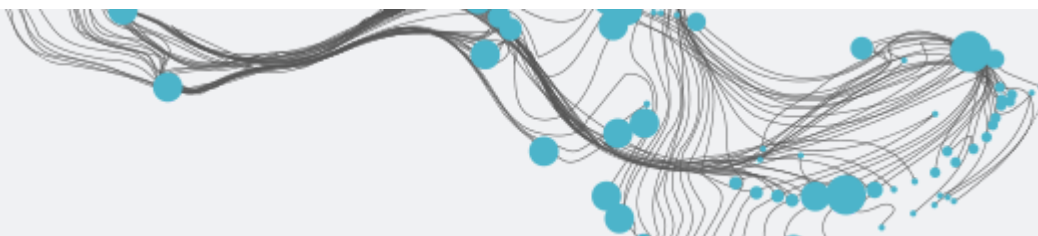


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Dear Colleagues,

We are happy to share with you our April newsletter. Here are our most recent news and upcoming activities (see details below):



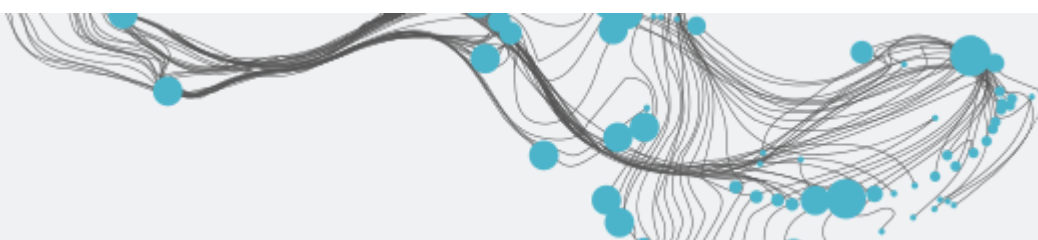
ACTIVE MEMBERS NEEDED

JOIN P-NUT AS ACTIVE MEMBER

We are always looking for enthusiastic new members like you! Do you want to join the PhD/PDEng organization of the University of Twente? We represent more than 1200 PhD/PDEng students and if we also include external ones we're reaching more than 2000.

- You wish to be more than a regular P-NUT member?
- Be involved as a PhD student?
- Make a difference at the UT?
- Be involved and arrange fun activities?
- Make important connections?

[Click here for more info and apply.](#)

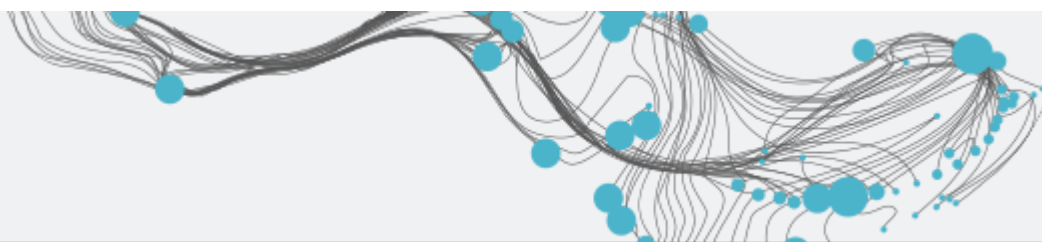


P-NUT - THE FOLLOW-UP SALSA LESSON



Dear PNUTs and others! Remember the fun we had at the previous Cuban salsa workshop by Marcel? Well, we have some good news for you! Another Salsa workshop is on its way, this time with add-ons: Two-days of learning Salsa (13. May and 14. May for two hours each) AND a visit to the Mojito Party afterwards (on Friday, 13. May).! So there is something for everyone: Do you want to shake a leg with friends and colleagues? Come join us at the workshop!

[Click here for more info and registration](#)



P-NUT - EXPAT MEET & GREET



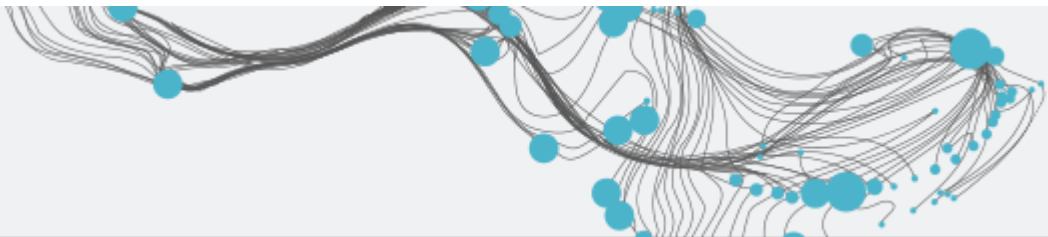
P-NUT promotes the *Monthly Expat Meet & Greet* event (as organized by the Expat Center East Netherlands).

