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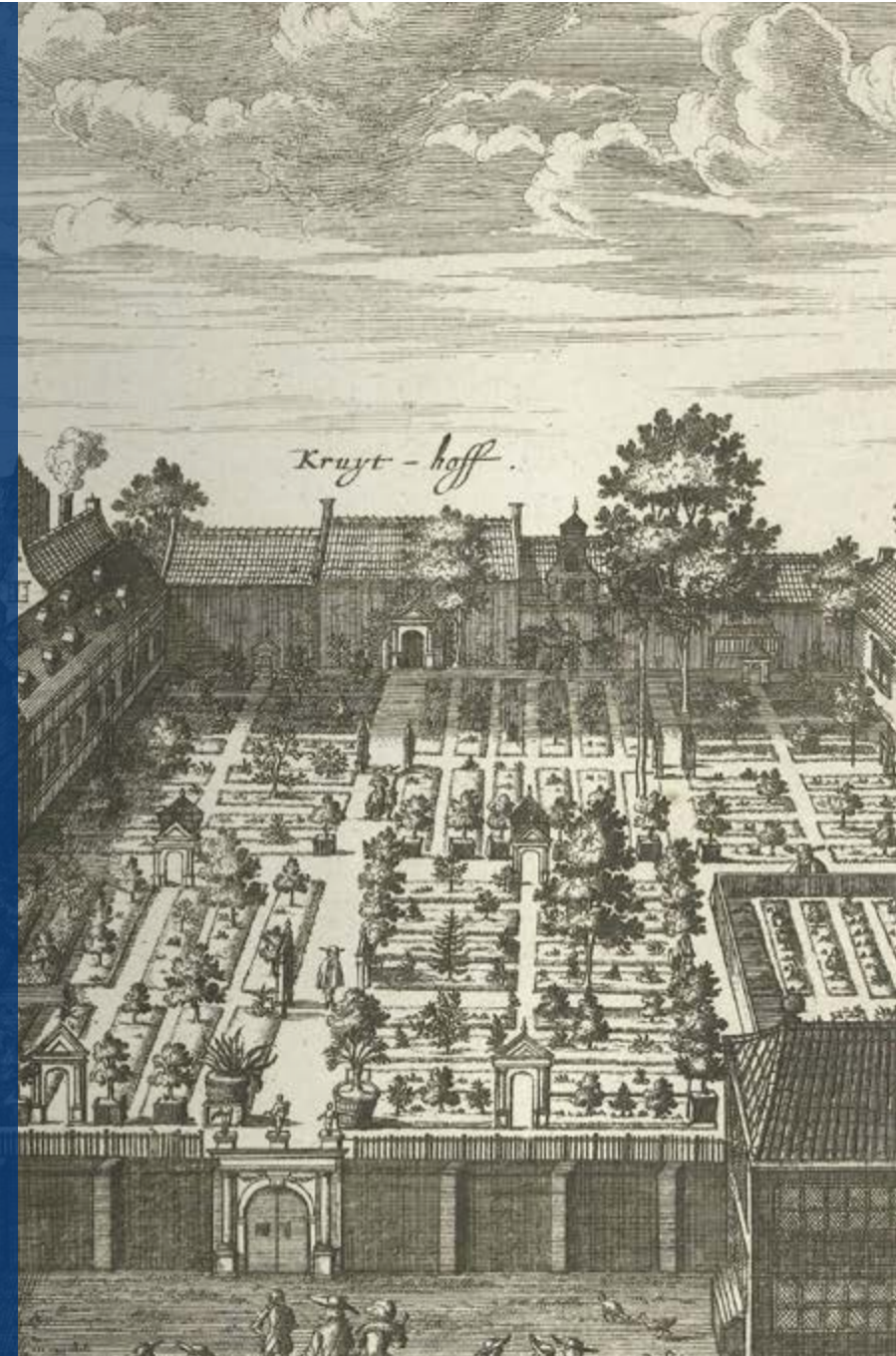
# Welcome ...

... The first couple of weeks are behind you now, and we hope that you've enjoyed it and have settled in well. This third and final magazine will provide you with some extra information, and will introduce you to Leiden and the history of our beautiful faculty.



# History of the Kamerlingh Onnes Building

Leiden Law School is known for its beautiful historic building where many of us work: the Kamerlingh Onnes Building (KOG). This building is connected to two significant moments in the history of Leiden.





