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SUMMER SCHOOL

**“POLITICS AND ETHICS FROM A GLOBAL,
REGIONAL AND LOCAL PERSPECTIVE”**



I N T R O D U C T I O N

In July of 2018 ION Ranepa and MSSES students visited the summer school of modern political ethics, which was held at the University of Groningen, the Netherlands. In addition, they got acquainted with the water management in the country, visited the Parliament, as well as various museums and attractions of Groningen, the Hague and Amsterdam.

THE FIRST DAY

The first day we arrived at the Schiphol airport and then traveled by train to Groningen. In the evening we had dinner and small tour of the city.



VIEWS OF GRONINGEN



THE SECOND DAY

The 3rd of July was the first day of our studies at the University of Groningen. In the morning we visited the main building of the university for the first time and learned about its history.

Then we had a lecture with Dr. J.Herman, the director of Globalization studies in Groningen and the President of the NOHA Association.



THE NETHERLANDS AND GLOBALISATION

*PROF.DR. J. HERMAN, DIRECTOR
GLOBALISATION STUDIES
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THE NOHA ASSOCIATION*



THE PROFESSOR GAVE A WELCOMING SPEECH, PRESENTED THE PROGRAM AND EXPRESSED HIS INTEREST IN COLLABORATING WITH RANEPA. LATER WE MOVED TO THE HARMONY BUILDING WHERE DR .J.HERMAN GAVE A LECTURE DEDICATED TO GLOBALIZATION. WE DISCUSSED VARIOUS DEFINITIONS OF GLOBALIZATION AND TRIED TO VISUALIZE IT. THE PROFESSOR TOLD US ABOUT THE DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF GLOBALIZATION: ECONOMIC, TECHNOLOGICAL, CULTURAL, POLITICAL AND MILITARY. AFTER THAT, EACH OF THE ASPECTS WAS ANALYZED THROUGH EXAMPLES FROM REAL LIFE. FOR INSTANCE, CULTURAL GLOBALIZATION WAS REPRESENTED BY MCDONALD'S WORLDWIDE FAST FOOD CHAIN, POLITICAL GLOBALIZATION WAS ILLUSTRATED BY THE EXAMPLE OF THE EU. WE ALSO DISCUSSED THE CONFLICT IN SYRIA AND ITS IMPACT ON GLOBALIZATION.

ALL IN ALL, WE CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT GLOBALIZATION IS NOT INHERENTLY GOOD OR BAD, BUT THE OUTCOMES ARE THE RESULT OF HUMAN DECISIONS.

MORAL DILEMMAS IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

ANDREJ ZWITTER



MORAL DILEMMAS IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

THE SECOND LECTURE OF THE DAY WAS PRESENTED BY ANDREJ ZWITTER, AN AUTHOR AND DEAN OF THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE FRYSLÂN.

THE TOPIC OF THE LECTURE WAS “MORAL DILEMMAS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS”. THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE LECTURE WAS TO INTRODUCE STUDENTS TO ETHICS, ETHICAL DILEMMAS AND THE SPECIFICITY OF ETHICS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

DURING THE LECTURE WE TOUCHED UPON DESCRIPTIVE AND NORMATIVE DEFINITIONS OF ETHICS, WHILE VOICING OUR OWN OPINIONS ABOUT THE WAY WE INTERPRET “ETHICS”. ANDREJ ALSO SHARED HIS OWN ANSWER TO THE QUESTION OF “WHAT IS ETHICS?” FROM HIS ARTICLE CALLED “FROM NEEDS TO RIGHTS” (2013).

ANDREJ ZWITTER TALKED ABOUT THE NECESSARY ELEMENTS OF ETHICAL ARGUMENTS; THE WAY THEY CORRELATE WITH EACH OTHER AND CANNOT BE TAKEN AWAY FROM THE EQUATION. THE WHOLE LECTURE WAS SUPPORTED BY INTERESTING PRACTICAL CASES THAT BROUGHT AN OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSION. A LOT OF THE STUDENTS WERE ABLE TO TALK ABOUT THE MATTER, OPENLY VOICING THEIR OPINIONS AND GETTING USED TO PARTICIPATING IN CLASS.

