



Introduction programme SV Eureka 2020: Utopia/Dystopia

This year, SV Eureka provides two weeks filled with (optional) activities in theme with the plenary meeting at the beginning of the academic year. These are not only meant as a way to get to know other honours students, but also to provide a fun and somewhat start to the academic year. Not a

Eureka-member yet? Sign up [here](#)! This is the first year that

the HHP is open to non-Dutch speaking students, so not everything is available in English yet. We're hard at work translating the [website](#) and Facebookposts and events will from now on also include an English translation. You can also join our (mainly Dutch) [Whatsappgroup](#). If you have any questions about the programme, Eureka or anything else, don't be afraid to email us at eureka.sv@gmail.com. Make sure you join the Eureka Teams to participate in our online activities! Use the code bxwi2d8 or this link: [teamslink SV Eureka](#)

ATTENTION: Because of coronavirus measures it is unclear yet whether or not the physical activities can actually take place. Sign up if you are interested in one of the activities, so we can let you know if the activity can take place (online).

Activities

Idolizing speed – contest in making futuristic collages

Date: The deadline is on the 11th of September at 12:00

'We affirm that the world's magnificence has been enriched by a new beauty: the beauty of speed.'

With these words, Filippo Marinetti proclaimed his ideas about the future of art in the first Manifesto of Futurism. This utopian future will take center stage in this art contest. Take a walk in the shoes of the artists that followed Marinetti's rallying cry and create speed on paper.

Send a photo of your collage to intro.sveureka@gmail.com before September 11, 12:00, to join the contest.

Online or offline opportunity for questions

Date: 02-09-2020

Time and place: 13:15-15:00, Griftpark / MS Teams

What is 'Being good at humanities' exactly? Can I still go abroad while following the honours programme? What does a perfect world look like? How does organising an activity for my portfolio work? Is our future a dystopian nightmare? Which Eureka committee is the most fun? On the second of September, you can ask all these questions and more. If you don't have any specific questions, but just want to talk to some other honours students, you are welcome as well! If you are not comfortable joining us in real life, feel free to ask your questions through email, Whatsapp or in another creative way. [Sign up via this link.](#)

Movie night (or afternoon)

Date: 02-09-2020

Time and place: 14:00-17:00 D25 203 / 20:15, MS Teams

On every first Wednesday of the month, it's movie night at Eureka. One of our members picks a film that we watch together and discuss. Usually, this takes place next to the Eurekamer (association room) at Drift 13, but because of corona we have had to switch temporarily to MS Teams. This time, we will watch the Norse film "The Bothersome Man". In this award-winning film a man finds himself in a seemingly ideal city without remembering how he got there. The perfect world turns out to be so sterile, that the city is more of a dystopia than a utopia. We follow the protagonist as he struggles finding his way in this new world. Come watch this dystopian movie with us and join in on the "gezellige" discussion afterwards! Sign up via this [link](#).

TedTalk & Chill

Date: 03-09-2020

Time and place: 15:00-17:00, MS Teams

An important part of Eureka is the general willingness for debate (also known as "debat en polemie") in the association room and during events. On this Thursday, the theme of the controversy will be dystopia and utopia. The basis for discussion will be two TedTalks which we will watch together. The first of these posits the thought that utopian thinking might be counterproductive and might have negative effects. The second video poses the question whether utopias might be possible. Depending on the size of the group we will either split up in two groups, one part discussing the first video while the others tackle the second, or choose one to discuss together.

Spend your Thursday afternoon on the third of September between 15:00-17:00 in an academically responsible way and join us in friendly debate. Please register via the link and inform us which TedTalk you would prefer to talk about.

How to build a world: online Catan evening

Date: 04-09-2020

Time and place: 19:00-21:30, MS Teams

If it has always been your dream to follow the footsteps of a sixteenth century explorer, this game night is perfect for you. On the evening of the 4th of September the introduction committee organises an online session via the app Catan Universe, which we will provide to you. More information will follow soon, so sign up [here](#)!

Utopian Utrecht: a city tour by Koen Ottenheym

Date: 04-09-2020

Time and place: 11:00-13:00, meetup at Janskerkhof

During this walking tour, Koen Ottenheym will tell you enthusiastically about the influence of utopian thought on the architecture and city plan of Utrecht.

Come walk with us! Do remember to sign up, so we can keep you updated if the activity can't take place due to the corona measures.

[Sign up here](#)

Book club Fahrenheit 451

Date: 07-09-2020

Time and place: 19:30-21:00, MS Teams

Did you finish your assignment yet? Because on monday the 7th of September it is time for the book club! Prepare for an evening filled with discussion, polemics and new insights into the book. This time we're reading Ray Bradbury's dystopian classic "Fahrenheit 451", to stay with the week's theme. So read the book, part of it or maybe just an extract and join the discussion! Signing up is not necessary.

Pizza picnic

Date: 08-09-2020

Time and place: 18:00, Griftpark

If we are able and allowed to, we will enjoy a true honours classic with you: free pizza! It is quite unsure if this activity will be able to happen. If you would like to stay updated, please [sign up here](#)

Online drinks

Date: 08-09-2020

Time and place: 21:00, MS Teams

Tuesday the 8th of September it is time for the first drinks of the academic year. In the battle between utopia and dystopia we can give the utopian side an advantage. How do we do it? By celebrating the good life with a drink and your (new) Eureka friends! Join us and take part in the "gezelligheid". The Eureka MS Teams can be found via the code bxwi2d8 or this link: [MS teams-link SV Eureka](#).

Online committee market

Date: 09-09-2020

Time and place: 20:00-22:00, MS Teams

SV Eureka does not just provide help with organising individual events, it also offers ten committees which make sure the year is filled with great activities. One of the other attachments of this mail offers a short overview, but on the ninth there is a chance to meet members of the committees, ask questions, or even to join up!

Escaping Dystopia: online escape room

Date: 11-09-2020

Time and place: 17:15-20:00

Friday the 11th of September a battle begins....

.... a battle against the clock....

You and a teammate have one hour to escape a hellish world called "Dystopia". Are you able to escape before time runs out?

Upon [signing up](#) you will be sent an envelope containing everything you need to play the escape room game and will be assigned a partner. Further info can be found in the rules.