

Hello there, I am Casper. I come from Belgium and will be in the third year of the international bachelor program next year. I love philosophy and have acquired an interest in educational matters. I think education is one of the most important foundations of society and plays a significant role in shaping both individuals and the social body at large.

Growing up I had encountered difficulties with an educational system I had grown very alienated from. The philosophy program here at the HIW is the first time since the 7th grade that I truly felt attracted to, encouraged by, and engaged with my (formal) education. For that I will be forever grateful to both philosophy and the institute.

This being said, there is and always will be room for improvement and change. Education is not a static endeavor and must adapt to a changing world. I would like to involve myself in student representation to strengthen the educational program at the HIW and bolster its long-standing tradition of academic excellence. For this this reason, I have decided to run for the International POC, the Faculty Council and the Faculty Board.

I am fluent and comfortable in both Dutch and English. I believe this to be an added value in an institute which boasts a very diverse mix of students and strong academic programs in both Dutch and English. I know quite a few people here around the institute by now and am open to hearing every one's opinion. I believe this to be very important as a student representative. You, the students, should at all times be able to make yourselves heard so that we can voice your concerns to the institute and the university.