THE THIRD DAY

On the third day we had two lectures, and after dinner we went to a beautiful park near the city center



HOW ETHICS TURNS INTO POLITICS: DANGERS AND HOPES IN KLEIST'S 'MICHAEL KOHHLHAAS'

Ivan Boldyrev



HOW ETHICS TURNS INTO POLITICS: DANGERS AND HOPES IN KLEIST'S 'MICHAEL KOHLHAAS'

THE 4TH OF JULY IVAN BOLDYREV (UNIVERSITY OF NIJMEGEN) GAVE US A LECTURE ON ETHICAL DILEMMAS IN POLITICS, WHICH WAS FOLLOWED BY A VIVID DISCUSSION.

THE NOVELLA IS DEDICATED TO THE REAL PERSON MICHAEL KOHLHAAS AND HIS FIGHT FOR THE DIGNITY, EQUALITY AND CITIZEN RIGHTS. THE TEXT IS A EUROPEAN CLASSIC AND COULD BE COMPARED TO PUSHKIN'S "THE CAPTAIN'S DAUGHTER".

IVAN BOLDYREV OFFERED TO CONSIDER THE TEXT FROM DIFFERENT PHILOSOPHICAL AND ETHICAL PERSPECTIVES. WE ESPECIALLY FOCUSED ON THE THEORY OF LAW AS WELL AS UTILITARIAN AND KANTIAN APPROACHES. THE STORY OF MICHAEL KOHLHAAS EMPHASIZES A LOT OF ETHICAL DILEMMAS FACED BY PEOPLE ENGAGED IN POLITICAL STRUGGLES FOR THE COMMON GOOD. DURING OUR DISCUSSION WE POINTED OUT THE MAIN QUESTIONS OF THIS NOVELLA FROM PHILOSOPHICAL POINT OF VIEW:

* WHAT DOES MICHAEL KOHLHAAS FIGHT FOR?

* WHY DOES HE DO IT?

* WHAT ARE THE REASONS FOR HIS DECISIONS?

* HOW DO OTHERS REACT TO HIS DETERMINISM AND WHY?

* WHAT IS THE POINT OF MYTHICAL AND RELIGIOUS LINES OF THE STORY?

HOW ETHICS TURNS INTO POLITICS: DANGERS AND HOPES IN KLEIST'S 'MICHAEL KOHLHAAS'

THE PLOT OF "MICHAEL KOHLHAAS" ALSO INCLUDES THE IMPLICIT PROBLEM ABOUT THE VALUE OF PRIVATE, COMMON AND PUBLIC GOODS. WHAT DO THESE CONCEPTS MEAN? WHY DO THEY PLAY THE MAIN ROLE NOT ONLY IN THIS NOVELLA, BUT ALSO IN A REAL POLITICAL LIFE? WHAT VALUE TURNS OUT TO BE MORE IMPORTANT TO KOHLHASS? HOW DO PRIVATE CIRCUMSTANCES INTERTWINE WITH THE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT?

THE SHORT EPISODES OF THE TWO SCREEN VERSIONS OF THE NOVELLA (ONE OF WHICH REFERRED TO MAY 1968 AND THE OTHER TO 16TH CENTURY FRANCE) GAVE US ADDITIONAL DIMENSIONS FOR THE ANALYSIS: THE TEXT GAINED CURRENCY IN OUR EYES. WE UNDERSTOOD HOW IT CAN SERVE AS A REFERENCE POINT IN DIFFERENT HISTORICAL CONTEXTS OF DIFFERENT COUNTRIES. THE VON KLEIST'S LEGACY IS DEFINITELY A MUST FOR THE CONSIDERATIONS ON SUCH TOPICS AS THE BUILDING OF THE JURAL STATE OR THE ADMISSIBILITY OF VIOLENCE IN SOCIAL MOVEMENTS FOR THE CITIZEN RIGHTS.