A nice opportunity to meet new people, exchange experiences and make new friends. As always, first drink is on us! Looking forward for a lovely evening...

No registration needed...free to walk in!

Bring a friend

[Check our events page for more info](#)

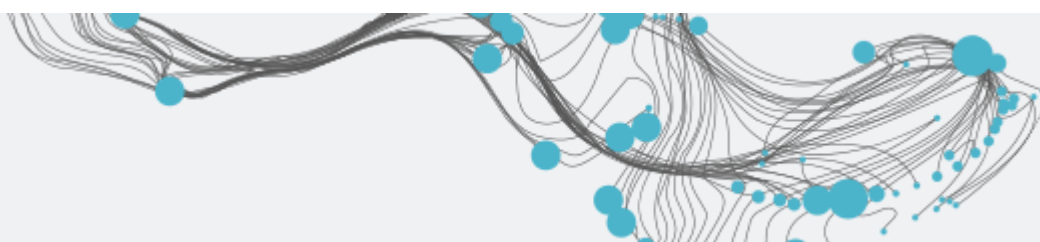


NATIONAL THINKTANK 2022



Are you a **Dutch masters or PhD student** that wants to make a **societal impact after graduating**? The **National ThinkTank** is recruiting new members for 2022! Together with twenty talented participants you will follow a **4 month programme – from the 15th of August till the 16th of December** – in which you will do research into and find practical solutions for a current societal issue. This year, the National ThinkTank will focus on the topic “**biodiversity**”. The global climate crisis emphasizes that this theme requires our attention. Think about soil fertility and crop pollination in agriculture, unclear policy from the Dutch government regarding nature, lack of awareness among policymakers, companies and citizens, and financial risks. With a proper approach, a green environment can contribute to social cohesion, and our physical and mental health.

Interested? Sign up before April 10, join one of the online information nights at March 15 or March 23 (these events will be held in Dutch) or check the website for more information: <https://nationale-denktank.nl/word-deelnemer/voor-wie/>



EQUITY INITIATIVE: UPDATE ON PHD/PDENG SURVEY

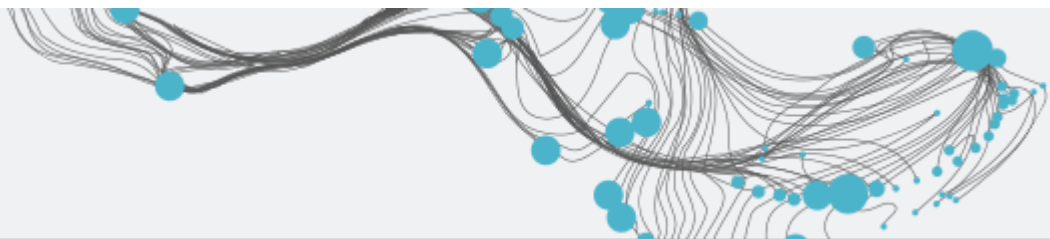


Around the end of last year/the beginning of this year we, the EQUITY initiative (formally Female Doctoral Candidate Initiative), asked you to fill out a survey with questions about your well-being, your view on your PhD and the time after it.

Currently, we are analyzing all the data gathered and creating a report out of it. We will soon invite you to events discussing the report and follow up actions. Stay tuned!

Are you passionate about female representation and empowerment at the UT and in the PhD/PDEng community? Join us! Simply contact us via email at p-nut@utwente.nl or Instagram @phd_network_utwente and we will invite you to our next meeting.

[See this link for more details](#)



COMPETING INTERESTS AT THE TOP OF THE ACADEMIC FOOD CHAIN



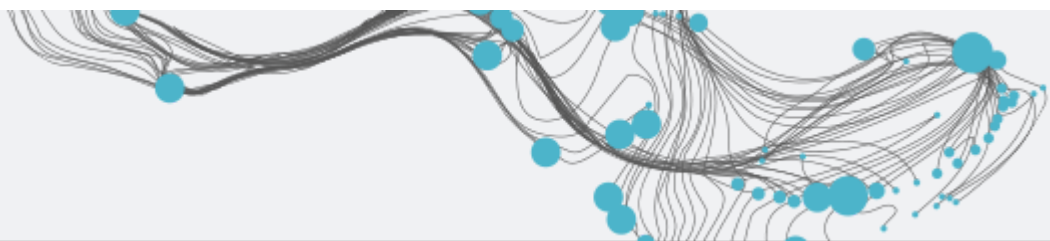
Nieuwsuur, a Dutch news show, recently published an [article](#) (in Dutch) on the transparency of Dutch University Professors' ancillary activities. Their conclusion: it is a giant mess. The chaotic registration makes it difficult to make sense of the data and identify relevant patterns or cases of actual conflicts of interest. Therefore, the journalists responsible for this research are looking for tips. Do you know of a professor whose academic independence is under pressure? A professor who is not transparent about ancillary activities, or who is so busy with ancillary activities that they do not have sufficient time for their academic work? One that does questionable work for China or Qatar? If you think you have any relevant information, please reach out to the journalists. Any information shared is fully confidential, and you will enjoy full journalistic protection. You can contact the journalists via the e-mail addresses below.

