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With this newsflash, we will inform subscribers to our newsflash and members of the UvA-IAS community of research findings, new projects, possibilities for cooperation and grants, events, and other relevant news of the IAS.

Here's what you missed



Inspiration and imagination: a day at Het Hem with RAAAF

On 13 June 2024, the RAAAF brothers, Ronald and Erik Rietveld, hosted an inspiring event focused on the intersection of art and science. The RAAAF duo guided participants at Het Hem to present their captivating work, “Still Life”, where visual art, experimental architecture and philosophy of embodied cognition converge together. The day was filled with inspiring conversations,

emphasizing how merging art and science can stimulate fresh perspectives, generate creative ideas, and highlight the power of interdisciplinary problem-solving.

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POLDER collaborates with RIVM on social tipping points

POLDER has established a strategic collaboration and research lab with the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM). They will work together on the project 'Computational Modelling of Social Tipping Points' (COMTIP), to improve the methods and tools used by the RIVM to carry out its work for the ministries. The collaboration will start in early 2025 and last for four years, during which they will seek synergies with other projects on social tipping points.

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New Master program Complex Systems and Policy passed accreditation

We are delighted to announce that the UvA's first interdisciplinary master Complex Systems and Policy has passed accreditation and is starting in September 2025. The Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies (IIS) has worked diligently to create this new master's programme, which has a unique programme that combines policy, behaviour and complexity. Challenge-based education is an important part of the Master's programme, and it therefore relies on close collaboration with policy-makers in the Netherlands and internationally.



IAS Academy 2024: celebrating interdisciplinarity and slow science

On July 2, we brought together over 150 PhD candidates and Postdocs from different disciplines for the IAS Academy, a conference specifically aimed at early career researchers. Participants had the opportunity to take part in sharing their unique perspectives and ideas. The event featured various workshops on complex topics such as climate change, polarisation, and complex systems,

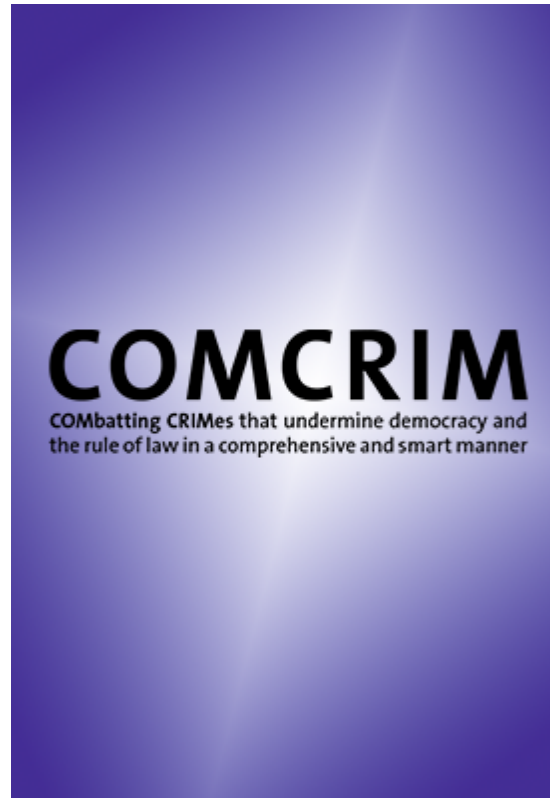
during which participants shared their unique perspectives and ideas. The academy concluded with an informal networking event, celebrating interdisciplinary collaboration and promoting the importance of slow science.

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What's new at IAS

COMCRIM joins IAS as new in-house research group

In November 2024, we welcomed the interdisciplinary project [COMCRIM](#) as our new in-house research group. Led by a consortium of over 28 scholars from nine disciplines, COMCRIM explores crimes that undermine democracy and the rule of law in the Netherlands. The team collaborates with public and private partners to detect organized crime through unconventional data sources, including banking records and criminal network analysis.



[Read more about research on Crime and Terrorism at IAS →](#)

Early-career researcher at IAS? Join IAS NEXT

IAS NEXT is a new, vibrant, dynamic community that aims to connect emerging researchers and academics within the Institute for Advanced Study. This network offers a unique platform for early-career researchers to collaborate, innovate, and engage with their peers across diverse disciplines. The network aims to empower the next generation of thought leaders through various creative activities and offers resources and guidance to help you launch your own initiatives within the network. Whether you are looking to expand your research horizons, develop new skills, or simply connect with like-minded individuals, IAS NEXT is the place for you.

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[Where Art Meets Science: Biodiversity at Kinabalu](#)

Oude Turfmarkt 145-147, 15:00 - 18:00

The "Where ART Meets Science" series aims to explore intersections of art and science, presenting projects viewing art through a scientific lens, and examining human behavior and natural phenomena artistically. Join the next session on **12 December**, which will focus on the biodiversity at Kinabalu. Menno Schilthuis, professor of evolution and biodiversity at Leiden University, and Irene Kopelman, current IAS Artist-in-Residence will delve into Kinabalu's unique ecosystems and the creative projects inspired by them.

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[Working together on Climate Change](#)

Oude Turfmarkt 145-147

Join the Amsterdam Complexity School on Climate Change **from April 28 to May 2, 2025**, for a stimulating one-week event to work on interdisciplinary projects about climate change using complexity science. Together with early-career researchers and non-academic stakeholders, you can take part in various activities to tackle a wide range of climate change challenges, and bring forward your ideas through research papers, campaigns, or communication tools. Deadline for applications is **January 19, 2025**.

News from our network

IAS Policy Fellow Suzanne-Fustolo Gunnink awarded Early Career Award

The Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) has awarded [Suzanne Fustolo-Gunnink](#), IAS Policy Fellow and researcher at the Sanquin Blood Supply Foundation, the prestigious Early Career Award, for her innovative work in neonatal transfusion research. Her studies focus on rethinking how to handle the uncertainty in medical

research and improve decision-making through complexity thinking. This award highlights Fustolo-Gunnick's work at IAS in which she aimed to gather insights and collaborate with experts in different fields to advance medical science and develop more flexible medical guidelines.

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