GLOBAL NORM DIFFUSION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

R. Holzhaecker



GLOBAL NORM DIFFUSION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

ON 4 JULY WE HAD A LECTURE ABOUT GLOBAL NORM DIFFUSION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS. MR. R. HOLZHACKER STARTED TO EXPLAIN THE TOPIC BY DELVING INTO THE THEORY OF SUSTAINABILITY. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, AS HE SAID, IS ESSENTIAL.

WITH A BIT OF THEORY IN OUR MIND, WE WERE OFFERED TO SOLVE A CASE. THE LECTURER ASKED US TO FORM GROUPS OF FOUR AND DECIDE ON WHICH THREE SUSTAINABILITY GOALS WE WOULD LIKE TO WORK ON. THEN HE OFFERED US TO CHOOSE ONE RUSSIAN CITY, WHICH IS IN DIRE NEED OF IMPROVEMENT. BEING GIVEN APPROXIMATELY 25 MINUTES, EVERY TEAM WORKED ON THEIR CITY'S ISSUES DILIGENTLY. ONCE TIME RAN OUT EVERYONE HAD TO PRESENT THEIR IDEAS BY GIVING A SMALL PRESENTATION.

TO SUM UP, THE LECTURE GAVE US AN INSIGHT ON WHAT SUSTAINABILITY MEANS, THE ROLE IT PLAYS IN OUR LIVES AND THE ISSUES THE WORLD FACES NOWADAYS. THE QUESTIONS WE HAD TO ASK AND SOLVE HELPED US TO UNDERSTAND WHERE WE SHOULD LOOK TO MAKE THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION, AND THE WORLD IN GENERAL, A BETTER PLACE.

THE FOURTH DAY

On the 5th of July we had an excursion about water management in the Netherlands. We visited a lot of Northern cities and dikes, and the enclosure dam, Afsluitdijk.



EXCURSION "THE DUTCH MANSCAPE, GOVERNANCE OF DUTCH WATER MANAGEMENT"



ON 5TH OF JULY THERE WAS ORGANIZED AN EXCURSION ABOUT WATER MANAGEMENT IN THE NETHERLANDS. THE WEATHER WAS GLOOMY, HOWEVER, IT COULD NOT STOP US FROM OBSERVING AND ENJOYING THE COUNTRY AND THE LOCAL LANDSCAPES.

OUR FIRST STOP WAS IN LAUWERSOOG, AN ARTIFICIAL ISLAND, WHICH RESEMBLES A HARBOR WITH A LOT OF SHIPS AROUND IT. NEXT WE TRAVELED TO MODDERGAT - ANOTHER VILLAGE THAT IS LOCATED ON THE DIKE.

DURING THE EXCURSION WE FOUND OUT THAT THE MAIN ACTIVITY OF THESE TWO VILLAGES IS MAINTAINING THE WATER, MAKING SURE THAT THERE ARE NO FLOODS.

OUR TRIP CONTINUED AND OUR NEXT STOP FOR LUNCH WAS A CITY CALLED HARLINGEN. IT IS THE 4TH LARGEST CITY IN FRIESLAND,

EXCURSION "THE DUTCH MANSCAPE, GOVERNANCE OF DUTCH WATER MANAGEMENT"

THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF OUR EXCURSION WAS TO VISIT AFSLUITDIJK, WHICH MEANS "ENCLOSURE DAM". THE DAM WAS COMPLETED IN 1932 AND NOW PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE FISHING ECONOMY OF THE NETHERLANDS.

THE VILLAGE CALLED RUTTEN WAS OUR FINAL POINT OF DESTINATION. BUILT IN 1950S THIS SETTLEMENT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE THE CENTRAL TOWN FOR THE NEAREST VILLAGES AND A REPRESENTATION OF THE DUTCH POPULATION IN TERMS OF RELIGION, EDUCATION AND SO ON. IT COULD HAVE BEEN AN IDEAL COMMUNITY, BUT NOW IT IS JUST A DESERTED TOWN.

