

FRIDAY
23rd OF MAY
2014



AMSTERDAM UNDERGROUND UNIVERSITY

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL START AT 3PM

BASEMENT
UNIVERSITEITSTHEATER
NIEUWE DOELENSTRAAT 16
AMSTERDAM

The Underground University is an unofficial, autonomous, student-led initiative in the UvA, offering a space to critically explore the inner workings of the university life, topics that are high on the student agenda, or issues that are usually left unspoken. Do you want to find out what is really going on amongst students? Come downstairs and check it out.

Buried Academia

Ongoing

Education is all about achievement nowadays, but in the small exhibition of the 'Buried Academia' we'll take you off the credit hunt and instead let you glimpse a treasure that has been recently found. Brought to us in a small time capsule are different contemporary witnesses of the past four decades; scripture and images document all the different projects of former academics during their time of study. This is only a small amount of what has been left behind. A selection of this fascinating archive will be inaugurated for educational and research purposes of current and future students.

Underground Library

Ongoing

No membership. No fees. Just books. The Underground Library is a place to bring books that are no longer wanted so others can read and enjoy them. Borrow, donate or both.

Give a Voice

15:30 & 16:45

The voice is a human tool that holds great potential. But are we conscious of the power that we have at our disposal? Is there anything you want to say about the University? What is your situation as a student or a teacher or as working person in this field? The workshop allows you the possibility to express your critical thoughts about the higher educational system through vocal experiments!

Tribute to the pharmaceutical industry

15:30 onwards

by Contemporary Pharmaceutical Concerns (C.P.C)

As students at the University Library we noticed the hype of taking Ritalin to enhance study results. The active substance in Ritalin is methylphenidate; a stimulant drug that can improve attention and mood. Doctors prescribe it for ADHD, narcolepsy, and in palliative care space. During breaks we were approached several times to buy Ritalin. It seems that taking such drugs to improve your academic performance has become a normality which we believe is not questioned enough. Our task is to critically engage with this topic.

Underground Experts

15:30 onwards

Leave behind your preconceptions of what a university should be and take on the challenge to unlearn, relearn and reshape what you know and what you think. Make your own way through the journey of knowledge to realize that it doesn't just have to come from dead white men, but also from underground experts. Discover what we can learn from specialists in alternative fields; people whose work and skills we take for granted and tend to overlook, although our daily activities depend on them.

