UPCOMING EVENTS

ABRI: Junior Researchers introductory session: October 3, 2014
We welcome the new Junior Researchers to this introduction and information session to get acquainted with the Junior Researcher position, VU University, the colleagues, the course work and ABRI. VU University, Main Building 9A-10, on October 3rd from 11:00-13:30. Lunch will be provided.

NEW PHDS

Please Welcome our New PhDs!

WENDY GÜNTHER
My research focuses on business model innovation enabled by the opportunities offered through business analytics and data sciences. This includes studying the use of big data and its influence on existing business models, as well as the changes that come about when data-driven business models become embedded within the organization.

SUSAN HILBOLLING
The topic of my PhD research is inter-organisational collaborations in digital innovation, with a special interest in the role of time, i.e. how do participating organisations manage temporal complexities in collaborative innovation processes.

NIENKE HOFSTRA
Performance management in distribution networks with heterogeneous nodes.
It has proven difficult to translate logistics performance targets at network level into targets for its network nodes. Logistics Service Providers (LSPs) networks exhibit great node diversity, contributing to the complexity of managing logistics networks and aligning performance targets. In this research, we study how to determine and manage the performance of networks that exhibit great node diversity. This is important for academia as it increases understanding on internal collaboration in logistics networks and provides insight in how existing theories about the relationship between performance targets are applicable in a novel research setting.
JOCHEM HUMMEL
The focus of our study is on researching the organizational dynamics of large-scale, multi-actor collaborations, where we inter alia investigate how different attributes of organizational design relate to human capital development and utilization. The empirical setting of our study is the research organization CERN, where we will observe how networks of multiple heterogeneous actors—for example, universities and industrial firms—collaborate across their organizational and disciplinary boundaries in order to solve some of the most challenging technological and scientific problems.

NATALJA LAUREY
I started my PhD in the KIN research group at the department of Information, Logistics, and Innovation on the topic of 'New Ways of Working'. More specifically, my research is on the effects of new technologies on work processes. I will use a human-centered perspective, paying attention to both micro everyday practices and larger power dynamics.

NICK OOSTERVINK
My research interests include enterprise social media and knowledge sharing. Focussing on institutional logics, and using a qualititative research approach, I aim to study the institutional complexity that emerges when enterprise social media are introduced in organisations.

KATIE STEPHENSON
My research focuses on the tensions that emerge due to an organizational change specifically when it transitions from tradition offices to open offices with shared desks. I am interested in examining the dynamics of space and group processes, identity, power and work practices.

NIKKI VAN DAM
I will be a Junior Researcher in the Management & Organizations department, working with Brian Spisak on leadership research. Besides my thesis on leadership profiles and sustainability in companies, I have a broad interest in many different topics and academic fields. With a Bachelor degree in psychology I have developed a special interest in the role of hormones and biological processes in the business environment. The interdisciplinary focus of the JR program is what caught my attention. Therefore, I am looking forward to upcoming months and hope to explore many new areas of academic knowledge.
SANNE VAN DUIN
I graduated cum laude from VU university in 2013 with a bachelor degree in economics and business economics. In 2014, I graduated cum laude with a master degree in accounting and control. I will start my academic career as junior researcher at ABRI under supervision of dr. J.L. Wielhouwer and dr. H.C. Dekker. My research is about compliance with regulation in the setting of financial intermediation. It focuses on three topics: how firm characteristics are associated with compliance, the association between the compliance with law and the ultimate objective of the regulation and the effect of AFM interventions on intermediary behaviour.

GERBEN DE JONG
I am a research enthusiast and recent Business Administration (specialization: Transport & Supply Chain Management) graduate. My main research interests are consumer behaviour, preferences and choice, while regarding transport markets (especially air transport) as particularly interesting areas to study these phenomena. Generally, however, I am interested in all sorts of quantitative modelling and statistics. In my spare time, I am a regular visitor- and board member of the local table tennis club. Furthermore, I love to spend my time in a reading chair (mostly newspapers and non-fiction), the kitchen or an art-house cinema.

MARK KOKKELINK
Last august I graduated from the master Transport & Supply Chain Management, at the VU. The motivation to learn new things, was one of the motivators which drove me to join the Junior Research programme, which I will be following this year. My main interests are how decisions are taken in a supply chain environment and how a performance measurement system can support the decision making. The research I will conduct in the JR programme is based on this interest. Supply chains are rapidly changing and an increasing number of factors complicate the decision making process. Furthermore there is a lack of a clear explanation of what measuring from supply chain perspective is. Therefore, this research will first investigate how companies currently take decisions to improve the supply chain, followed by examining what supply chain perspective is from a practical point of view and how supply chain performance can be measured. I am very excited to begin in October and hope to meet some of you and learn a lot in the upcoming year.

