

# The Return of Politics to International Relations

*European Workshops in International Studies 2018, Groningen, 6-9 June 2018*



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## EWIS2018: Schedule of Events

| <b>Wednesday, 6 June</b> |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| From 09.00               | Registration<br><i>Harmony Building, Weber Foyer</i>  |
| 14.15-15.45              | Plenary Roundtable 1: The Return of Politics to International Relations<br><i>Academy Building, Geertsemazaal</i> |
| 15.45-16.15              | Coffee Break (Coffee & Snacks Provided)<br><i>Harmony Building, Weber Foyer</i>                                   |
| 16.15-17.45              | Plenary Roundtable 2: The Return of Politics to International Relations<br><i>Academy Building, Geertsemazaal</i> |
| 18.00                    | Welcome Reception<br><i>Harmony Building, Restaurant &amp; Courtyard (weather permitting)</i>                     |

| <b>Thursday, 7 June</b> |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| 9.00-10.30              | Workshop Session 1   |
| 10.30-11.00             | Coffee Break (Coffee & Snacks Provided)<br><i>Harmony Building, Weber Foyer (or provided locally at external workshop locations)</i> |
| 11.00-12.30             | Workshop Session 2   |
| 12.30-14.00             | Lunch Break  |
| 14.00-15.30             | Workshop Session 3   |
| 15.30-16.00             | Coffee Break (Coffee & Snacks Provided)<br><i>Harmony Building, Weber Foyer (or provided locally at external workshop locations)</i> |
| 16.00-17.30             | Workshop Session 4   |
| 17.30-19.30             | EWIS Happy Hour<br><i>Mr. Mofongo, Oude Boteringestraat 26 (next to Academy Building)</i>  |
| 19.30                   | Workshop Convenors' Dinner (by invitation)<br><i>Houdt van Eten, Herestraat 96</i>   |

| <b>Friday, 8 June.</b> |   |
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| 9.00-10.30             | Workshop Session 5  |
| 10.30-11.00            | Coffee Break (Coffee & Snacks Provided)<br><i>Harmony Building, Weber Foyer</i>           |
| 11.00-12.30            | Workshop Session 6  |
| 12.30-14.00            | Lunch Break   |
| 14.00-15.30            | Workshop Slot 8   |
| 15.30-16.00            | Coffee Break (Coffee & Snacks Provided)<br><i>Harmony Building, Weber Foyer</i>           |
| 16.00-17.30            | Workshop Slot 8   |
| 17.30-19.00            | EWIS Happy Hour<br><i>Mr. Mofongo, Oude Boteringestraat 26 (next to Academy Building)</i> |
| 21.00-                 | EWIS Closing Party<br><i>Pacific Aussie Pub, Oosterstraat 65</i>                          |

| <b>Saturday, 9 June</b> |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| 10.00-13.00             | Brunch (not provided) & Open-Space Meet Up<br><i>Eeterie De Globe, Akerkhof 22</i> |

## Dear EWIS participant,

The European Workshops in International Studies (EWIS), launched by EISA in 2013, quickly established themselves as a vital place for the European IR community to engage in sustained, in-depth discussion with a diverse range of peers from various institutions, countries, disciplines and career stages.

EWIS 2018 will be held at University of Groningen, an increasingly important centre for IR in Europe. The university is situated in the heart of the city, which allows easy access to Groningen's rich history (including as a seat of the Hanseatic League) as well as its dynamic and diverse contemporary life. Easily reachable by direct train from Amsterdam Schiphol airport – and many other cities – Groningen combines the accessible charm of a small university town with the outlook and diversity of a big city.

The workshops that we selected will provide plural explorations of the EWIS 2018 timely theme – The Return of Politics to IR. They will zoom in on the manifold ways in which knowledge produced in the field of IR is increasingly politicized, considered as inherently political and confronted with ongoing efforts to reconceptualise politics and the political beyond the confines of IR.

With the 5<sup>th</sup> iteration of the event we are delighted to have drawn a record number of workshops and participants, while maintaining the spirit of EWIS and its small-group workshop format. We thus strive to consolidate EWIS' reputation as the most intellectually fruitful IR conference format in Europe - and one that supports inclusive participation through the provision of childcare support and a commitment to accessible facilities. As well as consolidating, however, we also continue to innovate: for the first time in EISA history we are proud to support wider participation by providing substantial mobility grants to 27 participants, a practice we hope to continue in future.

