



Higher Education Values in Practice
Integration of highly skilled refugees and at-risk academics in Europe
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Guided tour of Brussel – DiverCity – with Prof Eric Corijn

Places are limited (max 30 pax)

While guiding us to the [Beursschouwburg](#), Prof Eric Corijn will show us the city of Brussels through a social & cultural geography lens. He will explain why mundialization is also urbanization and the position that Brussels, as capital city of Europe with a melting pot of world citizens, is taking. Walk with us and you will never look at Brussels in the same way again.

<http://www.cosmopolis.be/people/eric-corijn>

Biography

Cultural philosopher and social scientist, professor (em.) social & cultural geography, vice chair of the Brussels Studies Institute, director of the Brussels Academy, member of the jury Stadsvernieuwingprojecten Flanders and chair of think tanks Vooruitgroep and Aula Magna.

Values in Art + Syrian buffet**

In the afternoon, the conference will discuss on how (higher education) values are put in practice at Higher Education Institutions. In the evening, at **Beursschouwburg**², we discover how (academic) values are being expressed in art thanks to a cooperation with **Globe Aroma**³. To end our fruitful day, we have invited **WeExist*** to share Syrian food traditions with us. We will taste delicious Syrian Humous, Mutabal, Fatoush and many more.

²**Beursschouwburg** is a multidisciplinary arts centre, situated in the heart of Brussels. Apart from an interesting architectural building, Beursschouwburg offers a platform for between-the-arts. Here, artists reflect, show, scrap and start again in an ongoing dialogue. Beursschouwburg is a melting-pot and a thorn in the side, where art is served while it's still hot". Website <https://beursschouwburg.be/en/> Address: Auguste Ortsstraat 20/28, 1000 Brussels – Venue Foyer (second floor)

**"We Exist" is an organisation created and managed by Syrian people. Their aim is to facilitate access into the labour market for people who fled conflict and persecution, promote participation in socio-economic and cultural life and raise awareness of Syrian culture and traditions. Their food is Made by Syrians. For Everyone."*

****"Value is defined as the relative lightness or darkness of a color. It is an important tool for the designer/artist, in the way that it defines form and creates spatial illusions. Contrast of value separates objects in space, while gradation of value suggests mass and contour of a contiguous surface" (source: <http://char.txa.cornell.edu/language/element/color/color.htm>)*