



Introduction Session

Service Learning & Aurora SL

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 **AURORA** 

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AMSTERDAM**

Who are we?



Prof. dr. Marjolein Zweekhorst



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Tell us about you

⇒ What does (community) service learning mean to you?

 Mentimeter

Go to www.menti.com and use the code 29 63 96 9



SERVICE LEARNING (SL)

“Service-learning is a form of experiential education; a collaborative teaching and learning strategy designed to promote academic enhancement, personal growth, and civic engagement.” (Clayton & Ash, 2004)

AURORA WP 3.1.3 aims to support staff and student across AURORA Universities in SL and equip them with the knowledge, skills and mindset to tackle societal challenges as social innovators.



WP 3.1.3 SERVICE LEARNING PROGRAM



For Students:

1. Service-Learning courses
2. Assessment of Competences (ACF) developed through SL

For Teachers/Researchers:

1. Service-Learning Toolbox
2. International Learning Lab



CO-CREATION

“Co-creation in the sense of aurorisation means the collaborative development of new value by academics, students, experts and stakeholders together. Co-creation is a form of collaborative innovation: ideas are shared, co-created and improved together, rather than developed and then kept to oneself.”

AURORA WP 4.1 aims to foster and exchange co-creation practices in AURORA Universities



WP 4.1 CO-CREATION



Our aim:

- (i) Open courses on co-creation to all AURORA alliance members,
- (ii) Develop joint co-creation training course through collaboration between AURORA partners, and
- (iii) Implement benchmark survey and publish monitoring report on the co-creation activities as a result of the WP 4.1.

OUR ACTIVITIES



LAUNCH OF THE COMMUNITY



OPENED 9 CO-CREATION COURSES (5 SL)

Target Population

Examples of some Courses Opened



PhD Students



Master Students



Bachelor Students



Staffs/Employees

1. How to Innovate in your research
2. Interdisciplinary Service Learning (iCSL1): defining challenges in a multistakeholder context
3. Interdisciplinary Service Learning (iCSL2): addressing challenges through transdisciplinary research
4. Creative Lab Ruhr (CHR)
5. Commitment and learning in times of Corona - A practical seminar to recognize and reflect on social commitment
6. A new Balance between Digital and Presence: Design thinking

Co-creation master courses at the VU

2 courses **parallel** to all masters programs:

iCSL1: Defining challenges in multi-stakeholder context

iCSL2: Addressing challenge through transdisciplinary research

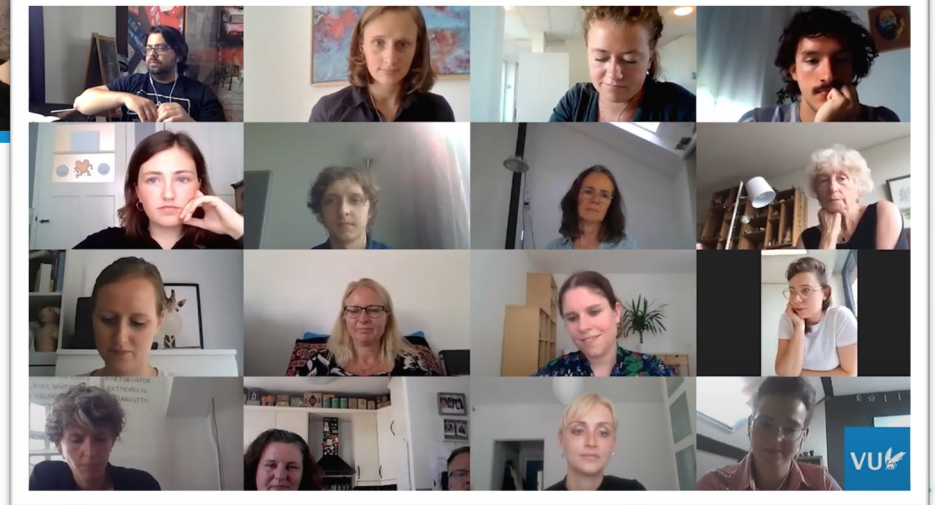
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	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
i-CSL course (AM_1254)										
i-CSL project (AM_1253)										

ICSL: DEFINING CHALLENGES IS A MULTI-STAKEHOLDER CONTEXT (NOV - DEC 2020)

- Issue definition with society
- Builds up to public event in the city with dialogue sessions with diverse stakeholders
- Two topics in 2020: food and covid in Amsterdam NW
- 3 EC course in period 2 (Nov-Dec)
- Weekly interactive sessions on Tuesday evenings