DURING THAT BUSY DAY WE GOT TO KNOW THE COUNTRY FROM DIFFERENT ASPECTS, BOTH INDUSTRIAL, HISTORICAL AND ECONOMIC. WE LEFT WITH A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE CULTURE AND THE WAY PEOPLE LIVE IN THE NETHERLANDS.



Our group on this day

THE FIFTH DAY

On the 6th of July we continued our daily lectures in Groningen at the University.



PRUDENCE IN GLOBAL POLITICS

*Prof. Andre Gerrits
Leiden University*



The major aspects of global change 3:

3. New and old actors and issues in world politics...

- ✓ The ambivalence of statehood and the dire state of global governance in post-Cold War politics
- ✓ The 'crisis of the national state': globalization, (regional) integration; non-governmental organisations; the transition and diffusion of power; ethnic and cultural diversity and the nation state; and the causes of conflict and war (Kaldor 2012, about 'new' and 'old' wars)
- ✓ The 'deterritorialisation' of politics: from the 'company sovereigns' (Dutch East India Company; East India Company, 17-18th century) by Philips and Sharman 2015; to the 'network society' of the 21st century (Castells 1996-88; Slaughter 2007, on world order); cyber conflict
- ✓ Old/new threats and challenges:

Hybrid and cyber warfare; environmental issues; migration



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PRUDENCE IN GLOBAL POLITICS

WE ATTENDED TWO AMAZING LECTURES BY PROFESSOR ANDRE GERRITS AND DENISE VAN ELK ON FRIDAY.

THE FIRST LECTURE, HELD BY PROF. GERRITS, WAS DEVOTED TO PRUDENCE IN GLOBAL POLITICS. IN THE THEORETICAL PART OF THE LECTURE HE BROKE STEREOTYPES ABOUT THE FRAMEWORK OF INTERNATIONAL POLICIES – INCLUDING ACTIVITIES OF SUCH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION LIKE THE UN – POSITIONING IT AS AN EXTREMELY IMPRUDENT PHENOMENON.

SUMMARISING HIS SPEECH PROF. GERRITS CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT, UNFORTUNATELY, CONTEMPORARY INSTITUTES OF GLOBAL POLITICS PROVE THEMSELVES TO BE UNABLE TO DEAL WITH INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION AND PEACE.

THEN, WE WERE DIVIDED INTO FOUR GROUPS IN ORDER TO EXAMINE THE IMPORTANCE OF PRUDENCE IN CERTAIN CASES.

**ETHICS WITH THE
CONTEXT OF GLOBAL
TERRORISM**

Denise Van Elk



PRUDENCE IN GLOBAL POLITICS

IN THE SECOND CLASS WE LISTENED TO A LECTURE ON ETHICS IN THE CONTEXT OF GLOBAL TERRORISM. DENISE VAN ELK PROVIDED US WITH THE HISTORY OF TERRORISM – ITS FIRST MANIFESTATION, DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THIS PROBLEM ON AN INTERNATIONAL LEVEL, AND THE DEFINITION; WHAT TERRORISM PRECISELY IMPLIES.

DURING LUNCH SOME OF STUDENTS WENT TO THE MARTINI TOWER, WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE CENTER OF GRONINGEN. THE OUTSTANDING FEATURE OF THE TOWER WAS THE OLD SPIRAL STAIRS.

AFTER DINNER WE EXPLORED THE LOCAL PARK THAT WAS FILLED WITH NUMEROUS GREEN LAWNS AND INTERESTING PATHWAYS. IT WAS A PERFECT PLACE TO RELAX AND TO BOND WITH EACH OTHER AFTER A LONG DAY OF STUDIES.

THE SIXTH DAY

On the 7th of July our group visited the library at the University of Groningen where the lectures were given by Jerome Scheltens and Hubert Smeets.



