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UPCOMING EVENTS

**ARCA Seminar Monika Causholli - 9 October**
Monika Causholli (University of Kentucky) will present her paper (co-authored with Nicole Jenkins, Scott Soltis, and Theresa Floyd) titled: “The Ties that Bind: Knowledge Sharing Networks and Auditor Performance”. This seminar will take place on Monday, October 9 from 12.00 to 14.00 in 8A-44 VU Main building. To register for the ARCA seminar, please send an email to: [l.m.abinta@vu.nl](mailto:l.m.abinta@vu.nl)

**PhD Defence Mariëtte Kaandorp - 9 October**
Mariëtte Kaandorp will defend her thesis titled "Creating from within: A study on interpersonal networking approaches and intuition in task-related interaction" on 9 October at 13:45 in the Aula. For more information please click [here](#).

NEWS

**Bert Breij successfully defended his PhD thesis**
On August 28, Bert Breij successfully defended his doctoral dissertation, titled “Quitting work at an earlier

**Personal freedom is more important than money**
It looks like that especially the healthy older workers stops working earlier. They prefer personal freedom over more money. They feel that it has been enough
stage to remain healthy and active; why older lower and secondary skilled technicians with good job prospects opt for voluntary early retirement”. Bert Breij started his PhD research in January 2014 as a participant in ABRI’s part-time PhD programme, and completed his dissertation within 3.5 years, under supervision of Prof. dr. Paul Jansen and Dr. Ruud Vreeman.

Bert Breij’s PhD research shows that older lower and secondary skilled technicians opt for voluntary early retirement because they feel threatened by their current working conditions, which they consider as a threat to their health. This group of elderly people is healthy, love to work, and is employable.

and they want to steer their lives in a different direction. They take advantage of the possibility of early retirement.

**Binding with the employer decreases**

Their sense of commitment with the employer has decreased in the past five years before their departure. They feel a business-like but no warm involvement of their employer and consider a unreliable government. They feel that they have been working for so long. They do not want to make mistakes in their choice, because they want to enjoy their retirement in good health. However, they still enjoy working, they mention the love for their trade and the presence of colleagues.

**Influence of the partner**

The partner has the greatest influence on making the decision. The craftsmen find themselves optimistic people. The research clearly shows that psychological factors dominate. The results of the dissertation of Breij therefore give every reason to investigate at a nationwide level how many people are involved. More information about the dissertation in [PURE](#).

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**Hermine Weijland Fellowship for Female Academic Talent**

The School of Business and Economics established the Hermine Weijland Fellowship in 2017 with the aim of attracting and promoting female academic talent.

The establishment of this prestigious fellowship seeks to encourage promising female academics to join the faculty and to improve the gender balance at senior levels. The Hermine Weijland Fellowship focuses on promising scientists who specialize in research in the field of Economics and Business Administration. Candidates are expected to distinguish themselves through their well-defined teaching and research profile and their clear potential and ambition to achieve the position of full professor. The fellowship will be used to recruit two Assistant/Associate Professors every year.

The fellowship bears the name of Hermine Weijland (1932-2001), who started at the faculty in the 1960s, first as a student, and later as an employee. She was one of the first women to attain her PhD at the faculty and went on to build a successful career as an academic. Hermine’s life and outlook can still serve as
inspiration for female academics today.

More information about fellowship

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