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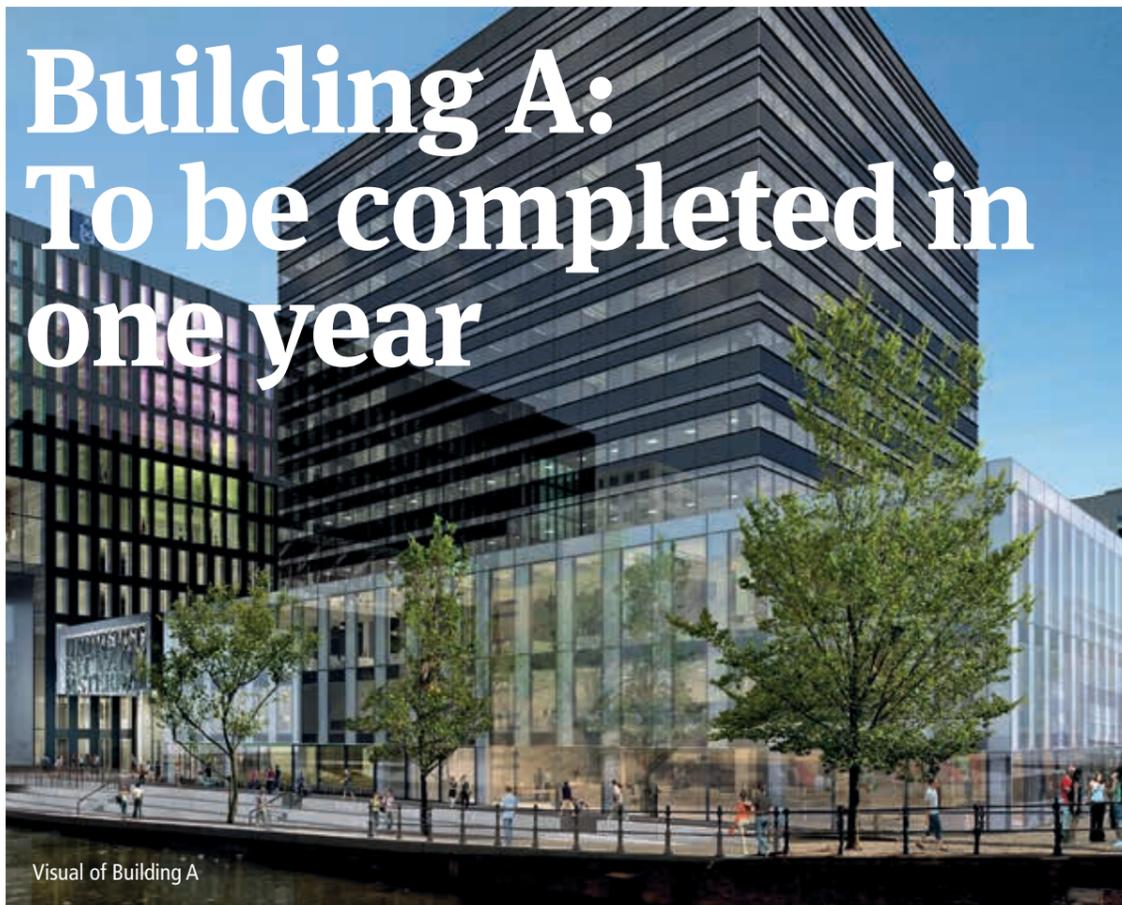
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Building A: To be completed in one year

Visual of Building A

A large indoor building project has begun on campus: the completion and furnishing of Building A. The TBI construction group made a start on the works on 20 June, and they are due to finish on 30 June 2017.

Fourteen storeys of bare floor

Although you can't see it from the outside, the inside of Building A is completely empty. 'Totally stripped,' says René de Jonge of the J.P. van Eesteren construction firm. 'Just fourteen storeys of bare floor.'

A complex operation

The TBI group, a partnership between the J.P. van Eesteren construction firm, Croon



Elektrotechniek and Wolter & Dros, is finishing the Law Faculty's new building, from the

'You can't see it from the outside, but inside, Building A is completely empty.'