**DUTCH (AND EU)
DEMOCRACY
PROMOTION
POLITICAL PARTY
ASSISTANCE
APPROACHES,
COMPARED
INTERNATIONALLY**

Jerome Scheltens

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(election days!)



DUTCH (AND EU) DEMOCRACY PROMOTION POLITICAL PARTY ASSISTANCE APPROACHES, COMPARED INTERNATIONALLY

THE FIRST LECTURE WAS DEVOTED TO DEMOCRACY PROMOTION AND POLITICAL PARTY ASSISTANCE APPROACHES, COMPARED INTERNATIONALLY. IN THE THEORETICAL PART OF THE LECTURE WE TALKED ABOUT THE CONCEPT OF DEMOCRACY AND ABOUT THE REAL DEMOCRATIC SITUATION IN THE WORLD.

IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE CLASS WE WERE DIVIDED INTO FOUR GROUPS AND WERE OFFERED A TASK FOR EACH GROUP. EACH ASSIGNMENT WAS RELATED TO THE SITUATION IN ONE OF THESE COUNTRIES: ZIMBABWE, URUGUAY, EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA. SINCE THE SITUATIONS WERE REAL,

AFTER PRESENTING OUR VISION CONCERNING THESE COUNTRIES, WE WERE TOLD WHAT DECISIONS HAD ACTUALLY BEEN TAKEN IN THE GIVEN SITUATIONS.




WITH MR. SCHELTEENS


DUTCH-RUSSIAN POLITICAL RELATIONS AND THE ROLE OF THE INTELLIGENTSIA

*Hubert Smeets (journalist,
columnist, founder
Window to Russia)*

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DUTCH (AND EU) DEMOCRACY PROMOTION POLITICAL PARTY ASSISTANCE APPROACHES, COMPARED INTERNATIONALLY

THE SECOND LECTURE WAS GIVEN TO US BY THE JOURNALIST AND FOUNDER OF THE PUBLICATION "WINDOW TO RUSSIA" HUBERT SMEETS.

\THE TOPIC OF THE LECTURE WAS "DUTCH-RUSSIAN POLITICAL RELATIONS AND THE ROLE OF THE INTELLIGENTSIA". AT THE BEGINNING OF THE LECTURE, MR. SMEETS TOLD US A LITTLE BIT ABOUT HIMSELF IN RUSSIAN, BECAUSE HE KNOWS THE LANGUAGE WELL, BUT AFTER A WHILE CHANGED BACK TO SPEAKING IN ENGLISH.

SINCE THE LECTURE WAS DEVOTED TO THE RELATIONS BETWEEN RUSSIA AND THE NETHERLANDS, THERE WERE MANY COMPARISONS, WHICH WERE VERY INTERESTING. AFTER THE LECTURE, WE ASKED HUBERT SMEETS QUESTIONS ABOUT HIS PROFESSION, HIS WORK EXPERIENCE IN RUSSIA AND ABOUT THE ATTITUDE OF THE DUTCH TO RUSSIA AND THE RUSSIANS.

ON THE 7TH OF JULY OUR WHOLE GROUP GATHERED IN THE MAIN SQUARE OF GRONINGEN TO SUPPORT OUR NATIONAL FOOTBALL TEAM DURING THE RUSSIA VS. CROATIA GAME! WE PAINTED FLAGS ON OUR FACES, MET LOCAL RUSSIANS AND CHEERED FOR OUR TEAM! THIS DAY WAS ONE OF THE MOST UNFORGETTABLE!



*Fans of the
Russian team!*



THE SEVENTH DAY

On the 8th of July our group attended a lecture that was given by Dr. Tatyana Vaizer. The lecture was dedicated to the Normative Political Theory.



