

# History Student Association Excalibur



## Policy plan of the 39th board of GSV Excalibur

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## Preface

Dear members,

The thirty-ninth board of GSV Excalibur hereby presents its policy plan for the association year 2022-2023. In the past year the COVID measures fell away one by one, which made it look more and more like a normal association year. Cautiously optimistic, the board is looking forward to a year in which these measures will not return and thus the first completely normal association year since 2018-2019. The board is therefore entering the year with high hopes of organizing as many fun, interesting and practical activities and deals as possible for its beloved members.

The introduction week is still fresh in the board's memory and therefore the board has full confidence in the new generation of students, many of whom have already signed up for our beautiful purple association. The board will also try to involve less active members in the GSV, due to COVID or whatever reason, as much as possible. Even for those members for whom the association may not be a new thing, there will be new things to discover in the coming year. For example, there will be a Career Committee for GSV members with an eye to the future and there will be a Members' Choice Activity where the input of the members counts more than ever. There will also be a secret activity in the second semester, the details of which are not yet shared, of course.

The coming year will be a special year anyway, as our beautiful university turns 100 years old. Our faculty is also turning 100. This will both bring the necessary festivities and the board will look at how it will place the association in this. However, the board does not only have an eye for the past, it also looks to the future. Next academic year will be the GSV's eighth lustrum and this year the necessary preparations will be made.

All in all, the board will give its 110% to make this a great year, but a board is nothing without its members. Therefore, we cordially invite you to read this policy plan with a critical eye and especially to give a lot of feedback at the upcoming ALV. This way, we will make it a year to remember.

With kind regards,

The 39th board of GSV Excalibur

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## General topics

### General Member Assemblies

In the coming academic year, General Member Assemblies (GMAs) will most likely be fully physical again. In the event that COVID-19 once again ensures that this is not possible, the GMAs will again be held online. The board will use Zoom for this, as in previous years. The board has seen the positive effect of the 38th board's extra effort on the number of attendees at GMAs and will continue this in the coming academic year. This means PR for GMAs and urging members at activities to attend. The board hopes this will allow incoming first year students to be as active as the first year students were last year.

The language of communication and minutes of a GMA will be Dutch by default. In case this is requested during the meeting, the GMA could also be held in English. After a request, a vote will be taken and in case of a majority, the language of the meeting will be changed to English. The board expects that this vote will already be used with small numbers of international attendees, since the step for Dutch-speaking members to speak English is smaller than the step for international members to speak Dutch. In this way, the board wants to make GMAs accessible to as many members as possible. Working towards this goal, the board will also make flyleaves in Dutch and English. In accordance with Dutch law, a Dutch version of the minutes will always be made. It is, however, possible for international members to request parts of the minutes in English or an English summary of the minutes.

### Alumni

In the past academic year, an alumni day was organized by the 38th board. The 39th board wants to organize this the coming year as well. This year, however, it will not be an activity of the board itself, but an activity of the new Career Committee. This will be further explained in the committee's own paragraph on page 16. Reaching the alumni will be made more easy by keeping the physical alumni record and by working together with the study.

### Covid-19

Over the past six months, a number of favourable developments have made their appearance in the field of COVID-19. With the cabinet decision in the spring to lift a very large part of the COVID-19 measures, opportunities have arisen to organize plenty of physical activities again. It is the 39th board's aim to focus on this during the academic year 2022-2023.

We do, however, need to be careful with this. We are well aware that the pandemic is not completely over and that a new COVID variant combined with rising infection rates and hospital occupancy could lead to new restrictive government measures. That is why, if such a scenario

presents itself again, the board will also take into account the organization of (digital) alternative activities in accordance with the guidelines of the RIVM, the national government and Radboud University. Given the unpredictability of the pandemic, the board will try to be as flexible as possible when such a situation arises.

To prevent the association from a complete shutdown in the event of a new lockdown, the board will focus on the organization of alternative activities that can be used. Use can be made of precedents that have already been applied in previous years, such as an online version of the game Werewolves via WhatsApp, digital game nights via Discord or activities in the open air where sufficient social distance can be kept. Decisions about alternative options for activities that are affected will always be taken in consultation with the respective committees. Due to the popularity of previous versions, the board will contact the Activities Committee about another game of digital Werewolves. This will not be held during the exam period and will be done no matter the situation regarding Covid-19.

In addition, the board also wants to focus on maintaining contact with members in such a situation. To prevent members from ending up in social isolation in the event of potential new lockdowns, we as a board want to continue to communicate intensively with the members and try to actively involve them in the association, both through association activities and beyond. One of these initiatives concerns the Member Choice Activities proposal, which gives all members (including members who are not on a committee) a say in the organization of an activity. For the detailed elaboration of this concept, please refer to page 9.

## **Sustainability**

Sustainability is an important topic and the board thinks it is important that the association does its part to promote sustainability. First of all, the board will therefore, as usual, have things such as registrations for activities take place digitally to prevent paper waste. We will also look at making the HInT more sustainable by, for example, producing a smaller print run to prevent paper from being wasted, since HInTs sometimes stay behind in the GSV room.