We are also happy to honour the EWIS tradition of offering a full social programme including a reception, 'happy hours' (an affordable version of the hotel bar at other conferences!), a closing party and a Saturday morning brunch that will give you plenty of chance to meet and discuss with participants from other workshops. We hope that EWIS 2018 in Groningen provides a productive as well as enjoyable and memorable experience.

All of this would not have been possible without the hard work behind the scenes by the workshop conveners, University of Groningen staff, the staff of EISA, as well as numerous student helpers. We are sure that you will join us in thanking them for their work.

We hope you enjoy the event, and look forward to meeting you, catching up – and to getting your feedback! – during one of the social events.

### **Benjamin Tallis**

Institute of International Relations Prague  
(EISA board)

### **Benjamin Herborth**

University of Groningen  
(local host)

The cover art is from a cover of "The Next Call", a magazine published by Groningen artist H.N. Werkman (1882-1945). An experimental artist, typographer and printer, Werkman set up a clandestine printing house during the Nazi occupation (1940–45) and was shot by the Gestapo in the closing days of the war.

## Plenary Roundtables, 6 June 2018: The Return of Politics to IR

EWIS 2018 kicks off with two plenary roundtables exploring the conference theme – “The Return of Politics to International Relations”. The roundtables seek to democratize the conventional keynote format by bringing together scholars from a broad variety of perspectives and emphasizing the bottom-up dialogical character of EWIS as a whole. For this new format we are excited to welcome leading scholars and rising stars from around Europe but also from around the world - reflecting the growing reach of EWIS - to participate in these agenda-setting roundtable discussions.

The first roundtable will start by literally unpacking the conference title: Would we agree with the presumption that there has been a tendency in IR to forget about politics, even though the study of politics may conventionally be viewed as our core business? How did this happen? Do concepts such as policy and/or governance serve as surrogates for politics, are they, in other words, rhetorical devices that make politics disappear? Is there currently enough resistance to that curious disappearance in order to warrant talk of a “return of politics”? How is politics then articulated by those advocating its return? And how is politics articulated in our own work? Last but not least, how do academic readings of a return of politics relate to those circulating in a broader public, often linked to the “rise of populism”? In the latter case, could the talk of a return of politics itself be used as a means of depoliticization?

The second roundtable will provide additional perspectives on these themes and give the participants a chance to reflect on what the previous speakers contributed, but with an eye to the future – to *what is to be done and how to do it*. The second session will ask how can IR scholars seize and shape the return of politics to the discipline and indeed to the objects of its study – if indeed they should. It will unpack methods and modes of international political scholarship and its connections to modes and methods in other disciplines as well as beyond the academy. The speakers will discuss different ways of apprehending, comprehending, representing, engaging and changing the world political and how it is composed. The panelists will discuss the politics of critical – and post-critical – IR and related questions of communication, accessibility, experimentation, innovation, ethics and normativity, (scholarly) responsibility, cooption, instrumentalisation, compromise, academic freedom, divisions of labour, team and social work. In short, the practice, but also the politics of the return of politics to IR.

### Participants

| Roundtable 1                                       | Roundtable 2                                    |
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| Benjamin Herborth (Chair), University of Groningen | Benjamin Tallis (Chair), IIR Prague             |
| Tanja Aalberts, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam      | Roland Bleiker, University of Queensland        |
| Cameron Thies, Arizona State University            | Laura Sjoberg, University of Florida            |
| Swati Parashar, University of Gothenburg           | Luis Lobo Guerrero, University of Groningen     |
| Jaap de Wilde, University of Groningen             | Zeynep Gülşah Çapan, University of Erfurt       |
| Xymena Kurowska, CEU & Aberystwyth University      | Jonathan Luke Austin, Graduate Institute Geneva |

### Location

Offerhauszaal, Academy Building, Broerstraat 5

## **EWIS 2018: List of Workshops**

### **WS A: The Women, Peace and Security Agenda and economic empowerment**

Convenors: Maria Martin de Almagro (University of Cambridge & Vesalius College), Caitlin Ryan (University of Groningen)