## Leiden gunpowder disaster

The Leiden gunpowder disaster took place during the French occupation on 12 January 1807, at quarter past four in the afternoon. A ship sailing from Haarlem to Delft was carrying a cargo of 17,750 kg of gunpowder. It exploded at the Steenschuur in the centre of Leiden, where the Kamerlingh Onnes Building and the Van der Werfpark are now located.

It is not known what caused the disaster, but its impact was immense: 151 people lost their lives, more than 2000 people were injured and around 220 homes were totally destroyed or declared uninhabitable. Windows were shattered and roof tiles blown off even in the outer neighbourhoods of Leiden. The explosion was heard as far away as The Hague.

At first, no new buildings were built on the site. Leiden was suffering from a difficult economic situation and (according to rumours) corruption by its administrators. Having lain undeveloped for half a century, in 1859 a new laboratory for the University was opened on the site. It was designed by Henri Camp, court architect of King Willem III.

## The coldest place on Earth

In 1908 the laboratory gained worldwide fame for being the coldest place on Earth. Professor Heike Kamerlingh Onnes succeeded in making liquid helium and lowering its temperature to  $-272^{\circ}\text{C}$ , very close to absolute zero. In 1913 Kamerlingh Onnes was awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics in recognition of his achievements and in 1932 the physics laboratory was named after him. Over the years, many other famous scientists worked at the laboratory including Einthoven, Zeeman, Lorentz, Becquerel, Curie, Van Der Waals, Einstein and Bohr.

The physicists have long since left the building. In the 1990s the laboratory moved to the Bio Science Park and following extensive restoration and renovation work, the University's law faculty, Leiden Law School, took up residence in 2004. Inside, the building now had a light and modern feel, but the historic staircase and the lecture hall were restored to their former glory. In 2008 the Kamerlingh Onnes Building was voted the finest example in Leiden of an existing building that had been given a new purpose.

# Good to know



## Your online profile page

Your [profile page](#) is your personal 'business card' on the University website. It shows where you work and how you can be contacted. If you are a researcher, it also indicates your expertise.



## Your research output in the spotlight

A publication, a special discovery, important outcomes of a study – you will want to share your academic output with a broader public. What's the best way to achieve this? Contact the faculty's [Marketing and Communications Department](#). They can help you publicise your news via various channels and can contact the University scientific communication adviser. An overview of the possibilities is available on the [website](#).



## Personal development

The University encourages staff to use and develop their talents. We do this by providing career guidance as well as supporting your personal and professional development. For this purpose the University offers a broad range of [courses](#) and [career guidance](#):

- extensive courses for specific groups, such as management courses;
- classroom courses and webinars;
- on-demand courses such as online courses and coaching.



## Media policy

Have you been approached by a journalist? Do you perhaps have questions about how to deal with the general media or social media? Contact the Communications Department via [online@law.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:online@law.leidenuniv.nl).



## Reporting sick

Feeling ill and unable to work? Read [here](#) how to report sick and let us know when you are better, what to do if you fall ill while on holiday and what you can do if you have psychological problems. Ask the Management Assistant how this is arranged at your Institute.



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# Explore your place of work and do a law-themed walk!

1. Academy Building
2. Gerecht
3. Gravensteen
4. Through the Diefsteeg
5. City Hall and Blue Stone (police station at the time of 'Goeie Mie')



# University jargon

Pick up the university jargon fast!

## **CvB – Executive Board**

Executive Board, administrative body of the University. Housed at 'the Rap'.

## **Faculty**

Principle division within a university comprising related study programmes and research groups. Besides FdR (see below), the other faculties at Leiden University are Social Sciences (FSW), Science (FWN), Governance and Global Affairs (FGGA), Humanities (FGW), Archaeology (FdA) and Medicine/Leiden University Medical Center (LUMC).

## **FdR: Leiden Law School**

### **FB (Faculteitsbestuur) – Faculty Board**

The Faculty is managed by the Faculty Board, comprising the Dean, a member responsible for research (Vice-Dean), a member responsible for education (Vice-Dean), a member responsible for operational management and a student member (the assessor). The Faculty Board is responsible for the strategic policy of the Faculty as a whole, in the areas of education, research and management.

