who are interested in this programme can find more information about the application procedure on the ABRI website.

ABRI: Seminar: June 2, 2015: Jani Merikivi
Jani Merikivi will present his paper entitled “Binge watching: a system usage perspective” on June 2 between 12:00-13:00 in room BV 1H17 (BelleVUe Building). Lunch will be included. To register for this event, please send an e-mail to: m.diezdonoso@vu.nl before May 28th, 2015. For the biography and abstract please click here.

M&O: Research Day: June 4, 2015
This 2nd research day, which will be held on the 4 June, from 13-17h. will (mainly) consist of paper presentations, both plenary and round table sessions, and we’ll close with drinks and snacks. For more information email bart.de.jong@vu.nl.

ACE: Let’s get started: June 8, 2015
Let’s Get Started (formerly known as Entrepreneurship Day) is an event organized by the Sefa Master Study Club Entrepreneurship, powered by the Amsterdam Center for Entrepreneurship. The event provides students with hands-on, practical knowledge with regard to the process of starting up their own business. It will be held on 8 June from 13:00 – 19:00 in the Zilveren Toren, Stationsplein 51-53, Amsterdam. For more information and registration click here.

ACE: Ondernemerscafé: June 15, 2015
ACE Connect organizes an Ondernemerscafé – titled Crowdfunding -- at Amsterdamse Academische Club, starting 19:30. For students, (beginning) entrepreneurs and other people interested in entrepreneurship. For more information please click here.

ABRI: Research Seminar: June 16, 2015: Susan Hilbolling
Susan Hilbolling will present her paper “Beyond synchronicity: the temporality of coupling and decoupling in innovation processes” on June 16, from 16:00 – 17:00 in BelleVUe room 0H-19. The seminar will be followed by a barbecue.

ABRI: Deadline Application PhD position: June 18, 2015
The deadline for application to a fully funded PhD position in Management and Organisation in collaboration with Royal HaskoningDHV is on June 18. For more information please click here.

ABRI: Workshop on Quantitative Cross-Cultural Research Methods: June 23 – 26, 2015
This event has been cancelled.

FEWEB: VU Business school kick-off: June 30, 2015
On Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at 14:00 in Agora 1 the kick-off of the VU Business school will take place, followed by the Educational Award Ceremony for best Junior lecturer, best Senior Lecturer and best Student of 2014-2015. Following this there will be the Faculty Drink.

ABRI: KIN Summer School: July 6 - 9, 2015
This KIN Summer School is organized by the KIN Research Group of the VU University Amsterdam (www.kinresearch.nl) together with the Amsterdam Business Research Institute (ABRI). During 4 intensive days participants and faculty will discuss research in the field of IT, Knowledge and Innovation. The teaching faculty consists of an international group of professors, known for their research in the field: Samer Faraj (McGill University, Canada), Raghu Garud (Penn State University, USA), Michael Barrett (Judge Business School, Cambridge University, UK), Ulrike Schultze (Cox business school SMU, USA) and Marleen Huysman (KIN Research, VU University Amsterdam). For more information click here.

ACE and Rabobank: Summer School Ondernemerschap: July 6 -10
This event is for students who are planning to start their own business or who have already begun. During
this summer school a complete business plan will be created. Experts from Rabobank Amsterdam, the Amsterdam Center for Entrepreneurship (ACE) and successful entrepreneurs will help with the start-up or development of your business. The courses will be in Dutch. For more information please click here.

ACE: Summer School: July 20 – 31
During the Amsterdam Summer School in July ACE offers international students the summer course New Venture Creation/Entrepreneurship. The course will take place from 20 July till 31 July at VU University. The course is intended for international students from all disciplines (so not only Business Studies) who are interested in the subject of New Venture Creation and Entrepreneurship. The aim is to have a very diverse and international group of students. For more information please click here.