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Dear STR 2016 participant,

On behalf of the organizing committee, I am delighted to welcome you to The Hague for the 10th annual Society for Terrorism Research conference. This information package will be your guide during your stay in The Hague and will help you prepare for your visit to The Netherlands. Please note in particular the links to several hotels that offer discounted rates for conference participants.

The STR conference will take place from 7-8 November 2016 at the New Babylon Meeting Center. The venue is conveniently located right next to The Hague Central Station which is itself a half-hour direct connection from Amsterdam Schiphol Airport. Moreover, the venue is within easy walking distance of the city center, the Dutch parliament, some fantastic museums and a good selection of restaurants and bars. Be sure to take some time to explore the city that is at the heart of Dutch politics and home to many international organizations.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. The organizing committee and I look forward to seeing you in The Hague!

Yours sincerely,

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General information (1/2)

Visa
Please check if you need a visa to travel to the Netherlands on this website. The STR Conference Committee is not responsible for your visa, so make sure to apply for one on time. If you do require a visa, we can provide you with a formal letter of invitation. Please let us know as soon as possible if you need one. Please note that if you cannot provide the STR Conference Committee with a copy of your visa before September 15th, 2016, your registration will be cancelled.

Insurance
All participants are responsible for their own travel and health insurance. Please note that having such insurance may also be one of the requirements for obtaining a visa.

Currency and language
As in most of Europe, the currency in the Netherlands is the Euro (€). There are a number of stores in The Hague and Amsterdam where you can exchange money (for example at the GWK at Den Haag Central Station), but you can also go to one of the many cash machines.

The language spoken in the Netherlands is Dutch, but most Dutch people also speak sufficient English.

Transportation to the venue
Flights will arrive at Amsterdam Schiphol Airport. The most convenient and comfortable way to travel to The Hague is by train. The Schiphol train station is located directly underneath the arrivals hall (Schiphol Plaza); trains to The Hague Central Station depart every half hour. The travel time is 34 minutes. Tickets can be purchased at the yellow ticketing machines (see image). The ticket machines are easy to operate, but it is useful to know that they come in two different varieties. If you have a public transportation pass (“OV-chipkaart”) you can use both ticket machines. To buy an individual ticket or a temporary OV-chipkaart, you need to go to a ticket machine with the blue sign and “NS” logo across the top. These machines can be found at all train stations.

For more information, click here.
Methods of payment for train tickets
You can pay for your tickets at an NS ticket machine with the following credit cards:

You can pay with cash (coins) at some ticket machines. For payments with credit card, a pincode or safety code may be required. Also, for payments with VISA or Mastercard you might have to pay an additional charge. All ticket machines should accept credit cards.

Language and dress code
The working language of the STR Conference is English. The dress code is business casual.

Further information & assistance
During the conference, Leiden University staff will be on hand to answer any questions or provide assistance. The hotel reception desk can also assist with any transport related questions. For other queries, please contact the conference coordinator, Mr. Bart Schuurman, at str2016@fgga.leidenuniv.nl.

The Hague
The Hague is the International City of Peace, Justice and Security, home of the Dutch government, the International Criminal Court, the Peace Palace, foreign representations to the Netherlands and much more. Please find more visitors information here.

Weather
Temperatures in The Hague in November are normally between 0 and 10 Degrees Celsius during the day, with both sunny and rainy days. Please find the latest forecast here.

Electrical outlets
The Netherlands, like most of Europe, uses type F as an electrical outlet plug. This outlet has 2 pins, is grounded and has a voltage of 220 - 240V. The Dutch socket is however compatible with plug types C, E and F. Please see the images below for the different types of outlet plugs.
STR 2016 will be held at the New Babylon Meeting Center. The venue is located in the heart of The Hague, right next to Central Train Station. With more than 20 rooms, a Mediterranean restaurant with fresh ingredients and a private garden, the New Babylon Meeting Center is the ideal location for the STR Conference. The New Babylon Meeting Center is located on the second floor of the shopping mall New Babylon. For more information on the venue, please visit their [website](#).

**Address:**
Anna van Buerenplein 29  
2nd Floor  
2595 DA The Hague, The Netherlands  
T: +31 (0)70 205 1200  
E: info@new-babylon.nl

**Directions public transport:**  
When you arrive by train, please exit the Central Station of The Hague at the side of the city center. Directly on your right, you will find the New Babylon building. The Meeting Center is located on the second floor.
The STR conference committee has been able to agree on special rates for conference attendees with several hotels in The Hague. These are listed below. Please find a full list of hotels in The Hague here.

**Hampshire Hotel - Babylon The Hague**  
Hampshire Hotel - Babylon The Hague is right next to The Hague Central Station. There are various facilities for guests, including free Wi-Fi throughout the hotel, 24-hour reception, express check-out and 24-hour room service. Hampshire Hotel – Babylon The Hague is the most convenient location to stay during the STR Conference, which takes place in the New Babylon Meeting Centre. Via an internal access route, guests can reach the meeting centre within minutes. All the city’s places of interest, such as the Mauritshuis, Palace Noordeinde, Binnenhof, Panorama Mesdag and Madurodam are located close to the hotel.

**Address:**  
Bezuidenhoutseweg 53  
2594 AC The Hague, The Netherlands

**Contact details:**  
E: reservations.babylon@hampshire-hotels.com  
T: +31 70 381 4901

**Make a reservation:**  
Want to make a reservation at the Hampshire Hotel - Babylon The Hague at a discounted rate? Please click here.
STR2016 accommodation (2/2)

Parkhotel The Hague
Parkhotel Den Haag is situated in the middle of the "Hofkwartier" nearby the Great Church, adjacent to the Palace Gardens and Palace Noordeinde. Since the early 20th century, this hotel has been the perfect place for a successful meeting with business relations or a luxurious stay after a day of shopping. As soon as you step into Parkhotel Den Haag, you will experience a surprising oasis of calm.