**Room: H1312.007, Harmony Building**

### **WS AA: The (re-)politicisation of international relations in the post-Soviet space**

Convenors: Tracey German (King's College London), Agha Bayramov (University of Groningen)

**Room: T12, Turftorenstraat**

### **WS AB: The 'Schengen paradox': Freedom – Technology – Surveillance**

Convenors: Emma Mc Cluskey (King's College London), Leonie Ansems de Vries (King's College London)

**Room: H1313.0346, Harmony Building**

### **WS AC: The Politics of Foreign Policy Change – The Role of Policy Entrepreneurs II**

Convenors: Jeroen Joly (Ghent University), Tim Haesebrouck (Ghent University)

**Room: H1315.0036, Harmony Building**

### **WS B: Gender and Terrorism**

Convenors: Caron Gentry (University of St Andrews), Swati Parashar (University of Gothenburg)

**Room: H1312.0018, Harmony Building**

### **WS C: Resilience: Between the Politicization of Security and the Production of the Neoliberal Passive Individual**

Convenors: Marco Krüger (University of Tübingen), Philippe Bourbeau (Université Laval)

**Room: H1315.0049, Harmony Building**

### **WS D: Performing world politics through rituals**

Convenors: Tanja Aalberts (VU Amsterdam), Anna Leander (The Graduate Institute, Geneva)

**Room: H1312.0012, Harmony Building**

### **WS E: Global Health: The Return to Politics**

Convenors: Nadnie Voelkner (University of Groningen), Clare Wenham (LSE)

**Room: Thursday: Het Kasteel, zaal 1.04 – Friday: T10 (Turftorenstraat)**

### **WS F: Populism and Foreign Policy: Conceptual and empirical advances**

Convenors: Angelos Chrysosgelos (King's College London), Cameron Thies (Arizona State University)

**Room: H1312.0025, Harmony Building**

### **WS G: New Technologies of Warfare: Implications of Autonomous Weapons Systems for International Relations**

Convenors: Ingvild Bode (University of Kent), Hendrik Huelss (University of Kent)

**Room: H1312.0018, Harmony Building**

### **WS H: European Sanctions in the Twenty-first Century**

Convenors: Clara Portela (University of Valencia), Francesco Giumelli (University of Groningen)

**Room: H1313.0338, Harmony Building**

### **WS I: The Politics of Foreign Policy Change: The Role of Policy Entrepreneurs**

Convenors: Kai Oppermann (University of Sussex), Klaus Brummer (Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt)

**Room: H1312.0030, Harmony Building**

### **WS J: Theoretical and Practical Implications of Dual-Use Technologies in the European Union**

Convenors: Raluca Cernatoni (Charles University of Prague), Chantal Lavallée (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)  
**Room: Thursday: Het Kasteel, Professorenkamer – Friday: T11, Turftorenstraat**

**WS K: Beyond “Campfire IR” – Multiplicity as a new common ground for IR theory**

Convenors: Justin Rosenberg (University of Sussex), Milja Kurki (Aberystwyth University)  
**Room: H1312.0019, Harmony Building**

**WS L: The Past is Our Future: Assessing and Refining Historical International Relations**

Convenors: Benjamin de Carvalho (Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)), Halvard Leira (Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI))  
**Room: H1312.0024, Harmony Building**

**WS M: After Iraq: Rethinking Regional Order in the Middle East**

Convenors: Ewan Stein (University of Edinburgh), Lucy Abbott (University of Edinburgh)  
**Room: H1315.0042, Harmony Building**

**WS N: How do symbols order? Exploring approaches for analysing the semiotic ordering social space and the politics of imagination**

Convenors: Timo Walter (University of Erfurt), Oliver Kessler (University of Erfurt)  
**Room: USVA, zaal 1**

**WS O: Wrongdoing, International Scandal, and the Politics of Responsibility**

Convenors: Owen D. Thomas (University of Exeter), Jamie M. Johnson (University of Leicester)  
**Room: Thursday: Het Kasteel, Congreszaal – Friday: H1315.0031, Harmony Building**

**WS P: Aesthetic Cities: Everyday, International, Urban**

Convenors: Matt Davies (Newcastle University), Delacey Tedesco (University of Exeter)  
**Room: USVA, zaal 2**