In addition, when purchasing products, the board will pay more attention to collaborations with climate-neutral companies, such as Greengiving. In addition, the board wants to capitalize on the reuse of items for activities where the inventory of items can be used. Finally, the board will build on the reusable mug system by looking at a possibility of reusable, practically unbreakable, plastic cups for member hours and activities. These could be more convenient when transported and could be a good complement to the mugs.

## **Inclusivity**

Like the 38th Board, the 39th Board plans to continue a dedicated policy on inclusivity. The

board considers making members feel safe and involved by the study association as a high priority. Through the involvement of social themes in activities such as Pride Month, Black History Month, and Women's History Month, for example, the 39th board will work to engage its members in topics from current events. Furthermore, the 39th board wants to encourage committees to organise themed activities with these relevant topics. When organizing activities, the board will not require committees to use relevant themes but rather encourage them to use them.

The board is aware that the study association should, as best as it can, adopt a politically and socially neutral position. The 39th board is therefore not politically motivated, only current themes and topics concerning creating a safe environment for members where everyone can be themselves are involved to make members feel welcome in the association.

### **Internationalization**

The 39th Board anticipates that the proportion of international students studying Comparative European History (CEH) will increase. This makes the 39th board aware of the need to intensify the policy on internationalisation. We also notice that the interest from students of CEH is still low. Due to the expected growing proportion of international students and the low expenditure, the Internationalisation Committee (Intercom) will be allocated a higher spendable budget of €100 in the 2022-2023 academic year. The board will continue to use lecture tours to attempt to involve (international) students in the association. The board will ensure as much as possible that at an activity where international students are present, English will be used as the working language. Activities where this is not possible are of course exceptions to this rule.

Furthermore, the 39th board will make an explicit effort to involve international students as much as possible in activities and all other parts of the association. Like previous boards, we opt for Dutch-language General Meeting Assembly's (GMAs), whereby it is possible to hold an GMA in English upon request and vote. In order to increase the involvement of international students in the association, the 39th board wants to publish the policy plan in English as well as in Dutch. It is intended that at the other ALVs the necessary documents will also be provided in English. The above-mentioned changes in the internationalisation policy should ensure that Dutch and English-speaking students feel involved and heard at activities and General Members' Assemblies.

### **Member Choice Activities**

In the past year, the 38th board has done a lot to actively involve members in the association, in particular the members who had to start their studies (partly) online due to COVID-19. This has led to a relatively broad intake of active (then) first-year students. Despite this good effort,

however, there are still a number of members who feel little connected with the association and/or are reluctant to visit association activities.

In order to try to involve even more members in the association, the 39th board will start a pilot of so-called Member Choice Activities this year. During the first semester, the board will communicate via the WhatsApp group and the Instagram channel. share a PR message with a link to a digital form. In this digital form, members can submit ideas for an activity that is not yet fixed in the planning or curriculum of one of the committees, but that they would still like to do with the association. The board notes that this may under no circumstances concern activities that violate the law and/or the university's code of conduct. Should this occur, the board reserves the power to refuse such activities.

Members will have one week to submit ideas for activities. After a week, the board will close the form and collect the ideas in a digital poll. A link to this poll will then be sent to members in a new PR message. The members will then have another week to vote for the activity that appeals to them the most or the activities that appeal to them most. In this way, members who are not part of a committee can also think about and participate in the organization of activities. To ensure that as many new members as possible also have the opportunity to both submit ideas and vote, PR will also be made during a lecture talk for the Member Choice Activity.

The voting method will operate as follows. Members will see all submitted ideas in the digital poll. Members are then given the opportunity to select up to 5 activities that they would like to see performed. Less is also allowed, as long as at least one option is selected. After the vote has closed, the board then collects the results and looks at which choice activity received the most votes. This activity chosen by the members will then be organized. If there are several activities that come out as the winner with the same number of votes, a run-off vote will be organized between these activities.

The responsibility for the organization of this chosen activity will in the first instance lie with the board. However, if there is or are one or more committee(s) that would like to organize the activity in question, this is certainly an option as far as the board is concerned. In consultation with the relevant committee(s), the organization of a free activity of the committee may be exchanged for this Member Choice activity. The relevant free activity may be canceled if desired by the committee(s).

The Secretary will act on behalf of the board as manager responsible for overseeing the Member Choice Activities, in any case from the moment of the first PR message up to and including the close of the voting round. If a committee not under the executive responsibility of the Secretary subsequently takes over the organization of the chosen activity, it is possible that

another board member takes over the responsibility. This will be discussed in due course by the board and made known to the members and the relevant committee.

In order to ensure that the activity runs smoothly, the organization will be taken into account in the annual planning and budget. The activity concerned will be included in the half-yearly planning as a 'Member Choice Activity' and a certain amount will be made available in the budget for its organization. For the exact date and the amount of money associated with the Member Choice Activity, we refer to the accompanying documents about the budget and the annual planning.