René de Jonge, chief building supervisor

Building A will contain:

- the home base for the Faculty of Law
- lecture and seminar rooms, including the UvA's largest lecture hall seating 450 people, and two lecture halls each seating 150
- study areas
- the law library
- space for the Faculty of Law's study associations
- a practice court room (Moot Court)
- shared entrance with Building B/C (Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences)
- underground bicycle parking (2,200 bicycles)
- shops, including the legal aid centre
- catering facilities

broom closet to the lecture hall and everything in between. The operation alone is already complex enough, but it has become even more complex due to the UvA's strict requirements on minimising disruption, the small space in which to run a construction site and other works taking place in the area.

Walled-in transport

René de Jonge: 'We're working within the closed façade, so we're trying as far as possible to have all the works done within the walls. For example, we're setting up a temporary depot for materials and a transport lift. A few times, we'll have no option but to use a crane.'

Smart planning

Thanks to smart logistical planning, the material will be delivered only when it's needed and in small quantities, as far as possible, so that no heavy transport is involved. A sizeable instrument like an air conditioning system will be delivered in

parts and only constructed in situ.

De Jonge is spending more time than usual planning other aspects, too: 'Works that generate a lot of noise, such as drilling and chiselling, will be done simultaneously, as far as possible, so as to minimise the duration of the disruption. We're putting in skylights and there will be a green roof.'

Open in August 2017

The doors will open in just over a year, in August 2017. At that point, the shared entrance hall of Buildings A and B/C, the study areas, the lecture rooms, the bicycle parking facility and the car park will come into use. This month, the Faculty of Law will decide exactly when in the 2017-2018 academic year the move from the Oudemanhuispoort to the Roeterseiland Campus will take place.

More information

Once all the works on the Roeterseiland Campus are finished, the campus will be home to the faculties of Economics and Business, Social and Behavioural Sciences and Law. An open, urban campus with modern study facilities, research labs and catering facilities.

For the latest news on the building works, planning or more background information, see campus.uva.nl

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Planning 2016 – 2017

- Building work on the quays along the Nieuwe Achtergracht canal: until the end of 2016
- Completion of Building A: 20 June 2016 – 30 June 2017
- Furnishing of Building A: June – August 2017
- Construction of bridge and steps to the canal on the northern side: September 2016 – January 2017
- Completion of grounds around Building A, including steps on the southern side of the canal: May 2017 – June 2017
- Completion of Arcadis construction site on Valckenierstraat: end of 2016 – summer 2017

Salma Hayek is going to be in the vicinity of the campus. See the agenda on the back page.



Looking ahead



In the summer of 2017, a new bike parking facility with 2,200 parking places will open under Building A. Based on the number of users in 2017, there will be a need for 3,574 bike/scooter parking places and there will then be a total of 4,195 parking spaces on campus. All of the bike racks that are currently located along the canal and on the pontoons will be moved to this new facility.

A campus is never finished



In recent years, the Roeterseiland Campus developed

into a site of excellent teaching and research. Almost all of the buildings have been renovated, the research facilities have been modernised and the organisation of the grounds is largely complete. A campus is more than this, though; it's a lively, bustling place where students stay for longer and that's also of interest to businesses and the surroundings; a broad base for implementing the university's expertise. In order to achieve this, this summer, together with the users of the campus, we'll draft an integral plan for the future of the campus, along with a strategy for how to get there. In this way, we'll jointly ensure that the Roeterseiland Campus ultimately becomes the campus that we all want it to be, and that it also continues to develop in future so that it can meet the needs of the time.

- satisfied
 not satisfied



Let us know. The UvA has commissioned the City of Amsterdam's Research, Information and Statistics department (OIS) to do research on the reporting on the construction activities and developments on the Roeterseiland Campus. We're keen to know whether residents and businesses in the neighbourhood are satisfied with the reporting. Everyone will shortly be receiving a brief questionnaire in the post.