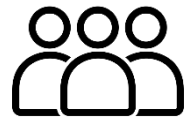
2019



2020

INTERDISCIPLINARY: INTERACTION WITH DIVERSE STUDENTS

In 2020:



25 students



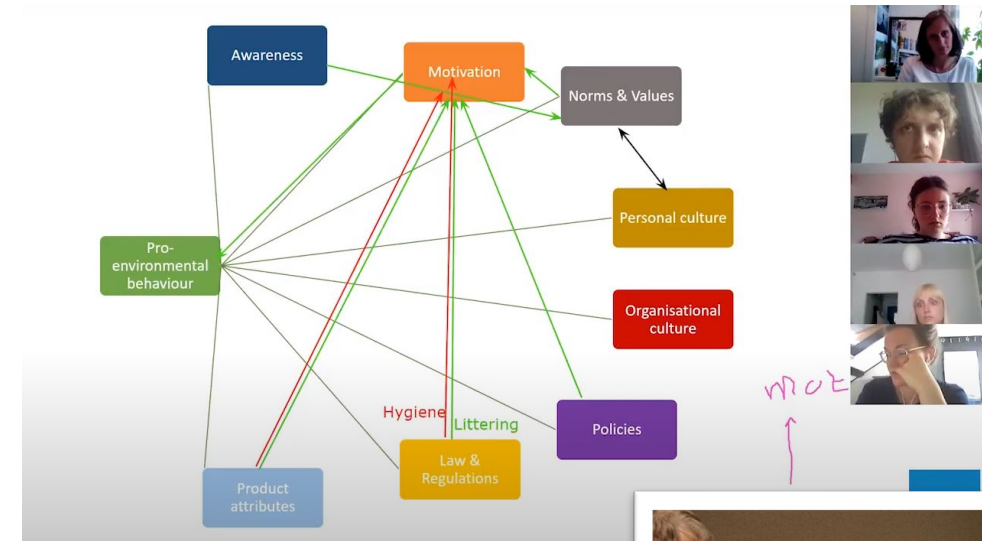
15 study backgrounds



7 faculties



different nationalities and
1 Aurora student of Innsbruck



Year 2021/22– We invite AURORA Students

INTERDISCIPLINARY COMMUNITY SERVICE LEARNING

Maximize your Master's learning experience: an inspiring module for talented students

- ✓ Do you want to get more out of your Master program and participate in real-life experiences with pioneering communities?
- ✓ Do you want to cross the boundaries of your discipline and the walls of university?
- ✓ Do you want to be better prepared for your career after graduation?
- ✓ Do you want to make a societal impact before you even graduate?

Themes



1. Climate change adaptation



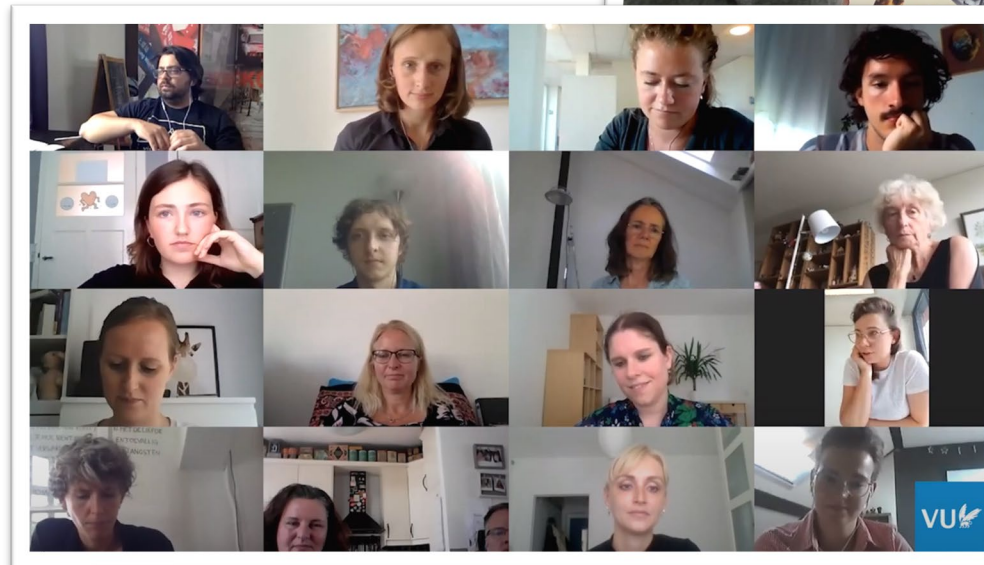
2. Digitalization & Digital Inclusion

- **Registration is NOW OPEN!**
- 3 ECTS
- Master students from any program
- Course runs **November to December**