Since this concerns a pilot of a new way in which an activity will be devised and organised, the intention of the 39th board is initially to carry out this once during the first semester of the academic year 2022-2023. If the setup is considered a success after extensive reflection by the board, the possibilities for a potential second Member Choice Activity will be explored during the second semester. There will be room for adjustments within this if deemed relevant by the board.

In conclusion, there will also be room for the input of members within the reflection on the first Member Choice activity. The exact way in which members will be involved in this has not yet been determined, but there will be held a public reflection. One of the options being considered by the board is a digital poll during a lecture, but other options such as a form or direct feedback during a physical meeting (for example during a member's hour) are also being considered.

## Membership Cards

The reusable plastic membership cards will continue to be in use for the upcoming academic year. New members can pick up the card for free at the GSV room and in case of damage, loss or theft, a new membership card can be picked up upon payment of a two euro replacement fee.

Starting with the 2020/2021 academic year, the sticker system started whereby each member could pick up a sticker to prove the validity of the membership card. The 38th Board recommended the use of stickers with changing colors for this purpose. This system will be continued in the coming year. Each member can pick up a sticker to keep their pass valid. The 38th board will use the stickers that were left over from the 37th board for this, to prevent waste, and make them in the color red. This will be included in the cooperation agreements with the partners of the GSV so that this can be monitored.

Finally, the board wants to start looking at possible options for a digital membership card behind the website portal. This would be useful in case members forget their card and it would promote sustainability. The exact implementation of this digital card will be investigated in the coming association year.

## Privacy

The 39th board will do everything it can to protect the privacy of its members as best as possible in accordance with the guidelines of the Dutch law General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR, AVG in Dutch). An important part of this involves taking and publishing photos of members. The aim is to keep asking all members for permission for each activity to take and publish photos for the various social media channels. Also, before posting a social media message, permission will again be requested. In addition, the photos of activities published on the site will remain in the portal as usual, so that members can look them up via their own account. The board will continue to use the Drive among themselves and in collaboration with the committees, albeit in incognito mode to prevent data leaks. This is a guideline in particular for publicly accessible computers.

In addition, the data of members will be handled very carefully. After the digital registration of new members in Conscribo, the registration forms of the members have been placed in the physical member database as usual. As a rule, this physical member file remains inaccessible to protect members' confidential information. Finally, communication with members via e-mail will always continue via the BCC to prevent data leaks of e-mail addresses.

## Council of Advice

Contact with the Council of Advice (CoA) is a very important point for the 39th board. The board will make every effort to keep contact with the CoA flexible and transparent. In particular, we try to achieve this by communicating transparently with the members of the CoA about the choices of the board, as well as communicating policy documents in a timely manner. In the event of a desired advice, the board will approach the CoA about this, also outside the advice that is standard given by the CoA about documents related to General Member Assemblies. In addition, the board wants to try to maintain good contact with the CoA on a regular basis, both formally and informally. The board will consult with the CoA about the regularity within which these meetings will take place and what their content will be. In addition, some members of the CoA will take on the position of confidential counselor within the association, just like last year. The 39th board plans to keep this going. After consultation with the CoA, it will be decided which CoA members will fill this position this year.

## Representativity

The board will dress appropriately at certain formal activities, such as university activities, where it will wear its board suits. At GMAs and other activities, the emphasis will be on recognisability. The board has again acquired purple polo shirts for this purpose. These will

be worn at all GSV activities during the introduction week and at all regular activities, with the exception of sporting activities in which the board itself participates.

During member's hours the responsible board members will also wear their polo shirts. At 'borrels' the board will also wear their polo if this does not conflict with the theme; if the evening continues after the activity the polo will be replaced by its own clothes. During the first few parties the polo will also be worn if this does not conflict with any theme. In this way, the board will be recognisable as the point of contact as much as possible. With exception of the parties, the rules for the polo shirts will count the entire year.

When the board members wear their polo shirts or suits, they are aware of the role they play representing the association. They will act according to the agreement made with the university.

## **Well-being**

Many students of our study program experience a high workload and therefore a lot of stress. Reinforced by the COVID-19 pandemic, the well-being of students in general has come under further pressure in recent years. Messages from students who feel lonely, unheard of and/or depressed have unfortunately passed us by. Although the board is aware that it is not realistic to support all students who have one or more of these experiences, we do want to make every effort to contribute as much as possible to the well-being of all GSV students within our means.

The board wants to try to achieve this in the first instance by focusing on participation in activities and by keeping an eye on the members. The board will always be available during member hours for members who need a conversation or just want to say something. In addition, the board will also organize activities such as game afternoons during periods of above-average stress and/or work pressure, for example during exam periods, to give the members the opportunity to relax in between studying.