Bicycle coaches show the way



The bicycle coaches are here to help

Is it true that there aren't enough bicycle parking spaces on the Roeterseiland Campus? In order to find out, we did a count.

The result? On average, there are 1,970 bicycles/scooters on campus, and around the campus there are also more than 800 parking spaces that are practically in permanent use on the public highway. All those bikes and scooters fixed to bridge railings and lampposts and on the pavement don't exactly enhance the attractiveness of the neighbourhood. They're also a nuisance to residents and the disabled, because the way through is frequently blocked. So you might be wondering, then, how many parking places are actually available on campus? 2,785, to be precise!

Want to park? Then park by the door!

Despite this, many visitors who cycle to campus are still parking on the public highway and not on campus. This is

annoying for residents and shopkeepers, because it means they have nowhere to put their bikes, and neither do their visitors and clients. This leads to complaints and also warrants further research. So the UvA asked these cyclists: why don't you leave your bike/scooter on campus?

Come & go

In Sarphatistraat, most parked bikes belong to people visiting the shops. More than a quarter of the people we interviewed were going to do a quick shop and then carry on to campus on their bike. Around three-quarters of people parking their bike shop there a few times a week and then move on. One in four bike-parkers is a local resident. The afternoons are busier than the mornings. The conclusion? In Sarphatistraat there are no

long-term parkers and the traffic by the supermarket is 'come & go'.

Long-term parkers

On Roetersstraat, on the opposite side of the street from Building H, it's a very different story. More than 65% of those interviewed park their bike or scooter there and then go onto campus, and over three-quarters of them are students. Almost half of all bikes are parked in the morning and then left there the whole day. Around three-quarters of those we interviewed park their bikes there a number of times a week. It's busiest in the mornings. On average, there are 250 bikes parked on the other side of the street. The main reasons that people gave for parking there are: it's close to my destination and I can't find anywhere to park on campus. Some people said they were unaware that there is bicycle parking in the basement of Building E. The aim of the survey was to find

Looking for a parking space?

If you – just like more than 2,700 others – cycle to the Roeterseiland Campus, then there's always a good, secure parking place available. Sometimes it's just question of searching for a while. The bicycle coaches are there to help you. They also keep an eye on whether people are parking their bikes in ways that leave space and a way through for people with pushchairs and the disabled, for example, and that emergency exits aren't blocked.

The bicycle coaches work for Pantar, a company that provides work opportunities and forms of societal participation for people who fall outside the normal labour market. They take their responsibilities very seriously, but the articulate, hurried and sometimes rather stubborn general public don't always make it easy for them. For this reason, the Student Council of the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences recently highlighted the coaches' contribution and gave them an annual 'pluim' award.

out whether residents' and businesses' complaints are justified. For the Roetersstraat, this seems to be the case; after all, there is enough space on campus for these bikes, such as in the underground bicycle parking facility or in the new spaces along the Nieuwe Prinsengracht canal. The UvA is going to make students more aware of these spaces, with the help of the bicycle coaches.

Bicycle parking competition

Who knows where all the bicycle parking spaces are on campus? Take part in our 'bicycle parking' competition and win a month's parking in the personal bike space of your choice on the Roeterseiland Campus.

Mark as many official bicycle-parking spaces on campus as you can on the map. Send a scan or photo of the map, along with your name, telephone number and email address, by 1 July 2016 to huisvestingsontwikkeling@uva.nl.

The person who indicates the greatest number of places correctly will win.





The grounds in front of Building G

Then



Now

Transformation of the grounds

Step by step, the grounds of the campus are undergoing an enormous transformation. The Arcadis building firm recently repaved and re-planted the triangular space behind Building J/K. What remains to be done is the area on Valkenierstraat, between Buildings B and J/K. This will remain a construction site for now, and will be tackled step by step from the end of this year. The last space to be done will be the grounds around Building A, in the summer of 2017.

EXPERIENCE

What do you think of your new workplace?

After an extensive internal renovation, both Building E on Roetersstraat 11 and Building G on Nieuwe Achtergracht 129B are fully back in use. A few staff members describe their new workspace.