**WS Q: Mediterranean Encounters**

Convenors: Knud Erik Jorgensen (Yasar University), Defne Gunay (Yasar University)  
**Room: H1313.0316, Harmony Building**

**WS R: Global Histories of the ‘International’**

Convenors: Filipe dos Reis (University of Erfurt), Zeynep Gulsah Capan (University of Erfurt)  
**Room: H1312.0013, Harmony Building**

**WS S: Exploitation and the Design of Global Economic Institutions**

Convenors: Michael Sampson (University of Leiden), Nicholas Vrousalis (University of Leiden)  
**Room: H1313.0340, Harmony Building**

**WS T: Doing Visual IR: Methods, Power and Politics**

Convenors: Jonathan Luke Austin (The Graduate Institute, Geneva), Stephanie Perrazzone (The Graduate Institute, Geneva)  
**Room: H1313.0309, Harmony Building**

**WS U: Archaeology as a Diplomatic Tool – Old and New International Players and Their Political Interest in Global Archaeology**

Convenors: Marwan Kilani (Charles University Prague), Christian Langer (Freie Universität Berlin)  
**Room: H1315.0048, Harmony Building**

**WS V: Political Economy of the Post-Soviet Space: Between Empires, Histories and Uncertain Futures**

Convenors: Yuliya Yurchenko (Greenwich University), Stuart Shields (Manchester University)  
**Room: Thursday: Het Kasteel, Bestuurskamer – Friday: H1313:0344, Harmony Building**

**WS W: The Political Economy of Democratic Deficits**

Convenors: Saliha Metinsoy (University of Groningen), Gregory Fuller (University of Groningen)  
**Room: Thursday: Het Kasteel, Boekshotenkamer – Friday: H1313:0342, Harmony Building**

**WS X: Human In-security and Mediterranean Migration (HisMed)**

Convenors: Stefania Panebianco (University of Catania), Valeria Bello (UN University, Barcelona)  
**Room: H1315.0043, Harmony Building**

**WS Y: Politics, Governance, and Civilian Agency during Armed Conflict**

Convenors: Georg Frerks (Utrecht University), Niels Terpstra (Utrecht University)  
**Room: Thursday: Het Kasteel, zaal 1.08 – Friday: T14, Turftorenstraat**

**WS Z: Planet Politics and IR**

Convenor: Hannes Peltonen (University of Tampere)  
**Room: H1315.0055**

**Presentation Equipment in Workshop Rooms**

All workshop rooms are equipped with full IT facilities, including beamers.

## EWIS2018: Useful Information

### Workshop Rooms

Workshop rooms are located in four buildings:

- 1) The Harmony Building, Oude Kijk in't Jatstraat 26 is the main conference site. The welcome reception will take place in the restaurant and (if weather permits) the courtyard. Walk through the arch and across the courtyard to get to the main entrance. Workshop rooms beginning with 1312 are located directly to the right of the front desk. For workshop rooms beginning with 1313 start from the front desk and follow the green markings on the ground. For workshop rooms beginning with 1315 start from the front desk and follow the yellow markings on the ground.
- 2) Turftorenstraat 17/25, also part of the Harmony Complex, the building is directly adjacent to the courtyard of the Harmony Building. Despite the name the entrance is located at Uurwerkersgang, and very easy to find if start from the front desk of the Harmony Building and follow the blue markings on the ground.
- 3) Het Kasteel, Melkweg 1. On Thursday a few workshops will take place in Het Kasteel, a conference centre located in the city centre and within easy walking distance from the Harmony Building. There will be separate coffee breaks on site.
- 4) USVA, Munneholm 10. Two workshops will take place at the Cultural Centre of the University of Groningen, also located within easy walking distance from the Harmony Building. There will be separate coffee breaks on site.

### EWIS2018 Map

A map of all event locations is available at

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1hG1hnNqJy22xafvLmjcpiywpxTTpnhcU&usp=sharing>

### Registration Desk and Coffee Breaks

The registration desk will be located in the Weber Foyer of the Harmony Building, located to the left of the front desk (just behind the 1312 rooms). The Weber Foyer will also serve as the site for coffee breaks for all workshops located in the Harmony Complex (including Turftorenstraat). Workshops located in Het Kasteel and USVA will have separate coffee breaks.