• Visit:

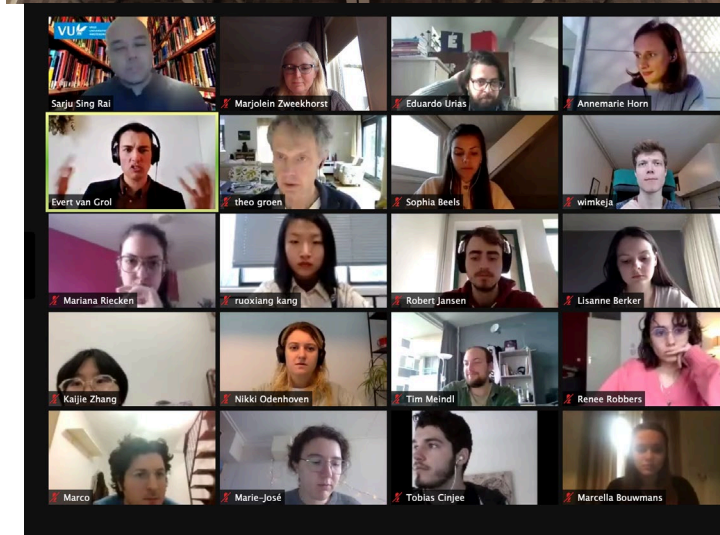
<https://vu.nl/en/education/more-about/interdisciplinary-community-service-learning>

TRANSDISCIPLINARY: COLLABORATION WITH PARTNERS



ICSL2 : ADDRESSING CHALLENGES THROUGH TRANSDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH

- Parallel to the master program and aligned with graduation project (6 EC Course)
- February to June 2021
- Disciplinary research projects and interdisciplinary integration
- Supervisors and student engagement in co-creation & service learning practices