## Accountancy

### Base budgets

As in previous years, the committees receive a basic budget that has been budgeted in advance by the Treasurer. As a rule, this budget can only be exceeded in consultation with the Treasurer. The basic budget for each committee will be reflected in the annual budget. This annual budget is also supplemented by period budgets, which are used from the beginning of each period, which are equal to the periods of the academic year. At the end of a quarter, an income statement will be made containing the quarterly figures.

The first period budget will be drawn up before 1 October in accordance with the beginning of the new association year. Then, at the end of all periods, income statements will have to be made for the committee treasurers, who must also create income statements for each activity separately. This ensures an open, clear and followable financial policy.

To ensure that all this goes well, the Treasurer will therefore be accurate in receiving and assessing these documents. Communication between the committee treasurers and the Treasurer is therefore crucial for a clear, open and efficient financial policy. The Treasurer

therefore remains the point of contact for the committee treasurers when they encounter problems, but also for advice on matters concerning treasurership within the committee.

## **Payments**

This year, too, the board's aim is to ensure that the vast majority of transactions are carried out by card. Cashless transactions are not only more secure, but also easier to control. Cashless transactions can be traced, so that a better overview can be obtained of the expenses of the association, from which, among other things, the cash committee can also benefit.

The debtor/creditor system, which has been in place for two years, will also be used this year. The limitation periods, which cover three years, provide a realistic picture of the financial situation: if the payment has not yet been made after a period of three years, it is not expected that it will still take place. However, the Treasurer will continue to actively seek contact with members who still owe money to the association. The list of debtors and creditors is confidential and can only be viewed by the board.

In addition to this, a new system has been created since last year: pay via the site to be able to participate in an activity before it has taken place. Since last year, members can register for a large part of the activities via the site, after which they are immediately informed to pay. This results in fewer overdue payments, and therefore fewer debtors.

## **Conscribo**

For the financial accounting of the association, as in previous years, the accounting program Conscribo will be used. Conscribo provides a clear accounting and also gives the possibility to compare with previous association years. Other members of the board gain insight into the operation of the program, so that they also get a good overview of the finances of the association.

## **Financial committee**

The board will also ask the cash committee this year to meet at times chosen by them to check the finances of the association. The Board recognises the great importance of this supervisory body and will therefore facilitate its work.

## **Committees**

### **Acquisition Committee**

This year, the General Board Member External Affairs will once again be responsible for the Acquisition Committee. As in previous years, an attempt will be made to close deals with all kinds of companies.

In addition, the use of the GSV membership cards, provided with the color sticker (red), will be emphasized to the partners. The committee will continue to look for new deals, contacts and collaborations with places such as entertainment venues, attempting to make these even more apparent to members on the website and other social media. In addition, as every year, the committee will create creative and original GSV merchandise and offer it to the members.

The committee's script states that it is not necessary for the committee to have a treasurer on the Acquisitions Committee, but past years have shown that it would be helpful to have a treasurer who can look at a budget for all GSV merchandise. Therefore, the Acquisition Committee will be getting a treasurer.

### **Activities Committee**

This year, the General Board Member External Affairs is responsible for the Activities Committee. The goal of the committee is to organize informal activities that are accessible to all members of the association. Besides yearly recurring activities, there is also room for a number of free activities which the committee will give substance to. For these activities space is made in the annual planning. We can also look into holding activities at our partners, such as LaserQuest, so that members can enjoy activities as inexpensively as possible, but it is entirely up to the committee to decide on these activities.

### **Archive Committee**

As has been customary in recent years, the Secretary will act on behalf of the board as manager of the Archive Committee. The Archive Committee has once again set itself the goal of maintaining and updating the GSV association archives. During the academic year, this will take place digitally via Drive, through which all committees of the Archive Committee will receive a folder for their agendas and minutes, after which the Archive Committee will physically archive all committee documents at the end of the academic year in the appropriate storage space at the Catholic Documentation Center (KDC).

To the disappointment of the incumbent Archive Committee, not all committees submitted their documents equally well in the previous year. For example, there was often an absence of titles, numbers, dating or pieces were even missing in their completeness. These matters made archiving difficult for the Archive Committee at the end of the past academic year. The Secretary will work with the committee to ensure that such matters do not happen again. This will be attempted by means of regular contact with committees regarding the inclusion of the crucial elements in the documents sent by the committees to the Archive Committee. This refers in particular to the dating of the relevant documents and the dating of the associated documents to which reference is made.

### **Career Committee**

The board has decided to establish the Career Committee (CarCo) this year. The Chair will be responsible for this new committee. The CarCo will deal with various activities related to the future careers of GSV members. For example, starting in the academic year 2023-2024, it will take over 024-History from the then dissolved Public History Committee (details about the dissolution of the PubCo follow in the paragraph about this committee on page 21). The role of the GSV in 024-History will be different than other years, because 024-History has made huge changes to its event and the futures of the PubCo and CarCo were still unclear during the planning phase. Still the committee will play a small role in the organization of the event. Also

the board will communicate with the 40th board on the role of the GSV in 024-History in the coming years.