## **Faculty Office (Faculteitsbureau)**

A collection of departments within a faculty that provide services as a whole, other than those related to teaching. Besides the management of the faculty, these include finance, P&O and marketing and communication.

## **FR (Faculteitsraad) – Faculty Council**

The Faculty Council is the highest participation body after the University Council within the University and plays an intermediate role between the different sections at the Faculty. The Council has the right to endorse decisions and provide advice on all sorts of matters related to the Faculty. In addition, the Council represents students and staff and acts as a sounding board for the Faculty Board.

## **ICTO**

Pronounced in two syllables as 'ikto': ICT and education, supports and develops all kinds of digital teaching methods. For example online assignments, discussion forums, online courses and various interactive tools.

## **Pedel (beadle)**

The beadle has an important, partly ceremonial, role at University ceremonies. Besides providing assistance to the Rector Magnificus at the opening of the academic year, the dies natalis and inaugural lectures, the main part of his function is to provide support in relation to PhD ceremonies.

## **Rap70 - Rapenburg**

The longest canal in Leiden, but also synonymous for the Administration and Central Services office of the University (Bestuursbureau) – known as 'Rap 70'. It houses the Executive Board and some of the central (support) departments. Another synonym for the building (in Dutch) is 'centraal', not to be confused with the Central Station!

## **UFB**

The University General Services Department. It provides a range of services at all University locations, such as catering, location management and room reservations, workplace support, caretakers, printing and copying, and post and transport. Indispensable!

## **UR (Universiteitsraad) – University Council**

The University Council is a democratically elected participation body representing students and staff at the University. The Council is made up of eight staff members and eight students, coming from various faculties and support services.

## **WD (Wetenschappelijk directeur) – Academic Director**

The Academic Director is the head of a research discipline and part of the Institute management.

## **MAS – Management Assistant**

The management assistants provide day-to-day support to the Academic Directors and are the head of the secretarial office of an institute.

## **Cleveringa Institute**

The Cleveringa Institute can help with all matters related to education. It is responsible for ensuring the quality and the organisation of the faculty's education and teaching.

#### **E.M. Meijers Institute**

For all matters related to research, the Meijers Institute is where you should go. It is responsible for the organisation and quality of the research that is conducted at the faculty.

#### **ISSC – ICT Shared Service Centre**

The ISSC provides ICT support to all users with a University workplace.

#### **PSSC – Personnel Shared Service Centre**

The PSSC is responsible for the personnel administration of the University.

#### **SEA (in Dutch SOZ) – Student and Education Affairs**

Expertise centre SEA provides a wide array of support services to students, both national and international.

#### **SAZ – Strategic and Academic Affairs**

As Directorate for strategy and policy, SAZ provides advice and support to the Executive Board and all faculties.

#### **BIO (Bureau Internationaal Onderwijs) – Office for International Education**

BIO is involved in all aspects related to international education at our faculty.

#### **JPAO (Juridisch Postacademisch Onderwijs) - Legal Post-academic Education Office**

JPAO organises and facilitates legal courses, specialist training courses and conferences for attorneys-at-law and other professionals with a legal background or interest. Most courses are taught in Dutch.

#### **JuCa – Juridisch Café**

The Juridisch Café is *the* place at the KOG to go for good coffee. The café is located on the ground floor (turn left after entering the building, and walk to the end of the corridor).

#### **Global Lounge**

Located next to the JuCa, the Global Lounge is used when receiving international guests and events are regularly organised here.



# Outside work

## Sports at the USC

As a member of staff, you and your partner can get a discount on membership with the [University Sports Centre](#) (USC). You can offset the cost of your sports membership against your gross income via the [terms of employment individual choices model](#).



## Jong Universiteit Leiden

[Jong Universiteit Leiden](#) organises all kinds of activities for young staff members who want to get more out of their work and time at Leiden University. Membership is free.



## Staff Association

Leiden University has an active [staff association](#) which you can join for just €1.50 a month.



## Young Academy Leiden

The [Young Academy Leiden](#) (YAL) helps young and early-career academics to build strong networks within the University. It carries out various projects and organises activities.



# Quiz



**Which famous academic did not work at our Faculty?**

- a. Albert Einstein
- b. Johan Huizinga
- c. Rudolf Cleveringa
- d. Eduard Meijers



# Good luck at Leiden Law School!

**Do you have any questions after reading this magazine?**

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