

# **DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION**

EEMCS NETWORKING DAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2024

#### AT THE FACULTY EEMCS

WE STRIVE TO CREATE A SAFE LEARNING, WORKING AND SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT,

AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE EVERYONE CAN FEEL AT HOME, FEEL RESPECTED AND HAS EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES



#### **EEMCS DE&I TEAM**



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## Why focus on DE&I?

Many organizations and societies struggle with a lack of representation of diverse groups, whether based on race, gender, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, or other identity markers

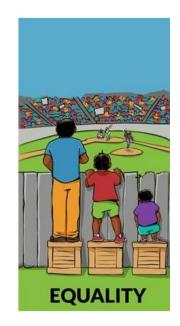
This lack of **diversity** can lead to homogeneity in decision-making, creativity, and perspectives



"We need to focus on diversity. Your goal is to hire people who all look different, but think just like me."

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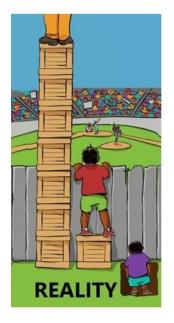
Many institutions operate on a principle of equality - providing the same resources to everyone regardless of their different starting points or needs



**Equity** involves ensuring that individuals have fair access to opportunities and resources tailored to their specific needs



We often fail to address historical and systemic disadvantages faced by marginalized groups, perpetuating inequality





"The seven check marks"
Joris Luyendijk, 2022

## How is DE&I perceived by EEMCS members?

#### Inventory of the most pressing issues through

- Short digital survey (Oct. Nov. 2023) (20% response rate)
- Internal Audit (Feb. Sept. 2024) (28 employees)

#### Main issues are related to

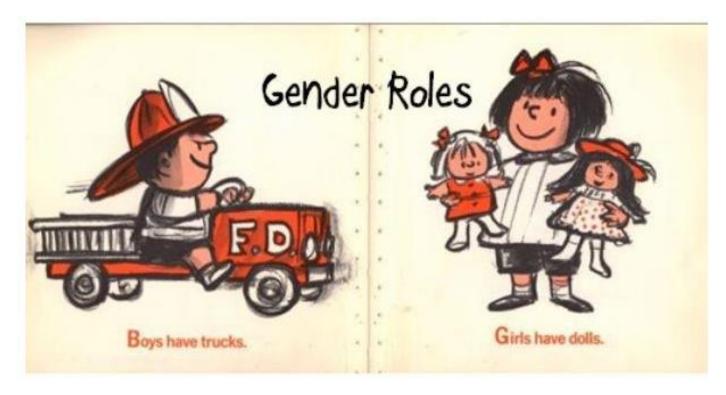
- Gender-inequity
- Internationalization

## "The danger of a single story"



How stereotypes are formed due to incomplete information A single story should not define a group of people

**TED** Talks Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie



Boys should be strong, assertive, aggressive, competitive, independent, play (outdoor) sports, not express their softer emotions etc.

Girls are expected to be soft, nice, nurturing, caring, compassionate, beautiful, sexy, take care of the household, be artistic etc.

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#### Apple Accused in Lawsuit of Underpaying Female Workers in California





ers June 13, 2024



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"The number of women in technology is increasing at an excruciatingly slow pace" <a href="https://nu.nl">https://nu.nl</a>
April 8, 2024

#### Percentage of women professors not growing fast enough

08 / 12 / 2022 | Michaela Nesvarova

The percentage of women professors at the University of Twente is still too low - and not growing fast enough, shows the 2022 Women Professors Monitor. There are currently 21.2% of women professors at the UT, while the national average is 26.7%.





### Is de UT nog altijd 'A man's world'?

01 / 05 / 2024 | Maaike Platvoet

Fleur Zomer sprak voor haar masterscriptie Communication Science met twintig vrouwelijke leidinggevenden op de Universiteit Twente over de rol die gender speelt in hun positie. 'Toen ik hier aan begon was ik best naïef, ik had nooit gedacht dat er nog zulke traditionele patronen bestaan.'



"Is the UT still 'A man's world?"

#### What about our students?



19 / 02 / 2024

House of Representatives gives higher education right to exclude international students

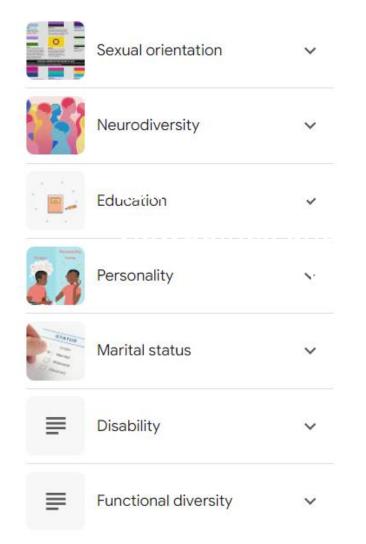
#### 'That many women feel unsafe is a problem for all of us'