The CarCo will also organise a Labour Market Orientation Day, as was done before COVID-19. To this, the committee also wants to add an Internship Market. The committee will contact several companies and organisations which have a need for trainees studying history and ask them if they can send representatives to this market. In this way, GSV members can find out about potential internships.

Last academic year, the 38th board, alumnus Rob J. and the study programme organised the Alumni Day for the first time since COVID-19. However, this proved to be a lot of work. The 38th board had to put in a lot of effort to find out how to go about this. It therefore advised to make the organisation of the Alumni Day a joint task of the CarCo and the Chair. The 39th board follows this advice.

The committee will also look into the possibilities of a political day trip to, for example, The Hague or Brussels. Several sister associations of the GSV have also organised such excursions under the sponsorship of a political party. There is no need to promote or even mention this party in any way, so the GSV retains its political neutrality. The committee will either ask for help at the study or organise this activity on its own, while still keeping the study up to date.

The CarCo will, in addition to other formal committees, offer a place for GSV members who want to gain experience with 'serious' committee work, which also looks good on their CV, and where they can already build a personal network with alumni or other historians in the field. In promoting the committee, the board will also strongly emphasise its 'professional' value.

The committee will work closely with the study programme. The board also hopes that the focus on the labour market, which this committee has, will provide organisational support from the study programme.

### **Concert Committee**

This year the General Board Member Media is responsible for the Concert Committee (CoCo). We are going to continue the actions of the CoCo, this means that there is again the possibility for members to work voluntary hours at a festival and in return they get a free ticket for that festival. Last year the volunteer campaign at Paaspop did not run as it did in previous years. Due to many last-minute cancellations and Paaspop's late communication regarding work stations, many volunteers had to work very hard for a free ticket. The CoCo hopes by entering into discussions with Paaspop about this, to avoid this unpleasant experience next festival season. The CoCo is also going to work with a new system regarding the cancellation of a festival without a valid reason. If a person cancels without a valid reason, this person will be excluded

from future participation in festivals through the GSV. By making this decision, the CoCo as well as the 39th board hope that people will be less likely to cancel, thus preventing other participants from suffering. This year the Concert Committee also has a free activity, the CoCo can give its own interpretation to this, normally this will again be a music quiz.

### **Congress Committee**

This year, the General Board Member for Internal Relations will serve as the board's representative. In the previous academic year, the Congress Committee organised a full physical congress for the first time since the 2018-2019 academic year. Despite its success, the committee is currently suffering from a drain of members within the committee. Additional attention will be paid from the board to promotional materials around the congress committee in order to ensure another successful congress. This congress is planned in the second half of April 2023.

The board intends to continue the cooperation within the committee with the Historical Magazine Ex Tempore. The cooperation last year went very well and both parties benefited from each other's cooperation. In order to equalise the division between GSV Excalibur and Ex Tempore, the committee will have one or two more Ex Tempore members participating in the committee this academic year. This will bring the number of Ex Tempore members to two or three.

### **Teacher-Bites-Dog Committee**

This year the Chair is again responsible for the Teacher-Bites-Dog committee. As in previous years, the committee will organise an activity for which they will make a humorous video of various interviews with lecturers. During the activity, students and teachers will watch this video together, with the aim of promoting informal contact between them. As in previous years, the activity will take place in the second semester and the committee will be formed later in the year. If COVID-19 allows it, the activity will again be entirely physical. In consultation with the committee it will be decided whether the video will be in English or in Dutch with English subtitles.

### **Freshmen Committee**

This year, the Secretary will act on behalf of the board as the boardmember responsible for the Freshmen Committee (EjCo). The board intends to give the committee a lot of autonomy for organizing activities. An example is the traditional Freshman Barbecue. Under the influence of COVID-19, this barbecue has been transformed into a Pizza Party several times in recent

years. If desired by the Freshmen committee, this can again be a barbecue as far as the board is concerned, if the committee prefers a Pizza party or alternative organization, the board is also open to that.

The board does, however, find it desirable to keep the Parents' Day in the script at the beginning of February. As experts by experience at the Freshmen Committee, the chairman and vice-chairman of the committee, as well as the Secretary himself, will ensure that the organization of the committee runs smoothly. The organization will use the script and experiences of previous editions for inspiration.

In view of the travel time of many parents, it seems problematic for international first-year students to organize a separate physical Parent's Day. However, this does not mean that we exclude a Parents' Day for international students. If international students indicate that they would like a separate Parents' Day or that they wish to join the Dutch-language Parents' Day, there will be room for this as far as the board is concerned, of course in consultation with the Freshmen Committee. The exact interpretation and design of this will then be examined by the committee.

### **Party and Drinks Committee**

This year, the General Board Member Media is responsible for the Party and Drinks Committee. The Committee will continue to exist in its current form and will provide fun and entertainment in the evening. This also means that the committee will continue to organize the gala. In addition, the 39th board has the joyful announcement that the gala will again be the Christmas gala. Also, the committee will again organize other fun parties and theme drinks. The committee will also organize parties with other associations, Inglorious is already on the schedule.

