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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

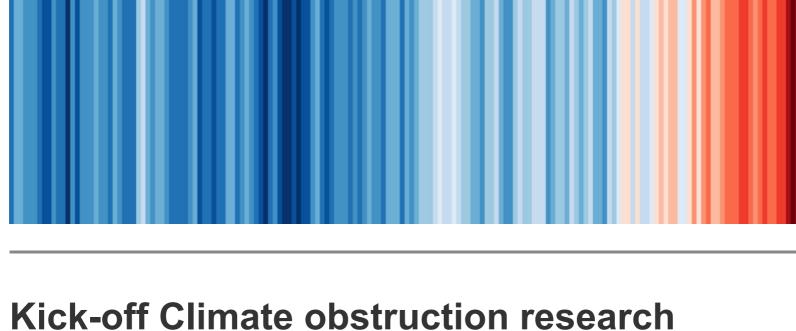
new website can be launched. There's also a national meeting on 29 August, we hope to see you there! Read on to find out about other recent, and upcoming activities. PS are you not on our Slack yet? Join us there and find out about all the different working groups that are currently active! Send us an e-mail for the link.

Departmental climate lunch

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



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

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

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, <u>www.climateobstruction.nl</u>, 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.



Upcoming events July

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

September 2 September: Alternative opening academic year

November 4 November: national meeting (<u>Zoom</u>)

5 October: in-person national meeting

through <u>FNV</u> or <u>AOb</u>, or your local works council.

24 July: national meeting (Zoom) cancelled!

29 August: national meeting (<u>Zoom</u>)

11-14 November: national climate week

October

- Local groups
- **Get involved!** Are you a subscriber to this newsletter who is not yet actively involved in S4F NL? Curious to find out more about what S4F does and how you can contribute? Get in touch via contact@scientists4future.nl or email Disa at d.a.sauter@uva.nl

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Editorial We hope this e-mail finds you well and that you can ejoy a well-deserved summer break, now or

next month!

By Disa Sauter

reach out to me if you are thinking of doing something similar and want to have a chat. Send an

e-mail!



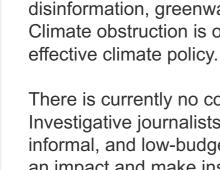


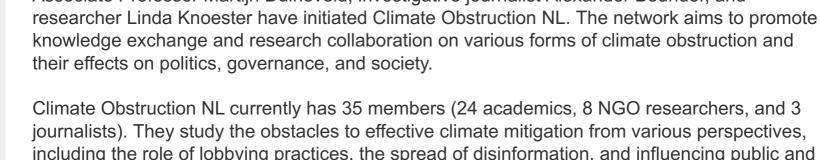






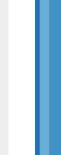




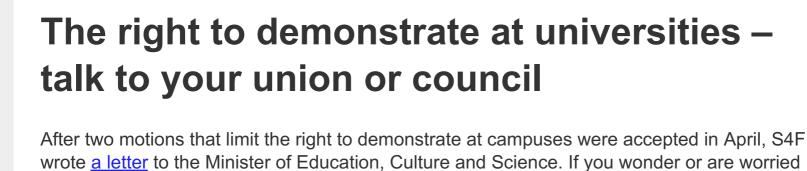
















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