

Call for Papers

Good news everyone: **Friday the 25th of May** FPTRS Faculty-magazine Spleijststof will organize the fourth edition of its annual symposium! The title of the symposium will be 'Spleijststof kijkt verder?' which translates to 'Spleijststof looks beyond?'. Beyond what? A Dutch proverb tells us that it is necessary to 'look beyond the length of one's own nose' to come to a meaningful understanding of the world. We are reminded of the fact that sometimes, although knowledge about a certain thing is in clear view right in front of us, we are too blind to see it because of our preoccupation with our own beliefs and frames of reference – just like someone who is too preoccupied with his own nose won't be able to see what's going on around them. The question mark, on the other hand, asks us if sometimes we are not looking too far: as an English saying teaches us, sometimes what we are searching for is actually hidden in plain sight.

During the symposium and in the corresponding edition of Spleijststof we will explore, expand and adjust the limits of philosophy and the limitations we put up within our own thought. We will examine thinkers and projects with a critical view on current frames of thought and are looking for new perspectives. Correspondingly we will also ask in which direction philosophy will have to develop in the future. What, for example, can and cannot be expressed in philosophy? Is philosophy constrained by language? In what way do differences between languages contribute to philosophy? What risks does a *lingua franca* pose for the expressiveness of philosophy? What should and should not be an object of research for philosophy? Should we, for instance, expand our anthropocentric frame of reference by also looking at objects, animals, plants and even minerals? Is philosophy a Western invention or is our current conception of philosophy too narrow? Are different modes and traditions of thought from other parts of the world undeservedly excluded from the philosophical canon?

Spleijststof calls upon all students who have written about or conducted research on the themes outlined above, or are interested in doing so in the near future, to send in abstracts of the work they would like to present (max. 600 words) to bestuur@spleijststof.com. The deadline for handing these in is **March 20**, after which you will hear from us as soon as possible. Interested? Please don't hesitate to send us your abstract, and – perhaps needless to say – save the date!