### **Historical Institutional Journal (HInT)**

This academic year, the Treasurer will be responsible for the Historical Institutional Journal (HInT). The board aims to continue the current affairs regarding the HInT, but with an improvement in the distribution of the HInT. Together with the committee, we will look at better opportunities for both online and physical distribution, so that the HInT can also receive more well-deserved attention. The HInT is regarded by the board as a bridge between the formal and informal aspects of the study programme and for many students it provides the first contact with writing (historical) pieces that are actually published.

### **Internationalization Committee**

This year, the General Board Member for Internal Relations will be responsible for the committee. The committee aims to intensify the contact between international students and the

study association. Just like last academic year, the committee organises activities that are aimed at international students and Dutch(speaking) students. The board encourages the committee to establish regular collaborations between the committees and the other committees. Due to the increasing number of CEH students and the Internationalisation Policy, the board will allocate an increased budget of €100,- to the committee. By organising larger activities, the board hopes that this will get more international students involved in the association and attend more of the association's many other activities. The 39th Board encourages the Internationalization Committee to unleash their creativity through free activities in order to organise new activities aimed at internationals.

Finally, the original advisory function of the Internationalization Committee to the Board will be applied again. The General Board member of Internal Affairs will ask for points of improvement regarding internationalization at every meeting.

### **Lustrum Committee**

At the end of the first semester, the Secretary will take the lead in establishing a Lustrum Committee. The committee will be composed by means of applications under the supervision of the board and the RvA. Space will be kept free for new first-year students in the 2023-2024 academic year. The committee will aim to explore activities to celebrate the 2023-2024 lustrum academic year, in which it will be forty years ago on 29 February 2024 that the History Student Association was founded. The content of these lustrum activities has not yet been determined and will therefore be determined within the committee after its establishment. For possible inspiration, use will be made of the association archive for activities from previous lustrum years.

### **Education and Lecture Committee**

The General Board Member for Internal Relations will be responsible for the Education and Lecture Committee (EdLeCo). The Education and Lecture Committee is concerned with activities that bring members into contact with faculty, doctoral students, and students in the program. The committee will organise activities such as pub lectures, History cafes, and museum days, just as it did in previous college years. A committee change comes in the form of a new activity. The EdLeCo will take over the Thesis Symposium from the Public History Committee. With help from the board and experience from the Public History Committee, this activity will be organised by the EdLeCo for the first-time next year. In order to reduce workload, in consultation with the committee, an activity that takes place more than once this coming academic year will be dropped so that the committee can devote enough attention and time to the Thesis Symposium in this way.

## Podcast Committee

This academic year, the Treasurer is responsible for the Podcast Committee (PodCo). Despite major absences in the past academic year, the board has decided that the committee will still continue to exist. Unfortunately, the Podcast Committee has published no podcasts yet, despite the committee's efforts. The board wants to use the Podcast Committee more efficiently this academic year. The board strives for a Podcast that can be used for extra or more informal information about historical topics, conversations with professors about their research or about Nijmegen and student life in general. The Podcast Committee can also be used to work together with the HiNT. For example, the Podcast Committee could briefly treat documents from the HiNT. In this way, the two committees can reinforce each other and also give each other more publicity.

## Public History Committee

The board has decided to dissolve the Public History Committee (PubCo). The PubCo is in danger of running out of members in the coming year due to the large number of older members in the committee who have finished their studies. The 39th board believes that the transformation to a Career Committee will generate broader interest among members who want to work on their future career, which does not necessarily have to be in public history. The PubCo already focused largely on broadening its network and possible labour market orientation, two issues that the CarCo will also deal with.

The current committee will still be responsible for 024-History. The Chair will act as the board representative. For the coming years, 024-History will become an activity of the new Career Committee. The board will also try to convince the members who wanted to stay in the PubCo for the coming year to join the CarCo, in order to get experienced members within the committee. Finally, the Thesis Symposium, traditionally organised by the PubCo, will be taken over by the Education and Lectures Committee. The PubCo has already made a script for this activity, which will make the work of the EdLeCo easier.

## Travel Committee

As in previous years, the General Board Member External Relations will be responsible for the Travel Committee. As usual, the Big Trip and the Small Trip will be organized and the possibility of a Summer Trip will be examined. The Small Trip will take place in the weekend prior to period two and the Big Trip will take place in the May vacation. Both trips will take into account any measures in place regarding COVID-19. In addition, it will be a priority to have options of cancellation to avoid costs if the trips could not take place.