Address:
Molenstraat 53
2513BJ The Hague
The Netherlands

Contact details:
E: info@parkhoteldenhaag.nl
T: +31 703624371

Make a reservation:
Want to make a reservation at the Parkhotel at a discounted rate? Please fill out this form and send it, using the reference code 57408 - Leiden University, to this address: info@parkhoteldenhaag.nl.

Holiday Inn Express The Hague - Parliament
Holiday Inn Express The Hague - Parliament is a 10-minute walk from Central Station. With the parliament buildings and famous Mauritshuis art museum only steps away, the hotel welcomes you to the seat of Dutch government and home of many Dutch master paintings.

Address:
Lange Houtstraat 5
2511 CV The Hague
The Netherlands

Contact details:
E: info.hagms@hiex.nl
T: +31 800 556 5565

Make a reservation:
Want to make a reservation at the Holiday-Inn Express The Hague - Parliament at a discounted rate? Please click here.
Het Binnenhof (The Inner Court)
The Binnenhof has hosted the parliament of the Netherlands since 1446. The buildings originally functioned as the residence for the Counts of Holland. The Ridderzaal (the Knights Hall) is the room where the Dutch King (Willem-Alexander) holds his annual speech. The small turret on the left is known as the 'Torentje' (the Little Tower) and has been the office of the Prime Minister of the Netherlands since 1982. The Binnenhof is located right in The Hague’s city center and mere minutes from the conference venue.

Palace Noordeinde
Palace Noordeinde has been a palace of the Dutch Royal Family since 1609 when the state presented it to William of Orange’s widow as a gift. Palace Noordeinde is located in the center of The Hague along the street Noordeinde. You can take pictures from the street, but the palace itself is not open to the public. You can combine a visit with a walk through the street, which is well-known for having the highest ‘density of art’ in the Netherlands. On the other side of Palace Noordeinde you can enjoy some peace and quiet in the Palace Garden. It’s a small park and admission is free. Just next to the park you’ll see the Royal Stables where the horses and coaches of the Royal Family are kept. To get here, take tram 1 (direction Scheveningen Noorderstrand) or tram 17 (direction Statenkwartier) to the Kneuterdijk stop.
Peace Palace
The Peace Palace is the seat of the Permanent Court of Arbitration and the International Court of Justice, which is the only judicial organ of the United Nations not located in New York. This Neo-Renaissance style building and the organizations it houses, have given The Hague worldwide recognition as the international city of Peace and Justice. The Peace Palace can be viewed under the supervision of a guide. Booking in advance is required. An interactive exhibition can be viewed in the Visitor Center. For more information, click here.

Other cities
There are many cities worth visiting close to The Hague. Amsterdam, Rotterdam and Utrecht are only a short train ride (30-40 minutes) away. Delft and Leiden are even closer and are also fascinating places to explore.
The museum is housed in the former archery house of St. Sebastian’s guild and dates from 1636. It is built on the spot of a gatehouse that was used by the civic guard. Nowadays, the Historical Museum of The Hague tells you the story of The Hague, its government and inhabitants.

Address: Korte Vijverberg 7
Entrance fee: €7,50
I: www.haagshistorischmuseum.nl/page/english

Escher in the Palace
Maurits Cornelis Escher (1898-1972) was a master in drawing impossible situations and optical illusions. ‘Escher in the Palace’ (Escher in het Paleis) is a permanent exhibition in a former palace of the Royal Family in the historical heart of The Hague.

Address: Lange Voorhout 74
Entrance fee: €9,50
I: www.escherinhetpaleis.nl/?lang=en

The Municipal Museum The Hague is well-known within the fields of art and fashion. The museum has the world’s biggest Mondriaan collection, which includes the famous work Victory Boogie Woogie. Just as spectacular as the collection itself is Berlage’s dazzling Art Deco building which houses it.

Address: Stadhouderslaan 41
Entrance fee: €13,50 (online)
I: www.gemeentemuseum.nl/en

The Hague Historical Museum
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Mauritshuis
The Mauritshuis is home to some of the best Dutch paintings from the Golden Age. Masterpieces such as Vermeer’s Girl with a Pearl Earring and The Anatomy Lesson of Dr. Nicolaes Tulp by Rembrandt are on permanent display.

Address: Plein 29
Entrance fee: €15,00
I: www.mauritshuis.nl/en/
The Hague has a lot to offer. Please visit this website to get an overview of all the sights, attractions, museums, concerts, beaches, theatres, festivals and shopping opportunities in this unique city or watch the video below.
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Useful links

Local transportation

Train (NS)
www.ns.nl/en/travellers/home

Buses and trams
www.htm.nl/english

OV-Chipkaart
www.ov-chipkaart.nl/?taal=en

Taxi
Taxi Centrale Haaglanden
www.tch.nl/
T: +31 (0)703906262

Information about The Hague

Information about the city
www.denhaag.nl/en.htm

Embassies and consulates
www.rijksoverheid.nl/onderwerpen/ambassades-consulaten-en-overige-vertegenwoordigingen

Hospitals and medical services
www.denhaag.nl/en/residents/to/Hospitals-and-clinics-1.htm

Emergencies

Emergency number is 112

Flights

Easy Jet
www.easyjet.com/en

Transavia
www.transavia.com

Ryan Air
www.ryanair.com/NL

KLM
www.klm.nl