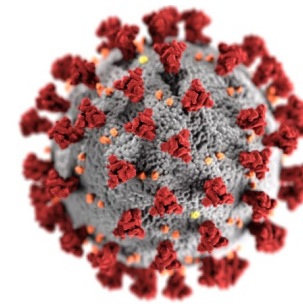


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Global Topics



1. COVID-19



2. Circular Economy



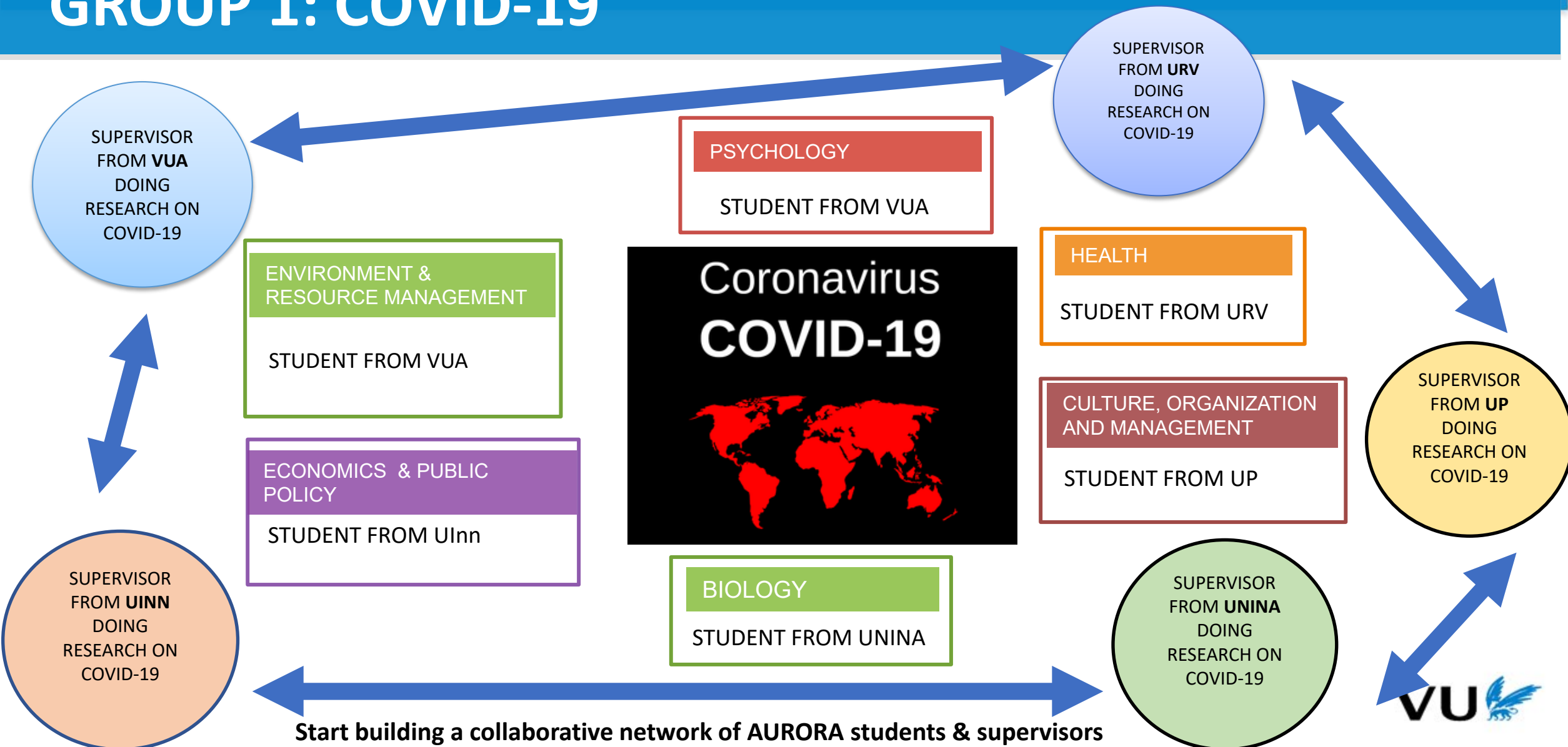
3. Food



4. Digital Inclusion

VISION FOR FEB – JUNE 2021

GROUP 1: COVID-19



Interdisciplinary Community Service Learning

- **31** Students
- **7** Universities
- **15** Countries
- **22** Master Programs



End product:
Joint research report

A BROADER MIND: International Learning Lab

17th June 2021 [15:30 to 18:30 CEST]

LIST OF SPEAKERS/PRESENTERS



Prof. Dr. Marjolein B.M. Zweekhorst
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Prof. Dr. Robert Bringle
Professor Emeritus, Indiana University Purdue, USA



Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Stark
Professor Emeritus, Universität Duisburg-Essen, GERMANY



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Utrecht University Centre for Global Challenges
Workshop on International Service Learning



ICSL2
Interdisciplinary teams of Students from 22 Master programs, 15 countries, & 7 Universities
Presentations on Interdisciplinary Service Learning Projects



▽ Keynote talks:

- ▽ Prof. Marjolein Zweekhorst (VUA, Netherlands)
- ▽ Prof. Em. Robert Bringle (IUPUI, USA)
- ▽ Prof. Em. Wolfgang Stark (UDE, Germany)

▽ Guest Speakers/Presenters from **7 countries**

▽ iCSL2 Students from **15 countries, 7 Universities, 22 Master Program**

▽ 3 thematic streams:

- ▽ Stream A: **Health & Wellness**
- ▽ Stream B: **Sustainability & Digitalization**
- ▽ Stream C: **International Service Learning**



138 Participants
From **5** Continents
Over **12** Universities

Aurora Service Learning Toolbox



Link: <https://alliance.aurora-network.global/news/aurora-sl-toolbox/>

Feedback

*“I enjoyed being part of the program.
Extraordinary attendance!”*

-Prof. Robert Bringle (USA)

*“Great organization and Excellent keynote speakers!
I realized the importance of societal context for
institutionalization of SL from this international event!”*

-Dr. Tatiana Matulayova, UPOL (Czech Republic)

*“Inspiring talks..especially from Wolfgang Stark!
I'll definitely have a look at the resources you
shared and join the community (crowdsourcing
stories of resilience during the pandemic).”*

-Marie-Jose Beverloo, Student VUA (Netherlands)

*“Thank you for the Rich discussions!
I learnt a lot today.”*

-Djoanna Cortina Go, Student UP (Philippines)

BENCHMARK SURVEY

- **Benchmark survey :**
 - Mixed-methods: survey + interviews/FGDs
 - Pre-survey at the start of the iCSL course (February 2021)
 - Post-survey at the end of the course (June/July 2021)



PLANS AHEAD

COMING
SOON

Co-creation Training Workshop

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When: February 3rd to 5th 2022

Where: Athena Institute, VU Amsterdam

What:

- Co-creation experts from VU & other Universities
- Theoretical discussions
- Share experiences, practices & knowledge
- Connect and build synergies

Speakers:



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