Since sustainability is important, any sustainable options for travel will be considered. However, this does not rule out air travel. In fact, it has become apparent that it can be difficult to find affordable alternatives to air travel for the time being. Traveling by airplane, on the other hand, can become difficult since this may not be subsidized. If the training is willing to provide a subsidy and/or if the costs remain within limits for air travel, the board is willing to give the green light for air travel. Should the cost of air travel be too high and the choice of a train or bus trip be more advantageous, the board will commit to organizing a train or bus trip. Since it is very difficult at this time to make an accurate estimate of the cost of travel with these various options, the Board allows the Travel Committee to draw up various orientations with the freedom to include both options in the orientations in question. Based on this, the board will consult with the Travel Committee and then decide which option is best for the association. Transparency is essential here. Finally, the increasing internationalization of the association will be taken into account by organizing and keeping the trips completely in English, should international students join the trip.

### **Social Media Committee**

The board has decided to keep the Social Media Committee (SoMeCo) going. Last year was the first year of the SoMeCo, therefore the committee is still in a constructive phase in which we as a board and as a committee have to see exactly how we are going to shape the committee. As usual, this committee will be headed by the General Board Member Media. The plan is that the Social Media Committee will provide ideas around social media and in doing so, the intention is that the committee will help support and brainstorm around the functions of the Media Board Member. The intention is that the committee will meet a few times a month to discuss plans and pain points. Finally, the committee will help start up a GSV-TikTok account.

### **Sports Committee**

This association year, the Chair will serve as board representative for the Sports Committee (SportCo). The SportCo perhaps benefits most from a year without COVID-19 restrictions. Therefore, the committee can once again organize all the activities that were not possible in the last two years, such as the Batavierenrace and the Beer Olympics (which took place in a modified way last year). Since there is no one within the committee with experience in organizing these activities before COVID-19, the committee will contact former members who do have experience in this. Furthermore, the Eighty Years' War game will make a return, due to the popularity of this activity in the previous year. Finally, a script will again be used within the committee this year.

## **External Contacts**

**Umbrella Association LETO**

During the academic year, the 39th board will focus on maintaining and expanding good contacts with LETO. The Secretary will attend LETO's General Assembly as a delegate on behalf of the GSV. He is supported in this by the President. Certainly in view of the university's plans to abolish the e-number (proposed by LETO) for study associations, the board considers it important to maintain good contact with LETO about what may possibly replace it. In addition, the board will promote activities of LETO more, so that history students have the opportunity to get to know students from other Arts studies. The board also strives to be (partly or not) present at LETO activities, where this is possible and there is no overlap between the GSV agenda and the LETO agenda. It was considered by the Secretary to join a LETO committee, but this has been abandoned due to the already high burden of the day-to-day work of the board function.

### **Students of History Netherlands (SGN)**

The GSV is represented in the SGN, the nationwide umbrella organisation for history students in the Netherlands, by the General Board member External Affairs. Last year, for the first time in three years, an SGN day took place. It took place in Nijmegen and was organized by the GSV. Next year the SGN day will take place in Amsterdam. We will try to increase the attendance of the members of the GSV as much as possible. This also applies to other activities of the SGN.

### **Collaboration Organisation of Faculty Associations (SOFv)**

The 39th board will delegate the Chair to the general membership meetings of the SOFv, with the General Board Member for Internal Affairs accompanying the Chair. The Board believes that the SOFv can make an important contribution to the Association. By attending the general membership meetings and being present at SOFv activities, the board stays abreast of general trends going on at study associations around us. In addition to following trends, by attending SOFv activities the board considers building contacts with other study associations as an enrichment of our policy and in extension the association.

### **Study Programme**

As in the past academic year, this year the board wants to improve the relationship and contact between the association and the study programme. The board will therefore be present at as many as possible of the inaugural lectures and promotions. In addition, traditional activities such as Student-Teacher Football, Teacher-Bites-Dog, the Thesis Symposium and the G-Cafés will again be organised and promoted to increase informal contact between students and teachers. Like previous years, the board will try to arrange that there will be longer 'borrels' with students and lecturers after these G-Cafés.

In the course of the year, the board will also look, together with the study programme, at several possibilities or activities in which the association and the study programme could work together. The Chair will therefore focus on the contact between the study programme and the GSV in the coming year, by regularly discussing these possibilities with the study programme.

## **Internal Contacts**

### **Drinks**

In the coming year, the board will once again host monthly get-togethers. Most of the drinks will take place at the Camelot, but there will also be a get-together at the Freedommuseum and if possible, there will be get-togethers at a different location sometimes. It is important that the deal with the Camelot is strengthened even more since the contact with this was not always successful. In order to improve this contact, the General Board Member of External Affairs will make arrangements with the Camelot at least two weeks in advance of an activity so that they can respond to this in order to make the activity run smoothly.

The board tries to think of nice themes and variations to make every drink different. With these themes we hope we are able to get to make a matching deal. The board hopes to work with the Camelot to come up with a nice deal, the board tries to do this by already passing on the theme in time to the Camelot so that they are prepared for the theme and can come up with something that is within their capabilities. The board will also put the themes in the annual planning for the above-mentioned purpose. The 39th board will take over a number of themes from previous board meetings. This board will also come up with new themes for the get-togethers. With these themes, we hope to attract more members to attend to the drinks.