### Lunch and Dinner Venues, Local Information

Groningen has a vibrant city centre with plenty of opportunities for lunch and dinner. For larger groups we recommend making reservations in advance. Workshop lunches and dinners will be facilitated in collaboration between workshop convenors and local organization. **Please check with your workshop convenors to ensure that you are aware of any arrangements that have been made for your group.** For suggestions and further local information please see <https://toerisme.groningen.nl/en/>

On Friday and Saturday (09:00-17:00) the squares of the Grote Markt and Vismarkt will be filled with stands of veggies, fruit, cheese, fish and other groceries.

### Internet Access

Wifi is provided via eduroam – login as at your home institution. If you do not have access to eduroam, simply ask for a temporary personal login code at the registration desk.

## EWIS2018: Social Programme

### Welcome Reception

Following the plenary roundtables, starting at 18.00 there will be a welcome reception at the restaurant and the courtyard of the Harmony Building. This reception is offered to you by the University of Groningen, the Municipality of Groningen and the Province of Groningen. EISA is delighted to have again worked in close partnership with our local academic hosts but also the institutions and establishments of our host city, which again highlights the importance that we place on EWIS as an event that is firmly embedded in interesting locations around Europe.



**GCB** GRONINGEN CONGRES BUREAU

----- *INVITATION* -----

**Welcome reception: European Workshops on International Studies**

Date: Wednesday June 6th 2018  
Time: 6.00 - 7.00 p.m.  
Location: Harmoniegebouw, Oude Kijk in t' Jatstraat 26, Groningen

This reception is organized by the GCB on behalf of the joint hostmanship, a co-hosting from the Mayor of the city of Groningen, the Rector Magnificus of the University of Groningen and the King's commissioner in the province of Groningen. The joint hostmanship is honoured to welcome you in Groningen.

Groningen Congres Bureau | [info@gcb.nl](mailto:info@gcb.nl) | +31(0)50 316 88 77

### EWIS Happy Hours

EWIS Happy Hour provide the opportunity to continue the workshop discussion with a cold drink in one of Groningen's stunning pubs. We have negotiated special deals at Mr. Mofongo, located at Oude Boteringestraat 26 directly next to the Academy Building and within short walking distance from the Harmony Complex for the following dates:

- **Thursday, 17.30-19.30**
- **Friday, 17.30-19.00**

The first few rounds - of beer, wine, or soft drinks of your choice - will be on EWIS, so do be on time.

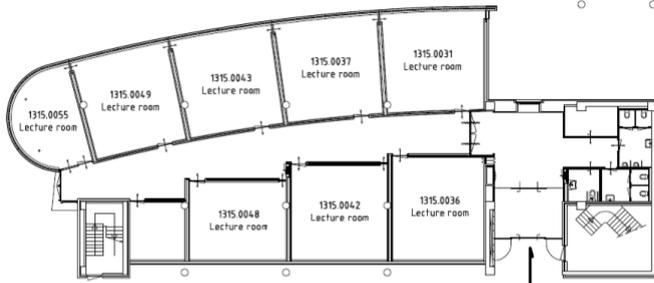
### EWIS Closing Party

On Friday evening it will be time to celebrate the end of the EWIS workshops with music and drinks. The closing party takes place at *The Pacific Aussie Pub and BBQ Restaurant (Oosterstraat 65)* known to provide an excellent time with music, friends, and banter. Doors open at 21.00. Again, the first few rounds of beer, wine, or soft drinks of your choice, as well as some snacks, will be on EWIS but it's first come, first served, so arrive early to avoid disappointment ...

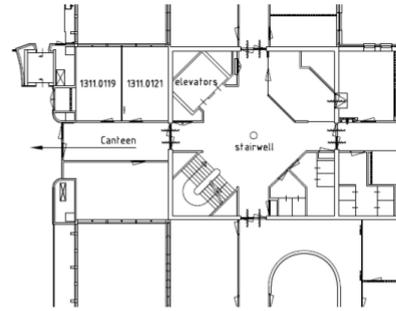
### Saturday Brunch

On Saturday morning, starting at 10.00 there will be a buffet-style brunch for 8 EUR at Eeterie De Globe, located at Akerkhof 22, directly next to The Aa-church and within easy walking distance from all workshop locations. De Globe features a wonderful garden ideally suited for a relaxed conference wrap-up.

