

DUBROVNIK DAILY

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With many thanks to Hannah Burd & Leonie Kuhlmann!

Quote:

Ladi: *'Martin was born in the year Bart started visiting Dubrovnik.'*

Martin challenges the educational system in education.

The second day of the course started with a lecture of Martin Kreidl. He informed the participants and resource persons about the demographic and non-demographic Challenges to Education Systems. He mentioned among other things (in)equality and exclusion in education, trends and cross-national differences in education and the role of education system, before suggesting some solutions to challenge the problems addressed. Due to the interesting discussion, we overran, but thanks to Ladi, we were in time for coffee.

Quote:

Ladi: *'the coffee is getting cold for us...'*
Paul: *'yes, but equally cold for every one of us.'*

The first battle during Challenges of Europe: the academic elite as self-fulfilling prophecy

Yesterday, the participants and resource persons witnessed a real fight among two of our most honourable professors. In the morning, just after the coffee break, Wieger and Bart challenged each other on the subject of European identity. Bart (of course) stated that European identity can be best promoted by focussing on the cultural elite (as a Gesunkenes Kulturgut), while Wieger defended the popular European identity that goes other way round (Gestiegenes Kulturgut).

Quote:

Bart: *Wieger, what do you mean by popular culture? The elite are people as well! Are we no people? Everyone attending this course is people!*



Luckily (for them) it was just a fight of the academic elite. They both tried to tackle down the arguments given by the other side, and in the end almost all participant choose the side of Wieger.

However, we should ask ourselves if this victory was legitimate though: the academic surroundings proved the debate to be an expression of high culture itself. As Socrates taught his pupils in its 'Akademie' for elite only, with this course, we create our own modern version of an 'Akademie' full of high culture.

Survey*:

- I prefer the concert with a lot of high culture
- I prefer the concert for cultural barbarians.

**Disclaimer: the course director that will be able to convince most participants of their favourite choice, will officially win the battle on European identity.*

Dubrovnik Daily Food Diary

Got a sweet tooth? In case you are not already full of Hotel Lero ice cream, see if you can sniff out a sweet little café called 'Sugar & Spice' in Dubrovnik Old Town... with an eclectic mix of banana bread and chili chocolate tart, this is the perfect secret hideout for all those needing a sugar shot. The editors can personally recommend the hazelnut cookies.

Sport Report

Tuesday night proved to be eventful in Hotel Lero's bar. For once it was full of people (soaking up some archetypal low culture some might say). From the perspective of this journalist, however, it was at least as interesting to observe the spectators – predominantly Bayern Munich's most avid fans - watching the players on the TV. Goals were signalled by some Germanic grunting from the hotel guests and, indeed, some more barbaric, British sounding shouts from one Paul Stubbs. The final score was 2-1 to Bayern Munich. Unfortunately our Spanish participant was not available for comment at this time on Real Madrid's performance.

Quote:

A random conference participant from the UK: *'The quotes are about as funny as an academic conference can get.'*

Did you know...

... that Bart thinks we are ways too serious and we have to go to the disco more often?
... that Cara thinks you need coffee to stuff your food after dinner?
... that the prince and the horse passed away during the commercials?

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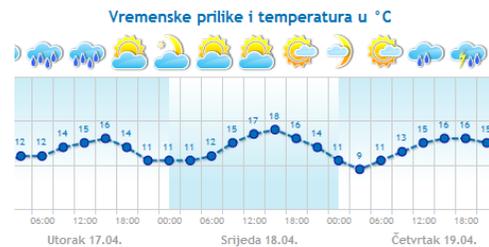
... that the easiest way to avoid sharp questions, is giving your presentation about higher education? The resource persons are more than willing to take over the discussion.

... that Ivan was happy he finished his presentation about happiness?

Weather forecast

Unfortunately, our weathergod(fried) let us down yesterday.

But, a methodological analyses of the weather-data form meteo-info.hr shows us a correlation between Wednesday and sun!



Quote:

Ladi: *'two new phenomena (the Serbian participants) arrived today, please stand up.'*

ADVICE OF THE DAY:

'WHEN YOU ARE IN A HOLE, DO NOT DIG DEEPER'

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.



One of the editors...

Quote:

Paul: *'Low culture? Yes, I have got a tattoo, but I am not going to show him here.'*