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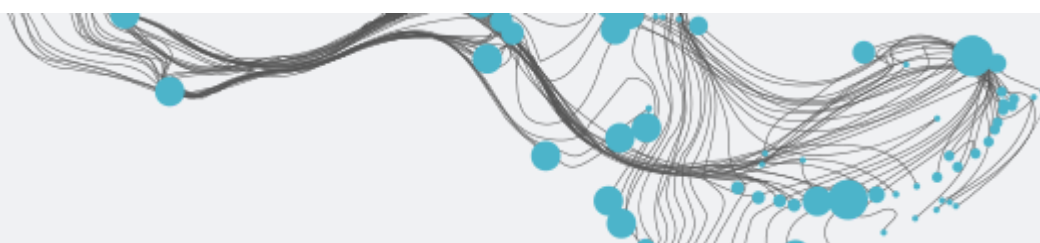


**WANTED: 100 YOUNG SCIENTISTS TO EVALUATE
GOVERNMENTAL POLICY AND HOLD PARLIAMENT
ACCOUNTABLE**

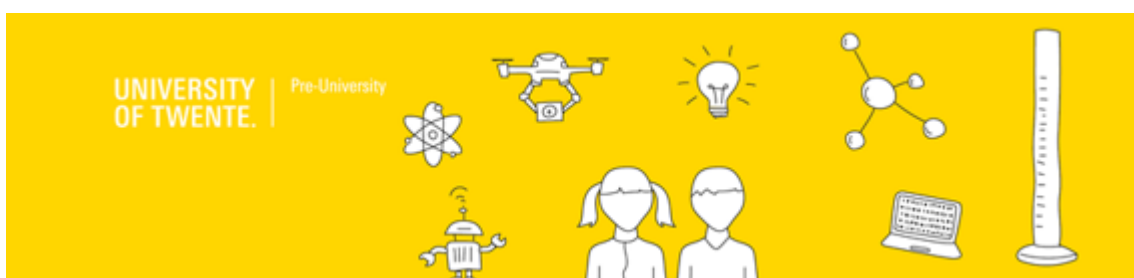


The House of Representatives (Tweede Kamer) invites a group of people from society to participate in evaluating Parliamentary policy each year, which is referred to as the V-100. This year, the House of Representatives is inviting 100 young researchers to critically assess the annual reports of the Dutch ministries. Participants will have the opportunity to give their opinion, discuss issues with members of the House of Representatives, and to formulate questions for members of Parliament. If you have an interest in politics, this is an excellent opportunity to have an impact, to make your voice heard, and to ensure that scientific evidence is sufficiently and accurately used to inform government policy. Visit the [V-100 website](#) for more information and registration.

[Click here for more info](#)



THE NEXT GENERATION OF SCIENTISTS BEGINS WITH YOU



Pre-U is looking for Dutch-speaking scientists to enthuse elementary school students for science, by giving a guest lecture about their own research. They are looking for people who are available to give an average of 2 guest lectures per year (more is also possible), between October and June. An educational expert is available for support in translating the material to the appropriate level. Have a look at the [Scientist in the Classroom webpage](#) for more information.

[Click here for more information](#)

P-NUT COLLABORATION WITH TWENTSCHE FOODHALL

P-NUT started a unique collaboration with the Twentsche Foodhall.



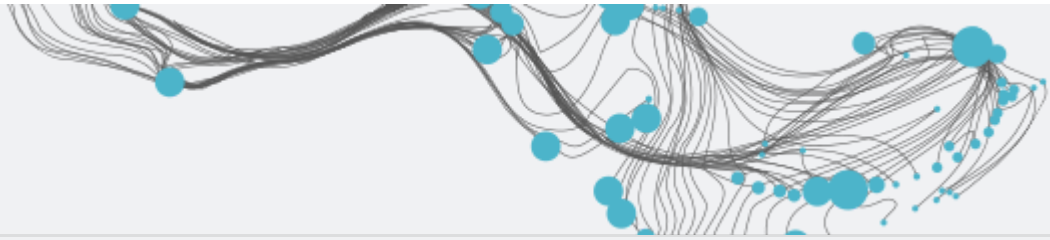
The Twentsche Foodhal is the place in Enschede where you can organize your PhD party in an urban atmosphere. The 8 world cuisines offer great and affordable authentic dishes. All dietary needs can be met, from vegetarian to vegan, from gluten-free to halal. In addition, there are always 16 types of beer on tap and a wide choice of (non-) alcoholic beverages. Please contact their event manager (reserveringen@twentschefoodhal.nl) to explore the possibilities. "Your wish is our central concern".

