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Editorial

We hope this e-mail finds you well and that you can enjoy a well-deserved summer break, now or next month!

S4F is slowing down a little bit, but there are some wheels that keep on turning in the background. For example, team new-website is working on this finishing touches before the **new website** can be launched. There's also a **national meeting on 29 August**, we hope to see you there! Read on to find out about other recent, and upcoming activities.

PS are you not on our Slack yet? Join us there and find out about all the different working groups that are currently active! [Send us an e-mail for the link](#).

Departmental climate lunch

By Disa Sauter

Recently I organised a climate lunch in my department together with a colleague who is active in SR. We advertised the event with flyers and in the departmental newsletter, and around 20 people showed up. We even got the department to sponsor the event and pay for the vegan lunch! You can find our slides [here](#).

We received positive feedback and requests to organise a reading group in the autumn, and so I think it did work as a low-effort way to connect people and help others to get active. Feel free to reach out to me if you are thinking of doing something similar and want to have a chat. Send [an e-mail!](#)

Kick-off Climate obstruction research network

In July, the research network [Climate Obstruction NL](#) was launched. Climate obstruction refers to the obstacles hindering effective climate policy and action. Examples include spreading disinformation, greenwashing, delaying policies, and influencing public debate and politics. Climate obstruction is one of the reasons why the affluent Netherlands lags in implementing effective climate policy.

There is currently no coordinated research tradition on climate obstruction in the Netherlands. Investigative journalists and NGOs have done some research, but it is fragmented, partly informal, and low-budget. This research needs to be conducted on a much larger scale to have an impact and make insights from this research more visible to the general public. Therefore, Associate Professor Martijn Duineveld, investigative journalist Alexander Beunder, and researcher Linda Knoester have initiated Climate Obstruction NL. The network aims to promote knowledge exchange and research collaboration on various forms of climate obstruction and their effects on politics, governance, and society.

Climate Obstruction NL currently has 35 members (24 academics, 8 NGO researchers, and 3 journalists). They study the obstacles to effective climate mitigation from various perspectives, including the role of lobbying practices, the spread of disinformation, and influencing public and scientific debate. The website, [www.climateobstruction.nl](#), provides an overview of the various researchers and their work and serves as a contact and information point for stakeholders such as policymakers and the media.

The right to demonstrate at universities – talk to your union or council

After two motions that limit the right to demonstrate at campuses were accepted in April, S4F wrote [a letter](#) to the Minister of Education, Culture and Science. If you wonder or are worried about your own right to demonstrate or how your university, institute or hogeschool deals with issues around this topic, you can contact local representatives of your union, for example through [FNV](#) or [AOB](#), or your local works council.

Upcoming events

July

- 24 July: national meeting ([Zoom](#)) cancelled!

August

- 29 August: national meeting ([Zoom](#))

September

- 2 September: Alternative opening academic year

October

- 5 October: in-person national meeting

November

- 4 November: national meeting ([Zoom](#))
- 11-14 November: national climate week

Local groups



- [Amsterdam](#)
- [Delft](#)
- Deventer/Zutphen
- Groningen
- Leiden
- Maastricht
- [Nijmegen](#)
- NIOZ (Texel and Yerseke)
- [Twente](#)
- [Utrecht](#)
- [Wageningen](#)

Get involved!

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