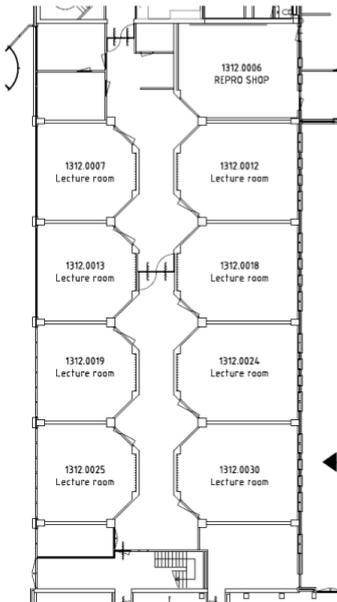
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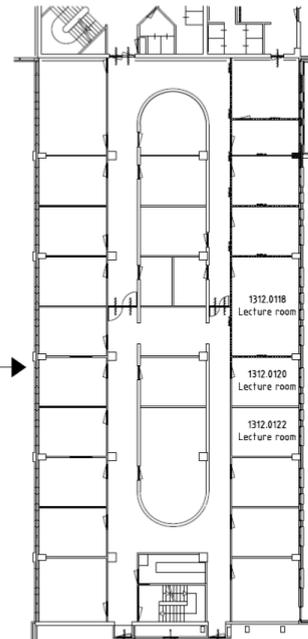
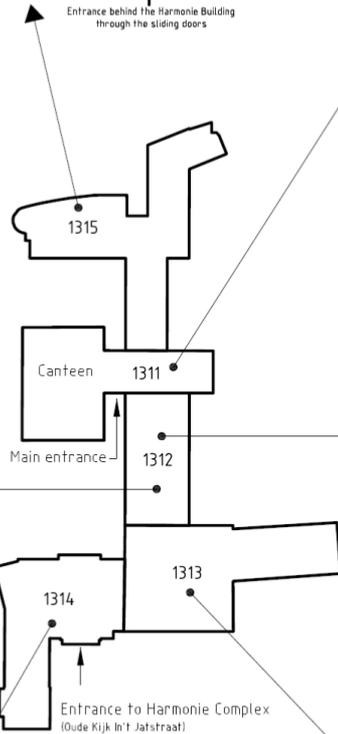
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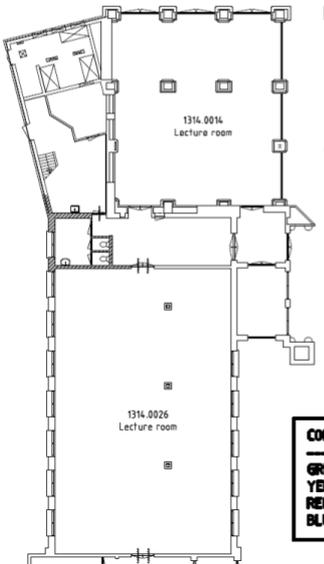
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Wing 1312 / Ground floor / Lecture rooms.

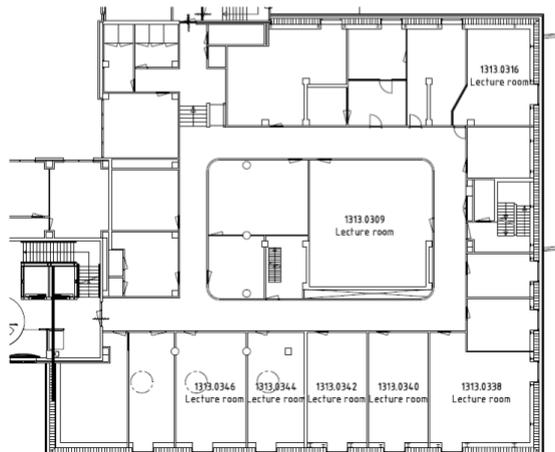


Wing 1312 / First floor / Computer rooms.



Wing 1314 / Ground floor / Lecture rooms.