Nils Mevius, project manager, Politics, Psychology, Law & Economics (PPE):

'It's great for an interdisciplinary programme to be located right at the heart of the campus. It makes it easy for staff members and students from the various programmes to meet here. The new

building is still lacking in atmosphere, but it's equipped with every modern facility. The campus is located in a beautiful part of the city and good initiatives are taken – for example, by CREA and the Athenaeum bookshop. When it comes to the development of the outside space, we should think more in terms of today's students. This means, for example, that there's a need for good, not necessarily extremely cheap, catering facilities and shops.'



Floortje Cornelis, project leader, Student Service Desk:

'Since June 2015, the service desk has been located in the hall of Building E. In the beginning we had to get used to being here; we'd had a building to ourselves on the Binnengasthuis premises. Now we're part of the campus.

The great advantage of this is that we're located close to the students and staff members. Students walk through here as a matter of course, and it's easy for them to approach us. We're now working with the faculties more, too. From now on, for example, students can come to us to check lists of grades. We're still thinking about a waiting room and more colour on the walls, but those are just details.'



Bart Rossmark, academic adviser and planner, Education Office, Psychology:

'Building G is a very light building with high ceilings and lots of windows that can be opened! Unlike in the Diamantbeurs, our old

location, teaching also takes place in this building, meaning you're really in the middle of the students. My favourite place is my own office. During consultation hours I leave the door open, but if I have to finish something, I can close the door and have my own space with a view onto the enclosed garden. My second favourite place is the kitchenette on the ground floor; it's nice to bump into lots of colleagues who I never really saw at the Diamantbeurs.'



Faisal Josepha, service employee, Building G:

'As well as my normal cleaning duties, I sometimes answer questions from students and staff. There are lots of lovely elements in this building, such as the white walls and the shiny floors. To keep it looking so nice, daily maintenance is

needed. In practice, we're now seeing a few things that could be improved. A good example is the printer room with the waste units. We'd assumed that everyone would be able to find it themselves, but it turned out to be necessary to put up directions.'

The bridge

It's a daring undertaking: building a bridge across the Nieuwe Achtergracht canal between Buildings E and A.

'It's an unusual project in all kinds of ways', explains Patrick van Oostvoorn, the project leader from the Arcadis construction firm. 'We're working in the middle of things. Everyday life is simply continuing around us. The campus users and local residents must suffer as little disruption as possible, so we're working mainly from the water and are using specialised demolition and construction methods.'

One of these measures is to push rather than drill the sheet-pile walls into the ground. Van Oostvoorn: 'At first we could find no way to get the walls into the ground. A diving team then discovered that the bottom was full of old rubbish, leftover foundations and other objects.' With careful underwater demolition work, the obstacles were removed, as were the remains of the foundations on which the old Building B/C had been built. These additional works took more time than anticipated.

A land abutment, the support for the bridge on the banks, is being made for the bridge on both sides of the canal. The piles that are needed are not being put into the ground using a traditional pile frame, but in small parts, one above the other. A crane will then be used to hoist the bridge beams, which span the water, into place. The bridge will need to be finished in the spring of 2017; at that point, the grounds around the canal will also be finished, complete with planting and gradual steps to the quay ending at the waterside. Van Oostvoorn: 'The Nieuwe Achtergracht forms the central axis of the campus, and it will soon be a wonderful eye-catcher.'



Bridge over the Nieuwe Achtergracht:
- length: 26 metres
- width: 6.5 metres
- red bricks and seats

AGENDA

13-26 June: Municipal building works, Sarphatistraat

18 June – 8 August: Summer school

20 June: Start on completion of Building A

23 June: Summer Festival

25 and 26 June: LLC late opening (until 22:00)

26, 27, 28 June and 8 July: Film shooting on campus: American action film *The Hitman's Bodyguard*

27 June – 1 July: Exam week

4-7 July: MARE Congress

18 July – 15 August: Municipal building works, Weesperplein

29 August – 2 September: Introduction Week

5 September: First day of lectures/opening of the Academic Year

20 September: Prinsjesdag

29 October: UvA Bachelor's Day

30 October: Start wintertime (clock 1 hour back)

12 November: UvA Master's Day

See also the CREA agenda at crea.uva.nl

CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT

The University of Amsterdam clusters related scholarly disciplines on the Roeterseiland Campus in order to stimulate collaboration between students, staff and researchers. With its modern buildings, study facilities and research labs, the campus is the meeting place for socially engaged people and organisations and for the university and society. Innovative and pioneering, it is an intellectual inter-change in the city.

