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Dear students,

The holiday season is on its way! But before we can all enjoy our well-deserved break we will have to finish our second period of this semester. Even after half a year of online courses most of us still are not used to it as we are all still trying to find our way and make the best of a dire situation. The same goes for our professors. In this time, many teachers and TA's invest a lot of time and energy to improve the way their courses are taught online. Unfortunately, times like these make it hard to give feedback. Online interaction just isn't the same as physical interaction. At the same time, programme committees are experiencing a dramatic drop in the response rates of course evaluations. This makes it difficult to grasp how courses are impacted by the pandemic which in turn makes it very hard to implement improvements to these courses.

Here is what you can do: At the end of every course, you receive an email asking you to evaluate the course. Fill those out! We know that it may feel cumbersome but we are working on improving the evaluations and they are incredibly important. Teachers and programme committees are extremely happy with every single form that is submitted. It doesn't only help them in seeing problems with their courses: it also helps in finding a teaching style fit for an online environment which can be implemented in your upcoming courses. Just remember that these are trying times for all of us, so let's try to help each other and make the best out of it!

Kind regards,

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ELECTIVES

THE UVA SHORT COURSE CHALLENGE Posthumans in the Anthropocene			Climate Crisis	Queer Planet	
	Wetenschaps- geschiedenis	Big History	X		Radical Imagination
	Human- Animal Studies		Russian Geopolitics	Sexology	

SECOND SEMESTER 2020-21 OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS www.uva.nl/iis-electives

The Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies offers a wide variety of interdisciplinary electives every semester.

IIS electives are open to students and staff from any UvA faculty. Registration is open from 1 December.

Are you interested in a paid teaching job?

Bètapartners, a collaboration between VU en UvA, is looking for science students who like to gain experience in lecturing. Would you like to be a personal assistant to teachers at high schools in the provinces of Noord-Holland and Flevoland, and get paid for it? The wage is €11 per hour, for 4-8 hours a week. More information at www.palvoordeklas.nl (Dutch) or email your questions to pal@vu.nl

Don't forget to register for your courses!



Registration is open from 3-15 December



Spotted on Instagram



Ten students working for UvA Science Outreach gave workshops to 600 primary school children for the project The Water We Breathe. Kids collected water samples, tested and coded the samples. The pots will be used to create a large colourful work for Amsterdam Light Festival, to be exposed at Roeterseiland on 10 December.

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