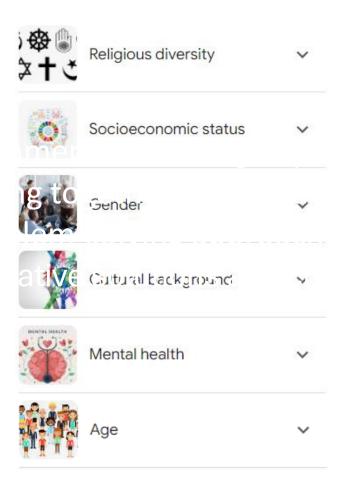
07 / 03 / 2024 | Stan Waning

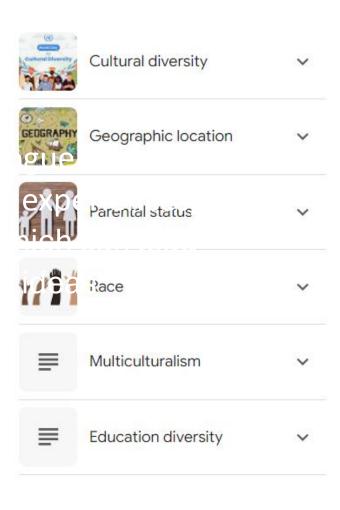
Alexandra Mulder Gonzalez (21) was voted the most active UT student in 2023 and has her own way of studying. She is motivated to bring people together with Amnesty UTwente to talk about sexual violence and taboos, discovering boundaries and gender inequality. This is also the case tomorrow during International Women's Day.



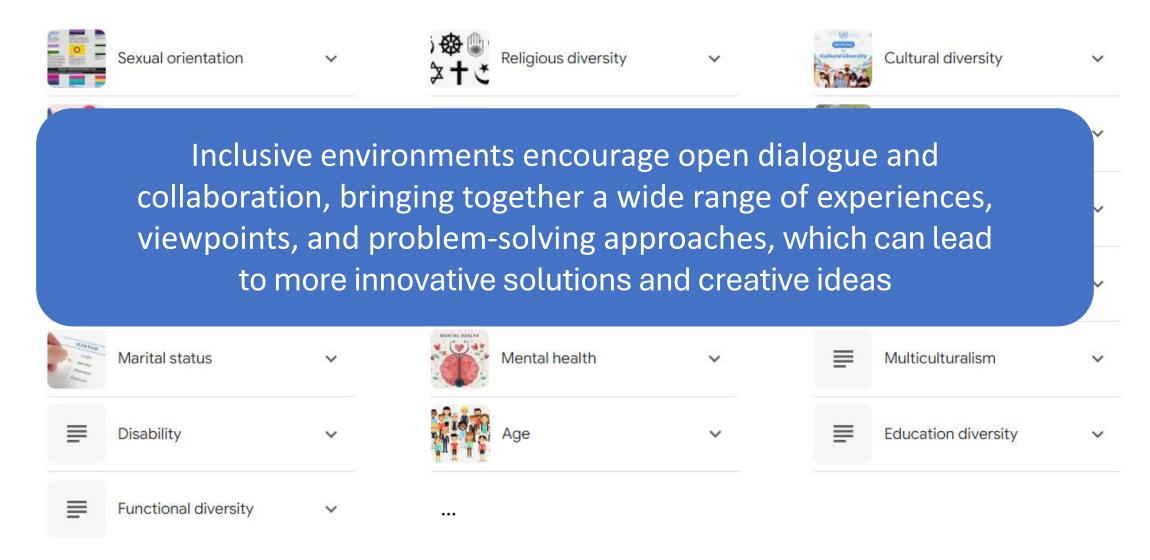
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#### Plan of action

#### Improve awareness

- Identify focus areas based on Survey and Internal Audit
- DE&I training / workshop
- Explore what is / is not available on DE&I for students/lecturers
- 2024 Incentive Fund: Onboarding video

Join the EEMCS-DE&I team or our Sounding Board <a href="https://www.utwente.nl/en/eemcs/intranet/dei/dei-eemcs@utwente.nl">https://www.utwente.nl/en/eemcs/intranet/dei/dei-eemcs@utwente.nl</a>







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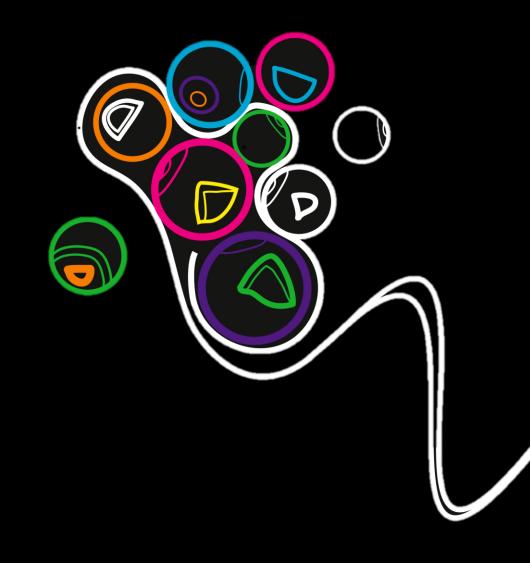




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DIVERSITY IS A FACT
EQUITY IS A CHOICE
INCLUSION IS AN ACTION
BELONGING IS AN OUTCOME



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