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| UpdaTE > March 2018**This bulletin aims to supply all employees of the department Applied Economics with relevant information. We will keep you up to date on procedures, interesting information and events. If you have any questions or comments, or if you would like to post information, please contact Manuela** **(ettekoven@ese.eur.nl****).**dots.gifSophie van der Zee wins Police & Science grantDr Sophie van der Zee has obtained a Police & Science grant to the amount of 47,000 euros. With this stand-alone research programme the Dutch national police is engaging with science. Click [here](https://www.eur.nl/en/ese/news/sophie-van-der-zee-wins-police-science-grant) to read the complete article.dots.gifPublicationsWe have the intention to place publications of the staff of Applied Economics in this newsletter. So if you have a publication please send the information and the link to the article to Manuela.dots.gifSecretarial Support Office (SSO) / Operation ManagerAs from January 2018, the secretariats of the ESE have been restructured into the Secretarial Support Office. The SSO will be managed by Ramona Ligthart. If you have any requests or comments about secretarial support, please contact Manuela, she will coordinate the demand of the department with the SSO.In recent years, the tasks and responsibilities of the Office Manager have changed and that is why the title of the Office Manager has changed into Operations Manager (in Dutch Coördinator Bedrijfsvoering).dots.gifProfile pagesThe new profile pages are online again. Please check if your page is available on [www.eur.nl/en/ese/people](http://www.eur.nl/en/ese/people). dots.gifResearch AssistantsThe department can appoint two Mphil students per year as Research Assistants. The appointment should be between 0.2 fte – 0.5 fte per student. Please bear in mind that international students may be limited by law in the number of hours they are allowed to work. See also enclosed letter for more information. dots.gifPublications in MetisAs soon as you have a publication, it is necessary to fill in Metis. This is really important because Metis is for example linked with your profile page.dots.gifFrom Blackboard to CanvasAs you may have heard, our learning management system Blackboard will be replaced by Canvas. The whole university, including ESE, will switch to Canvas by **September 2018**. Canvas is user-friendly, customizable and it offers a lot of possibilities to equip teachers for today’s educational challenges. In fact, some of your colleagues at ESE have already been started their course in Canvas! To get a general idea of Canvas, check it out on: <https://www.canvaslms.com/higher-education/> SupportThe switch from Blackboard to Canvas will be supported by our ESE Implementation team. Our team will organize several kick off meetings and training sessions for everyone who is interested. We will keep you up-to-date via newsletters, e-mail and website. Contact us: canvas@ese.eur.nl dots.gifAgenda* 07 June ESE-bility afternoon, 13.00 – 20.00
* 29 June Department Outing, 13.30 – 20.00

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* Sunday 1 April - Easter Sunday
* Monday 2 April - Easter Monday
* Friday 27 April - King’s Day
* Saturday 5 May - Liberation Day
* Thursday 10 May - Ascension Day
* Sunday 20 May - Whit Sunday
* Monday 21 May - Whit Monday
* Tuesday 25 December - Christmas
* Wednesday 26 December - Christmas Boxing Day

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* **Sandra Phlippen** UD, started 1 March 2018

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 \\campus.eur.nl\shared\departments\ESE-TE-OM\HR\Personeel\WP\Hinke, Von\Foto 2018.pngI am **Stephanie von Hinke** and I joined the Erasmus School of Economics on a part-time basis as of 1 March 2018. My other appointment is at the University of Bristol, United Kingdom. My research interests are in health economics and applied microeconometrics. My research covers two main areas. First, I examine the use of genetic data in economics research. This interdisciplinary work includes policy-relevant applications, looking at genetic and environmental determinants of health and education. Second, I am interested in the economics of obesity, diet and nutrition, looking at both potential causes and consequences of the recent rise in body weight, as well as at evaluating ways to improve dietary choices. Prior to ESE and Bristol, I was at the University of York (2011-2014) and Imperial College London (2009-2011), and I have held visiting positions at Cornell, the Institute for Fiscal Studies, and VU University Amsterdam. dots.gif\\campus.eur.nl\shared\departments\ESE-TE-OM\HR\Personeel\WP\Phlippen, Sandra\Foto.pngI am **Sandra Phlippen** and since March 1st I have started as an assistant professor (0.2fte) at applied economics, my Alma mater. My work will combine research and journalism, focusing on a variation of topical subjects. One theme that interests me for example is labor market transition. Which are the required skills in sectors where current tasks are rapidly becoming obsolete? Policymakers mainly see worker retraining as a solution, but in practice it's rarely being applied. Can workers identify their own skills from the daily tasks they execute? Can they imagine other occupations where they could apply those skills? My feeling is that in many sectors people can't and they therefore get stuck in professions that are likely to no longer provide job security in the long run. I would like to use available data to see whether this problem actually occurs, and work with labor market institutions to experiment with providing people with information about jobs that closely fit their current skill set and see whether that motivates them to invest in retraining.  Besides my own research agenda, I am also here to bridge your research findings to a broader audience (via opinion articles or video). I have been working in journalism (both for a broad moderately educated readership and for scientific and policy readership) since I left here 8.5 years ago. Back in the days, I defended my PhD thesis on pharmaceutical innovation strategies and worked for another year at applied economics as an assistant professor. Coincidentally, Manuela gave me the exact same office I left from back then. It's H12-22. If you would like to know more about my study interests or if you want to share your own research findings with me, I’ll be very happy to have a coffee. Just mail or call me or drop by. I’m not completely sure but Fridays will most likely be my Erasmus day. dots.gif |
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