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Wing 1313 / Third floor / Lecture rooms.

# Lecture Rooms Faculty of Law Turftorenstraat

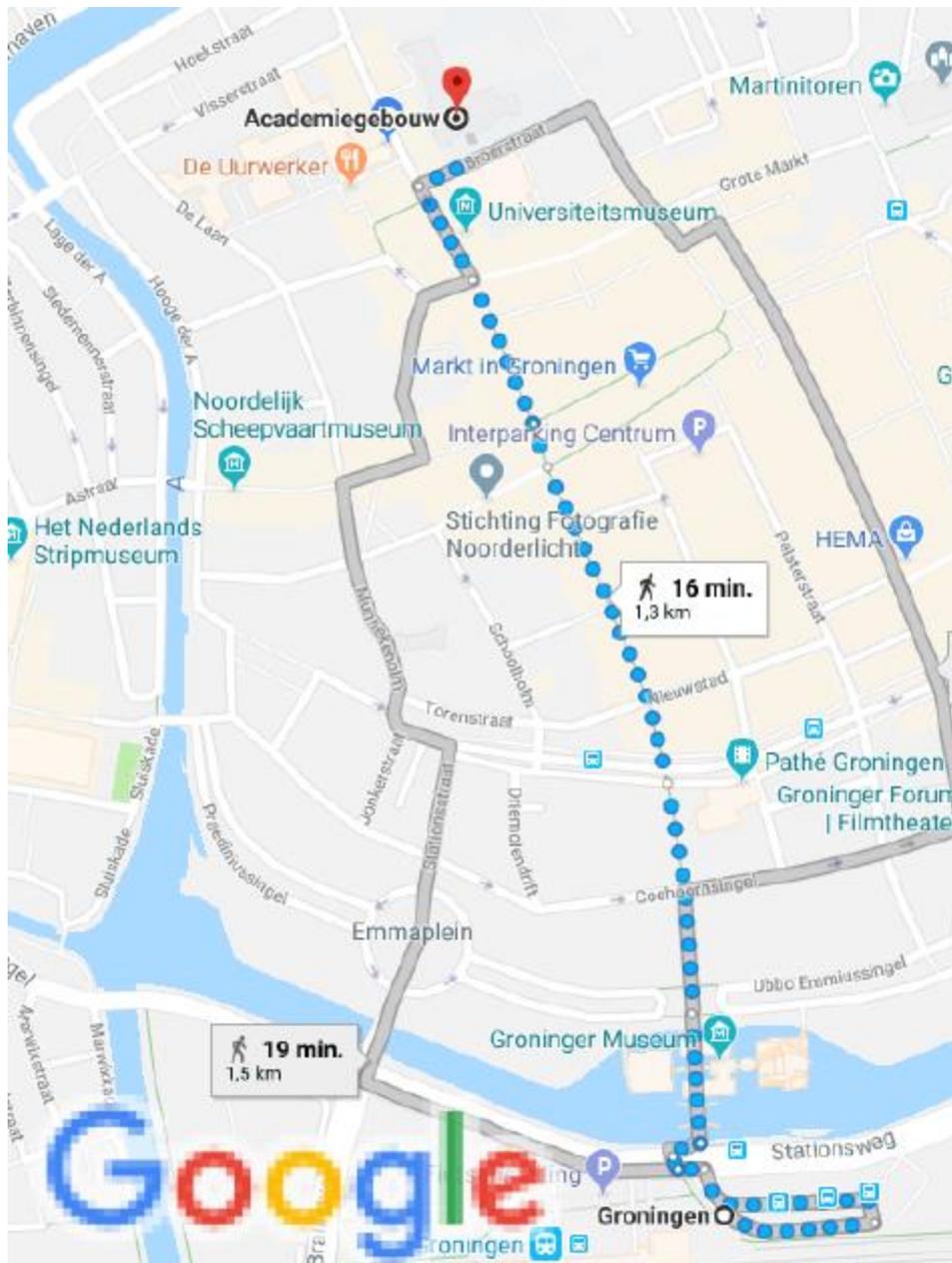


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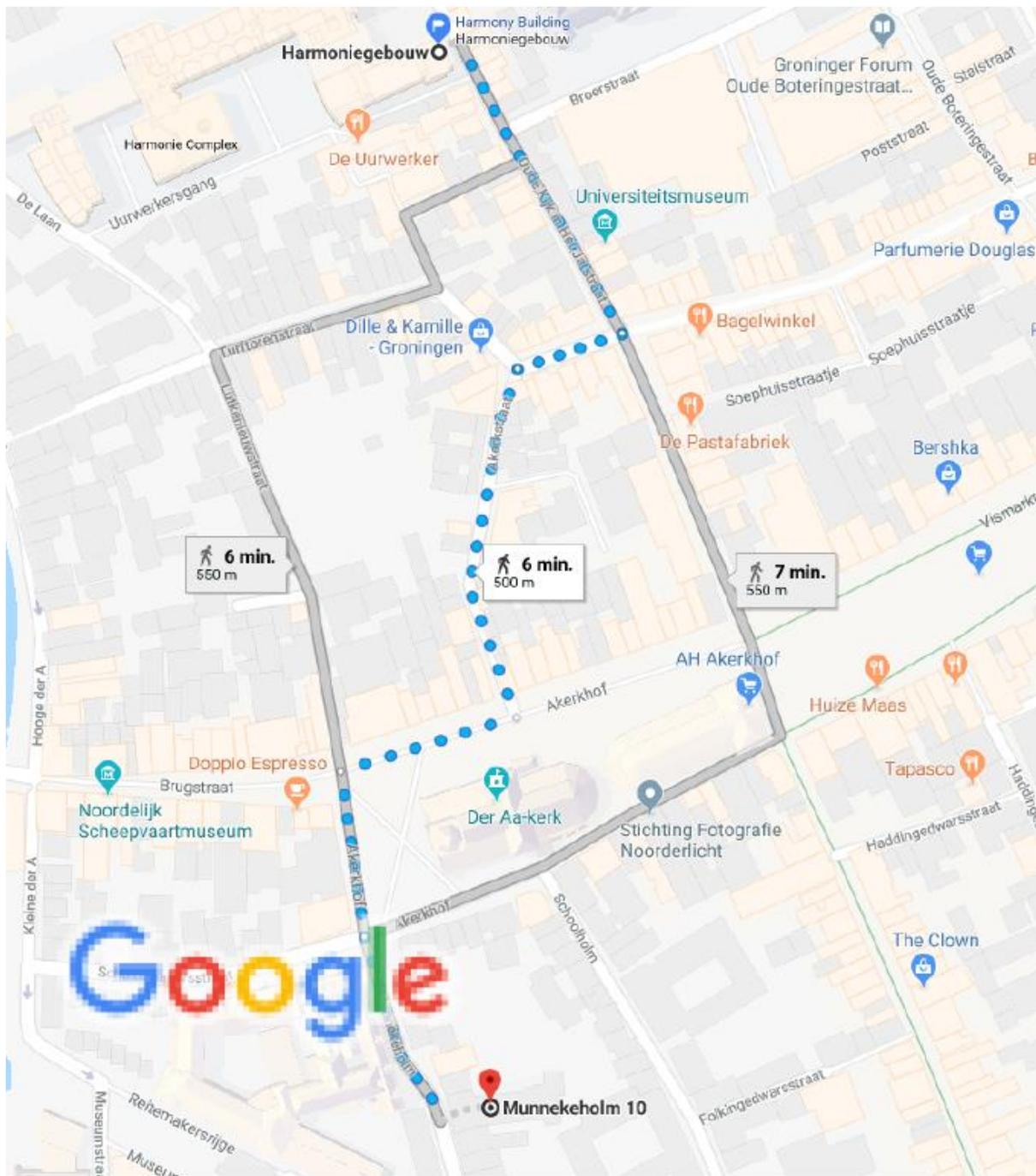


**First Floor Building 1323**

Walk from the train stations to the Academy Building, Broerstraat 5 (location of plenary roundtables) – the loop at the station is not necessary



# Walk from the Harmony Building, Oude Kijk in 't Jatstraat 26 to USVA, Munnekeholm 10



## Walk from the Harmony Building, Oude Kijk in 't Jatstraat 26 to Het Kasteel, Melkweg 1

