

# DUBROVNIK DAILY

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## **Guided Tour caused a division between the participants and most of the resource persons...**

While the honourable mister professor Bart van Steenbergen used his expertise on the ancient tourist capital of Dubrovnik to organise a very successful guided tour through the old city, some resource persons were seen at the terrace, enjoying Croat beer. This proves participants and resource persons are not equal at all. Luckily, the participants got the chance to see the last two old buildings from the period before the earthquake in 1667. Question to all participants: is it possible to drink the water in the large fountain.



## **The first day of the Dubrovnik course already a hell of a success!**

Yesterday, the academic programme of the international (post) graduate course

started officially! After a wet but warm welcome at the Inter University Center (IUC), the (honourable professors) Bart and Wieger shared information about the course and the history of the IUC with their audience.

### **Quote:**

Wieger: *May I introduce you, with a delay of two years, Kate from Ukrain.'*

Due to this introduction, the participants and resource persons suddenly realised this course actually is a singing course: in contradiction to the other course held in the IUC about the philosophy of science, the European musician Ludwig van Beethoven is used as an example of top-down created common identity (please mention this is high culture!).

### **Quote:**

Bart: *'I am more than happy to bring some culture in this world of cultural barbarians.'*

The first lecture of the course was the introduction to the theme by Frans. He started by asking if citizens get excluded from Europe. He informed us that the European Court of justice is the most powerful European institution and

described the clash between democracy and lawocracy in the EU.

After lunch, Viktor was happy to take the floor in order to speak about some of the problems in this region. He gave us some changing perspectives on inclusion and exclusion concerning Croatian citizenship and EU accession.

### **Quote:**

Viktor: *'If you would like to have Croatian citizenship based on your ethnic background, visit a priest, pay him 50 euros and you will get a birth certificate with whom you can apply for citizenship. And I am sure about this: my mum bought her citizenship this way'*

### **Did you know...**

- ... in Russia women can choose for a women coupé when they travel by train. Is this exclusion, but then voluntary?

- ... Bart once has been confronted with social exclusion when he was refused to enter a feministic book shop?

- ... the meaning of the Latin word "argum" is "argument".

- ... Godfried prefers to be called 'God'.

- ... Luuk told his fellow students on Sunday that he prefers to be naked. But, naked people are usually excluded from the course, using the principle of naming and shaming (= soft power!). However, as a challenge for Luuk: Friday night in the club, we would be more than willing to include him naked.

- ... we saw a good example of competition outside the EU-borders yesterday? the participants and resource persons had to choose between the coffee served by the cafeteria from Zagreb University and the free coffee served by Sesame.

- ... Maseryk University Brno is the best university in Czech Republic?

## **Reporter Raphaël victim of the Italian mafia**

Yesterday evening, Raphaël was attacked by a unknown guest of Hotel Lero in Dubrovnik. The reporter was busy writing the today edition of the Dubrovnik daily when a seasoned male wearing glasses tried to influence the content of the independent newspaper. Raphaël made clear he was not willing to admit to this good example of Soft Power. Then, the man changed his

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strategy and tried to use forms of hard power. The Croat police asks anyone that saw something to inform the course directors. The editors wish Raphaël good luck with his recovery.

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## **Weather forecast**

We hope the weathergod(fried) will be better for us today, but on the other hand to many sunny hours will increase the already high temperature in room 2.



## **Quote:**

Bart: *Swantje, do you know the expression "gesunkeness Kulturgut"?*  
Wieger: *of course Bart, she is German!*

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**Special request:** you think the course not challenging enough? You are desperate for more academic experience? Please contact Raphaël and become one of the honourable and well known editors of the Dubrovnik Daily.

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