

Thank you for inviting the international offices from Civil Engineering and Geosciences (CeG), Technology Policy and Management (TPM) and Mechanical, Maritime and Materials Engineering (3Me) to this TIL Welcome Workshop!

I say welcome to you all as new students Transport Infrastructure and Logistics at TU Delft. I hope that today will be a good start for a very nice and interesting study at TU Delft during the coming 2 years.

My name is Maaïke Kraeger and I am working at the student and international office from the faculty CeG as exchange and internship coordinator.

Quite some students from TU Delft include some sort of study experience abroad during their study, like a student exchange, a short stay program like Athens, an internship or a research project. Also many international students choose TU Delft to follow a Bachelor or Master program. Just like many things, studying abroad came to an end quite abruptly in March and this still continues for at least coming semester and may last even longer, depending on the development of the Covid 19 virus.

For those wishing to have a student experience abroad this may be a disappointment and although we do not want to give false hope, it is important to keep on dreaming and to hope for a change in the situation which hopefully makes a study abroad experience possible for you somewhere somehow during your studies. Therefore it is important to keep yourself informed regularly of the possibilities, the sources of information, who to contact and the most recent updates of the measurements taken because of the Covid 19 virus.

As the TIL-programme is jointly offered by the 3 faculties CeG, TPM and 3Me, you are most welcome to contact either one of these faculties to explore the opportunities abroad. As the faculty CeG is the coordinating faculty of the TIL educational programme, you can always contact me for any question you may have regarding studying abroad. But maybe your interest lies more in the field of TPM or 3Me and therefore you may want to contact my colleagues from the TPM or 3Me faculty.

Toke Hoek, international officer at the TPM faculty, could not join this workshop but we put her photo and contact details here. Marion Faludi, international officer at 3Me, is present and will introduce herself.

Depending on how the Covid-19 virus will develop and what measures will be taken, some studying abroad activities won't be possible at all in near future or not even in a later stage. Other possibilities might get possible again, limited and adapted to the new situation.

To get an idea of which possibilities there are under normal circumstances, to get some inspiration, to know more about details coming along with study abroad like scholarships, and to be well-prepared when the opportunities start to reopen again, we now give you a first overview of important sources of information. First of all there is the TU Delft study abroad website: www.studyabroad.tudelft.nl which gives you a general and informative overview of the university's partnerships and networks, short stay abroad possibilities, internships, student experiences scholarships, travel safety, learning other languages, contact persons at each faculty etc. This website is completed by faculty Brightspace information, faculty manuals and faculty consultation hours.

Together with our colleagues from the central Education and Student Affairs dept., we intend to organise a digital version of the yearly Study Abroad week, which will take place in the week of 5 October. Keep an eye on www.studyabroad.tudelft.nl and Brightspace for further information.

Of course we always advise you to keep in touch with your program coordinator, the lecturer involved and the International Office in an early stage to avoid any disappointments or misunderstandings.

Enjoy the TIL-programme and we hope to hear from you somewhere in coming two years.

I wish you all the very best!

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