**INTRODUCTION INTO
THE NORMATIVE
POLITICAL THEORY**

AND

**KANTIANISM VS
UTILITARIANISM IN
CONTEMPORARY
POLITICAL
DECISION-MAKING**

DR. TATIANA VAIZER



INTRODUCTION INTO THE NORMATIVE POLITICAL THEORY. KANTIANISM VS UTILITARIANISM IN CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL DECISION-MAKING

WE HAVE DISCUSSED BASIC PRINCIPLES OF THE THEORY. THERE ARE TWO KINDS OF NORMS IN THE NORMATIVE THEORY. THESE ARE NORMS IMPOSED BY TRADITIONS OR AUTHORITY SUCH AS OFFICIALS OR EVEN THE GOD, OTHER NORMS ARE THOSE ELABORATED BY ETHICALLY ORIENTED POLITICAL THINKERS.

THE FIRST KIND OF NORMS IS REPRESENTED BY IMPERATIVELY IMPOSED, PASSIVELY INTERIORIZED AND CONTEXTUALLY CONDITIONED NORMS. THE SECOND KIND OF NORMS IS DIVIDED INTO RATIONAL, REFLEXIVE, CRITICAL AND UNIVERSALLY APPLICABLE NORMS.

MOREOVER, WE HAVE ANALYZED KANTIANISM VS UTILITARIANISM IN CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL DECISION-MAKING. WE WERE DIVIDED INTO FOUR GROUPS IN ORDER TO DISCUSS SEVERAL CASES WHICH REVEALED BOTH THEORIES IN PRACTICE.

WE HAVE ALSO GAINED VERY USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT APPLYING DOCUMENTS TO UNIVERSITIES ABROAD. ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ADVICES IS THE FOLLOWING: MOTIVATIONAL AND RECOMMENDATION LETTERS AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS HAVE TO BE PREPARED IN ADVANCE IN ORDER TO MANAGE TO APPLY THEM TO A PROGRAM.

THE EIGHTH DAY

On the 9th of July the group left the beloved Groningen and headed to the Hague to get to know the City of International Justice.



EXCURSIONS IN THE HAGUE

THE FIRST AND THE MAIN STOP WAS THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (THE DUTCH PARLIAMENT), WHICH IMMEDIATELY MADE A POWERFUL IMPRESSION.

THE BINNENHOF IS A COMPLEX OF GOTHIC STYLED BUILDINGS OF THE 13TH CENTURY, WHICH IS BASICALLY A POLITICAL CENTER OF THE NETHERLANDS, AS IT HOUSES THE STATES GENERAL OF THE NETHERLANDS, THE MINISTRY OF GENERAL AFFAIRS, AS WELL AS THE OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER.

BY THE WAY, IT WAS A PLEASANT AND UNEXPECTED ADDITION TO MEET THE PRIME MINISTER HIMSELF IN THE COURTYARD OF THE BINNENHOF.



EXCURSIONS IN THE HAGUE

AS FOR THE PARLIAMENT, IT VIVIDLY TRANSLATES THE IDEA OF GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY: GLASS WALLS, OPEN JALOUSIE AND EASY ACCESS (NO SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS NEEDED TO VISIT THE PARLIAMENT). WE HAD A SMALL EXCURSION AROUND THE BINNENHOF AND THE HANDELINGENKAMER (THE OLD LIBRARY) IS DEFINITELY THE JEWEL IN THE CROWN OF THE PREMISES OF THE PARLIAMENT.

ALSO, WE GOT A REAL INSIGHT INTO ELECTION PROCEDURES, POLITICAL GROUPS AND PARTIES. ALL IN ALL, IT WAS AN EXCELLENT CASE STUDY OF HOW REAL DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS SHOULD ACTUALLY LOOK LIKE.

AFTER THAT, WE HEADED TO THE BEACH WHERE WE HAD SOME SPARE TIME TO WET THE FEET IN THE NORTH SEA AND TO GAZE AT THE CITY DOWN FROM THE FERRIS WHEEL. THEN THE GROUP HAD A DELICIOUS DINNER ON THE BEACH AND HEADED TO THE FINAL DESTINATION – AMSTERDAM.



THE NINTH DAY

Our first day in Amsterdam was quite rainy, so we decided to spend it in museums.