COLOFON

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PROFILE

New area manager



Anne van den Eijnden

For the last four years, Anne van den Eijnden has been the area manager of the new city campus of the AUAS, the Amstel Campus on Wibautstraat, which is a stone's throw away from the UvA's Roeterseiland Campus.

'I'm now the neighbourhood contact person for both campuses and am keen to speak everyone,' says Anne. 'It's important that people who live in the neighbourhood know who

they can go to when they have questions, especially as the AUAS and the UvA are such large institutions. And I think it's important to know what's going on in the neighbourhood.'

'I can be contacted any time.'

Anne van den Eijnden

The area manager is the contact person for local residents, staff, students, contractors, the city authorities, and so forth. 'It's my job to find the right balance between what are often diverse interests. If the building activities are disturbing residents, I talk to the contractor about it and whether it could be prevented, for example, by using different machines or putting in sound-proofing partitions. For an area manager, the priorities are accessibility, liveability, safety and communications from and about the campus.'

Do you have questions about the Roeterseiland Campus? Anne can be contacted via omgevingsmanager-roeterseiland@uva.nl or +31 20 - 525 7704.

CAMPUS ANIMAL I

Love on campus



The campus may be undergoing a transformation, but some things never change. The pair of storks is back on the nest on the roof of Building N.

CAMPUS ANIMAL II

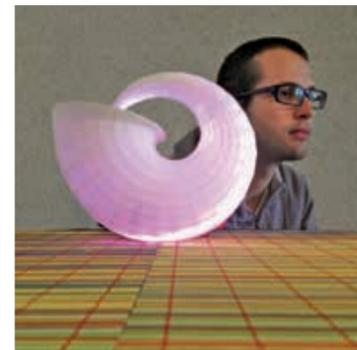
In love with the fox

One day, the UvA received the following request: *On the temporary fences on the side of Roetersstraat, there's a little yellow and black fox. When are the fences going to be taken down? Would it be possible to have the fox at that stage (or earlier)? Then we could put it on our balcony as a reminder of our wedding day, because we have such fond memories of the temporary fences as part of 'our' day (and a whole fence would be a bit big for our balcony).*

It was such a nice request that we didn't want to let them down! Local resident Linda Koene got married to Stijn on 22 August 2015. The little fox now enjoys pride of place on their balcony.



CHALLENGE



3D sound-meter for Café De Krater

A number of residents in Roetersstraat are disturbed by noise from Café De Krater. The UvA and De Krater are keen to do something about this. Smart alumni from the UvA and AUAS looked into a possible solution and saw the light – literally!

A nice challenge

After completing their studies (in Digital Environment, for example), a group of alumni from the AUAS's MediaLab set up an association known as Creatives Across. They viewed the problem of the noise from the terrace of De Krater as a nice challenge. How do you change the behaviour of a café's clients and influence their volume level in playful fashion? Jeroen Polman, manager at Eurest, which runs De Krater: 'It would be unique if this group of ex-students were to find a solution; then a whole market would open up to them.'

Coloured lamp

Bauke Bakker, Dion Gavrilidis, Roberto Pizzato and Orlando Cabanas, four Creatives Acrossers, looked into the effects of sound and light. 'How does light affect behaviour? We used a 3D printer to design a lamp that responds to sound and changes colour as the noise level increases. The intention is for clients to see from the colour that they are being noisy, and temper their volume. This will work with most people. We've already tested the lamp at Café De Krater and the results are promising.'

Want to find out more?

www.creativesacross.com focuses on 'new media, innovation, technology and a touch of art'.