As a member of P-NUT the Twentsche Foodhal offers P-NUT members the following:

- 10% discount on drinks
- 100% discount on use of our audio and visual equipment
- because your guests and you yourself enjoy our food and drinks, we do not ask rent for the space
- we like to work customer-oriented, the wishes of the doctoral candidate are central (average prices for dishes vary from €5 to €11 per dish)

Have a glance at this in-house video shot by a drone:

[Watch Youtube Video](#)



JOIN P-NUTS FUTSAL TEAM



Are you into playing soccer/football? Are you interested playing in a team? Join the P-NUTS Futsal (indoor soccer) team now!

Several research groups/organisations have their own team and **play 5 against 5 once a week**. Both ladies and gents can participate in the competition. Joining the competition is fun and free. Join the new P-NUTs Futsal team and enjoy the new season!

What: Futsal (indoor soccer)

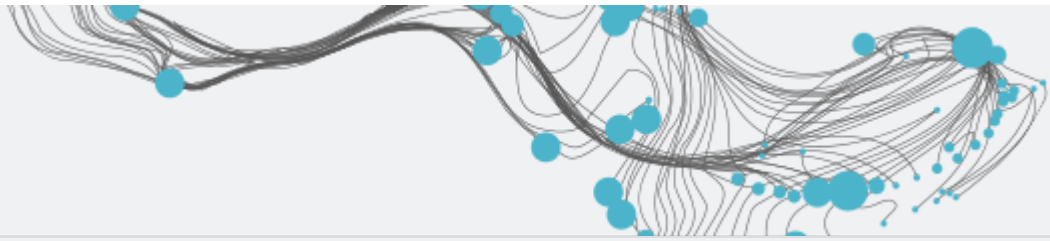
When: every Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday (only at one of these days)

Where: Sporthal UT

Participation cost: Free

If you are interested to participate, please contact us now via p-nut@utwente.nl or [click here to register](#)! After confirmation, you will get notification about the matches

and you can reply on the invitation!



JOIN P-NUTS WHATSAPP GROUP



The P-NUT WhatsApp group provides a place for us to talk to each other, look out for each other and contact fellow doctoral candidates for support. You can suggest your ideas (e.g., events to be organized) and get in touch with your peers. After registration, we will provide you a link to join our WhatsApp group.

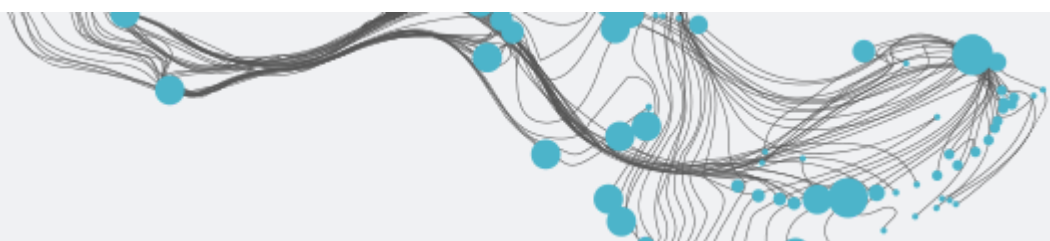
BENEFITS OF JOINING THE GROUP

- Ask for help with regulations, or any other related assistance;
- Let your peers know if you're self-isolating so someone can make sure you're okay;
- Get informed about new events sooner than via the P-NUT newsletter;
- Initiate events by yourself (e.g., walking on Campus or having a daytrip to a recreation park);
- Share (important) updates from official P-NUT sources (e.g., about events, surveys, etc.).

SOME DRAWBACKS OF JOINING THE GROUP

- We want to caution against the sharing of misinformation or speculation in the group, but we hope it can serve as a useful resource for building an effective support network;
- We suggest to mute notifications from this group, as it can be SPAM-intensive.

[Click here to register.](#)





About P-NUT

P-NUT passes the borders of faculties, departments and even universities by bringing PhDs and PDEngs with different backgrounds together to share their experiences and help each other to grow and become more efficient in their work. Our main objectives are to bring people who share similar interests together in both a professional and informal way, to inform them on the important aspects that might affect or benefit their careers, and share and defend the rights of the PhDs and PDEngs at the UT. These objectives define the three main goals of PNUT: **connect**, **inform** and **represent** the PhD candidates of the University of Twente.

Interested in representing and supporting your fellow PhD and PDEng candidates? Join the P-NUT board! As part of the board you become the voice of a community but also find constant opportunities to develop personally and professionally. Simply write us an e-mail.

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