JUDITH PLOMP
During the junior research programme I will be conducting research on job crafting. I have obtained my master’s degree in Work and Organizational Psychology at the Erasmus University Rotterdam and also worked as an academic teacher at the EUR, supervising tutorial groups consisting of bachelor and master students. It was during this period that I became interested in what employees do to proactively adapt their job to their personal needs and preferences (i.e. job crafting). Research has already shown that job crafting is related to better job performance and wellbeing. More specifically, I aim to examine job crafting behaviours among temporary employees, for the reason that this group of workers is growing in numbers and is likely to draw heavily on proactive behaviours such as job crafting due to the temporary nature of their job. I am very much looking forward to the coming year, in which I hope to further improve my academic skills and be part of the business research team at the VU.
SUSANNE PREUß
I originally come from Hannover in Germany, where I finished my Bachelor studies in economics and simultaneously worked for the German Center for Research on Higher Education and Science Studies (DZHW). Having recently graduated in Financial Management at the Vrije Universiteit of Amsterdam, I am looking forward to continuing my journey as a Junior Researcher at the department of Accounting and Control. My academic interest focuses on the influence of politics on financial markets and financial reporting. I particularly question whether political connections or the political compliance of state and federal level can benefit enterprises in terms of stock performance or accounting enforcement.

EVENT OVERVIEW AUTUMN 2014

ARCA: Seminar: October 6: Joost van Buuren
On the 6th of October Joost van Buuren (Nyenrode University) will present his paper: “The Relationship of Auditor Tenure, Auditor Experience and Audit quality: Evidence from Audit Working Papers”. Room: 8A-44 VU Main Building, from 12.00-14.00. To register for the ARCA seminar, please send an email to l.m.abinta@vu.nl

ABRI: PhD Defence: October 6, 2014: Warren Volk-Makarewicz
Warren Volk-Makarewicz will defend his dissertation “Advances in Derivative Estimation: Ranked Data, Quantiles, and Options” on October 6 at 13:45 in the Auditorium at the VU University Amsterdam.

FEWEB: Debate ‘Herstel van vertrouwen in de financiële sector’: October 7, 2014
On 7 October at 16:00 – 18:00 FEWEB organizes a debate about rebuilding trust in the financial sector. The debate will take place in the Auditorium room (VU University main building). Registration for this event is mandatory. The discussions will be in Dutch. For more information please click here.

ARCA: Seminar, October 13: Stephen Hollander
On the 13th of October Stephen Hollander (Tilburg University) will present his paper: "The Price of Silence: When No One Asks Questions During Conference Calls". Room: 8A-44 VU Main Building, from 12.00 - 14.00. Registration for the seminar has not yet been opened.

ACE: Research Seminar, October 14: Carina Lomberg
The Amsterdam Center for Entrepreneurship invites you to the Research Seminar by Carina Lomberg of the University of Bern. This seminar will take place at the VU University, room 0G-25 (main building), on October 14 from 12.30-13.30. Please register via ace-feb@uva.nl. To read more about this seminars please click here.

ABRI: Research Seminar: October 21, 2014: Brian Doornenbal
Brian Doornenbal will present his paper titled “Deference in Teams” on October 21, from 16:00 – 17.00 in BelleVue room 0H-53. Drinks in the Basket will follow the seminar.

ABRI: MSc Honours Programme in Business Research Graduation event: October 22, 2014
The ABRI MSc Honours Programme in Business Research students will celebrate their Graduation on October 22nd 2014 at 15:30h in room 0H54. The Graduation will serve as a finalizing event to close the Honours year with a great group of students. The Graduation will be followed by some drinks in The Basket.

FADO: Seminar: October 23, 2014: Elko Klijn and Bart Bruin
Elko Klijn (M&O) and Bart Bruin (Accounting) will deliver two presentations on the topic “Dynamics of Interfirm Relationships”. This event will take place in room 1A-10 at 12:00 – 13:00. Lunch will be provided.
ARCA: Seminar: November 3, 2014: Hai Lu
On the 3rd of November Hai Lu (University of Toronto) will present the paper "The Benefits of Specific Risk-Factor Disclosures". Room 8A-44 VU Main Building, from 12.00 - 14.00. Registration for the seminar has not yet been opened.

ABRI: 5th Anniversary Symposium: November 5, 2014
ABRI is pleased to invite you to its 5th Anniversary Symposium: "The mobile workforce and the apocalypse of the traditional workplace: How contemporary "Kandinskys" challenge management and work practices in professional services firms". The symposium will take place on November 5, from 14:45 – 19:00 in the Auditorium room of VU University (Main Building). In the previous ABRI WE the opening time was not given correctly.

ARCA: Seminar: November 17, 2014: Jacco Wielhouwer
On the 17th of November Jacco Wielhouwer (VU Amsterdam) will present his paper “Tax Loss Carry Forwards and Investment Decisions”. Room 8A-44 VU Main Building, from 12.00 - 14.00. Registration for the seminar has not yet been opened.

ABRI: Research Seminar: November 18, 2014: Katie Stephenson
Katie Stephenson will present her paper "Power and agency in organizational spaces" on November 18, from 16:00 – 17:00 in BelleVUe room 0H-54. Drinks in the Basket will follow the seminar.

FADO: Seminar: November 20, 2014: Jan Rouwendal and Florian Sniekers
Jan Rouwendal (Spatial Economics) and Florian Sniekers (Economics) will deliver two presentations on the topic "Housing market". This event will take place in room 9A-10 at 12:00 – 13:00. Lunch will be provided.