### **Committee Chair Meetings**

The Committee Chair Meeting is scheduled to take place twice in the upcoming academic year. This consists of a low-threshold meeting between all committee heads and the General Board Member Internal Affairs. Here the heads of committees can present problems they have encountered in the relevant committees whereby there is room to discuss each other's experiences in order to improve the chairmanship per committee. Even more, where possible, these meetings can be used to discuss any new activities or ideas regarding committees and activities.

In addition to the meeting of the committee heads, around the turn of the year the General Board Member Internal Affairs will invite all committee heads to briefly discuss how the first half year of the committees went. This will improve the reporting of the Half Year Report and provide an extra personal contact moment between the relevant committee head and the General Board Member Internal Affairs.

### **Committee Board Officers**

As in previous years, the committee board officer will be inducted by the corresponding committee member or predecessor if necessary. In case of further or problems, the respective committee officer or the General Board Member Internal Relations can be contacted.

Due to disagreements in the past two years regarding incomplete and late submission of PR, the candidate board, like the 38th board, requests that a PR committee member be

appointed to handle all PR. In addition to the PR committee member, the committee is also expected to designate a president, secretary and treasurer.

### **Internal Constitution Drinks**

After the success of the previous Internal Constitution Drinks, the board will again hold an Internal Constitution Drink this year. All members will have the opportunity to receive the board. The board hopes this will give a nice insight into how such drinks work. During this drink there will be no security and brassing will not be allowed. However, there will be a guest person present and a beadle. Recipients are not required but optional.

### **Member hours**

This year there will again be member hours on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The member hours are well received among the members, as a way to get in touch with each other while enjoying a cup of coffee, tea or having something sweet . The member hours are an important way to stay in touch with each other on campus, especially now that the current corona measures allow us to have such close contact with each other again. The board is looking forward to meeting in the association's room again, with, as long as the weather permits, also the possibility of extra member hours outside on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

# Promotion

## Lecture Talks

Traditionally, lecture talks will be held every month at the lectures of first- and second-year students. The board hopes in this way to create as much enthusiasm as possible for the association and activities among the new members. These lectures will mainly be given by the Chair and the General board member External Affairs.

## Facebook

The Facebook group is another important medium where activities can be promoted. However, the WhatsApp group will be leading and the Facebook group will be an addition to WhatsApp. This is to draw as many people's attention to activities as possible. Especially large activities and activities aimed at less active members will be placed in the Facebook group.

## Instagram

Instagram is a medium that is being used more and more frequently and has become more popular in recent years. This means that the board has a great opportunity with Instagram to promote the GSV. Therefore, just like the 38th board, Instagram will be used in the recruitment of members and try to tease members for the GSV through Instagram and thus entuse members to come to activities more often. The board will therefore try to use Instagram more often, for example by posting more on Instagram and also by creating other content that we put on Instagram to show good impressions of the GSV to the members.

## LinkedIn

The board will use the GSV LinkedIn account this year in particular to promote the yet-to-be-established career committee. Here the goal is to reach a different target group than the other media platforms that have been mentioned before or still to be mentioned. LinkedIn will thus be used primarily for the promotion of formal activities within the GSV.

## Newsletter

This year's newsletter will not change much from previous boards. Every month the newsletter will mention activities that have taken place within the GSV or will take place in the coming month in order to warm up the members for activities. The newsletter will also be bilingual again. The 39th board also wants to see if it is possible to put nice sponsor activities and partnerships in the newsletter to make it more attractive for members to read it.

## TikTok

The 39th Board also wants to move with the times and thus anticipate the need for popular media platforms. Therefore, the board intends to create a TikTok account. This will mainly feature fun and exciting videos that have to do with the GSV. The goal of the board is to show the atmosphere of and within the GSV to the members. It is also the intention that the SoMeCo helps with fun ideas for TikTok content and possibly helps with the creation of TikToks.

## Website

The GSV website has been constantly updated over the past few years, including hiring an outside party last year to make sure the website functions properly. This year the board will again look at the possibilities to improve the site. For example, more and more registrations for activities will go through the site. It is also intended that the English version of the site will be better maintained. It is planned that the GSV membership cards will be placed behind the portal, so that members can enjoy the discounts that the GSV membership card has to offer more easily. In addition, the entire board will be given a quick tutorial and access to edit the site, this will allow for quicker changes to the site making it easier to update the site.

## WhatsApp

The board will use promotion through WhatsApp as in previous years. There will be two to three PR messages per day in the Whatsapp groups. In the context of the internationalization of the association, this board will send PR messages in English and Dutch, just like the 38th and previous boards. Committees can use the already existing Excel scheme to indicate when they want promotion in the group app, also the PR text can be added in this scheme. However, the board will make sure that the promotion messages are divided fairly, this means that a committee may not schedule the same PR message too often (every day).