EXCURSIONS IN AMSTERDAM

THE FIRST MUSEUM WAS RIJKSMUSEUM - THEIR MAIN MUSEUM. IT IS FULL OF WORLD FAMOUS PAINTINGS WHICH MADE US FEEL VERY PROUD OF BEING THERE. THE MOST POPULAR PAINTING THAT WE SAW THAT DAY WAS REMBRANDT'S "NIGHT WATCH". IT IS LOCATED JUST IN THE CENTER OF THE GALLERY OF HONOR.



EXCURSIONS IN AMSTERDAM

NEXT WAS THE VAN GOGH MUSEUM. IT WAS VERY CROWDED THERE AS VAN GOGH IS ONE OF THE GREATEST PAINTERS OF ALL TIME, SO MANY PEOPLE ALL AROUND THE WORLD DREAM OF SEEING HIS MOST POPULAR WORKS IN REAL LIFE. WE FOUND OUT MANY INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT HIS LIFE AND READ EVERY DESCRIPTION UNDER HIS PAINTINGS.



WE DECIDED TO SPEND THE EVENING IN AMSTERDAM'S CENTRAL PARK-VONDELPARK. THERE WE HAD DINNER NEAR A LAKE AND ENJOYED THE PARROTS WHICH WERE FLYING NEAR THE TREES. WE ALSO DIDN'T MISS THE CHANCE TO BUY SOME SOUVENIRS SUCH AS TULIPS AND CHEESE AS THESE THINGS ARE THE BEST IN THE NETHERLANDS.

THE TENTH DAY

On the 11th of July our group was still in Amsterdam. We decided to spend the day exploring the city.



EXCURSIONS IN AMSTERDAM

IN THE MORNING, WE CAME TO THE CENTRAL STATION OF AMSTERDAM. IT LOOKS LIKE A BIG PORT WITH CANALS AND HAS MANY DIFFERENT MEANS OF TRANSPORT IN AND AROUND IT. THERE ARE MANY HOTELS AND CAFES IN THAT AREA, SO EVERYBODY WAS ABLE TO FIND A PLACE TO REST AND A PLACE TO EAT AND ENJOY THE CITY. AS WE NOTICED, THE MAJORITY OF TOURISTS LIKE TO START THEIR SIGHTSEEING OF AMSTERDAM HERE AT THE STATION AND THEN TRAVEL TO THE AREA, WHERE THE RIJKSMUSEUM IS SITUATED. BY FOLLOWING THAT ROUTE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL CANALS AND "GINGERBREAD" LIKE HOUSES OF AMSTERDAM. INTERESTING FACT: IN AMSTERDAM THERE ARE MORE THAT 165 CANALS.



EXCURSIONS IN AMSTERDAM

HOWEVER, THE ARCHITECTURE OF AMSTERDAM IS NOT JUST ABOUT PAST, IT IS ALSO ABOUT THE FUTURE. ALWAYS LOOKING AHEAD, AND REINVENTING ITSELF, THIS CITY HAS RECENTLY EMERGED AS A 21ST-CENTURY STYLE CENTER WITH BUILDINGS WITH NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND NEW HOUSES. FOR EXAMPLE, NEAR THE CENTRAL RAILWAY STATION, THAT WAS BUILT AT THE END OF 19TH CENTURY, THERE IS AN AUTONOMOUS ESCALATOR FROM THE METRO AND THESE OBJECTS OF CITY LOOK APPROPRIATE NEXT TO EACH OTHER. THERE IS NO OTHER CITY LIKE AMSTERDAM. WITH ITS SEAFARING HISTORY, CHARMING GABLED HOUSES, REMARKABLE ART AND COSMOPOLITAN PEOPLE - IT IS A PLACE THAT YOU WON'T EASILY FORGET.



AN EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME.

The summer school in the Netherlands has truly been a great experience for each and every participant.

The amount of knowledge and positive memories acquired during the trip is priceless.

Special thanks to all of the professors, mentors and participants for making this trip worth remembering.



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