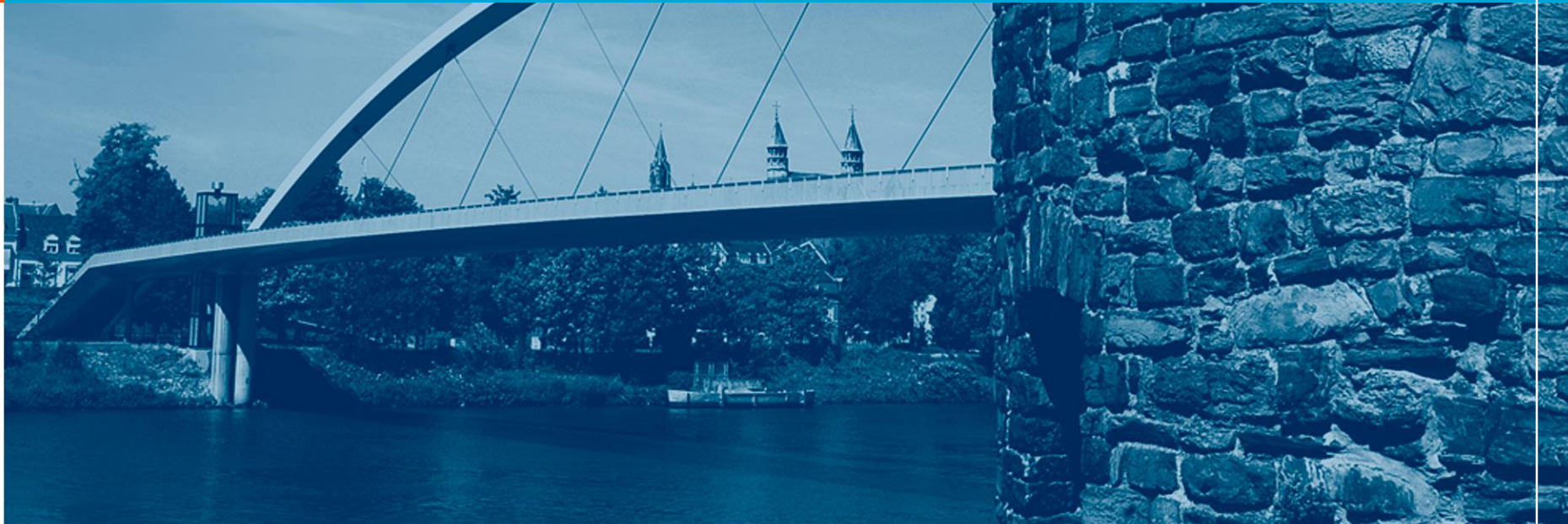




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# Welcome

to Maastricht University



# Two-year Selective Master in Forensic Psychology

Prof.dr Corine de Ruiter



**Forensic Psychology**



**Maastricht University**

# Goals for this Master program

- ✓ Training the next generation of scientist-practitioners for the forensic mental health field
- ✓ Creating an international student environment
- ✓ Theoretical knowledge and intensive skills training
- ✓ First year: core courses and skills labs
- ✓ Second year: clinical and research internships

# Courses

- Eyewitnesses & Victims
- Investigative Interviewing
- Experts and Their Decisions
- Psychotic Disorders
- Personality Disorders
- Professional Ethics
- Criminal Law
- Research Proposal Writing
- Malingering
- Forensic Neuropsychology
- Sex Offenders
- Young Offenders
- Psychopharmacology of Reward & Drugs of Abuse
- Applied Statistics for Forensic Psychologists

Mostly Problem-Based Learning (PBL)

# Example of a task in a course (1)



Consider the following scenario:  
You are walking the streets at night when all of a sudden, a man approaches you and threatens you with a gun. He demands money and credit cards, or else...

## Questions:

How well would you be able to describe the events?

Would you be able to identify the perpetrator from a line-up?

How do people “normally” react to such adversity?

Would they suffer from posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), or are they somehow resilient to traumatic experiences?

Is it a good idea to use psychological debriefing protocols?

# Example of a task in a course (2)

## Case I.

Seung-Hui Cho, the 23-year old student who killed 32 people on April 16, 2007 and then himself, left a long and "disturbing" note in his dorm room at Virginia Tech, say law enforcement sources. He also wrote at least two violent plays for an English course that worried his professor and several classmates. Sources described the note, which runs several pages, as beginning in the present tense and then shifting to the past. It contains rhetoric explaining Cho's actions and says, "You caused me to do this," the sources told ABC News.

Sources say Cho killed two people in a dorm room, returned to his own dorm room where he re-armed and left the note, then went to a classroom building on the other side of campus. There, he killed 30 more people in four classrooms before shooting himself in the head.

Witnesses say he was stone-faced as he opened fire.



Watch the video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VyalPi1GeDY>

Read:



## Questions:

What symptoms does Cho reveal?

Could the massacre have been prevented?

If you think so, how? If you think not, why not?



# Skills Labs

- Forensic Assessment Skills I & II
- Therapy Skills
- Expert Witness Skills
- Forensic Assessment in Child Abuse & Child Custody Cases

## Including

psychopathy assessment, risk assessment, criminal responsibility

interviewing (SCID-II), schematherapy techniques

how to write a forensic report, mock trial

child custody evaluation, work product review

## Second year

### Clinical Internship

(minimum 520 hours)  
in a forensic setting

### Research Internship

(6 months)

Option of obtaining  
BAPD ('Basis  
Aantekening  
Psychodiagnostiek') and  
GZ-verklaring

Either at UM or elsewhere

Master's thesis



# Internship placements

UM has  
agreements with  
clinical and  
research facilities  
in The Netherlands  
and abroad

## **Examples of students placements:**

Edinburgh, Glasgow, Oxford, Liverpool,  
London, Berkshire (UK)

Dublin (IRL)

Toronto, Hamilton, Vancouver (CAN)

Fordham University, Florida State  
University, City University NY (USA)

Stockholm (SWE), Oslo (NOR)

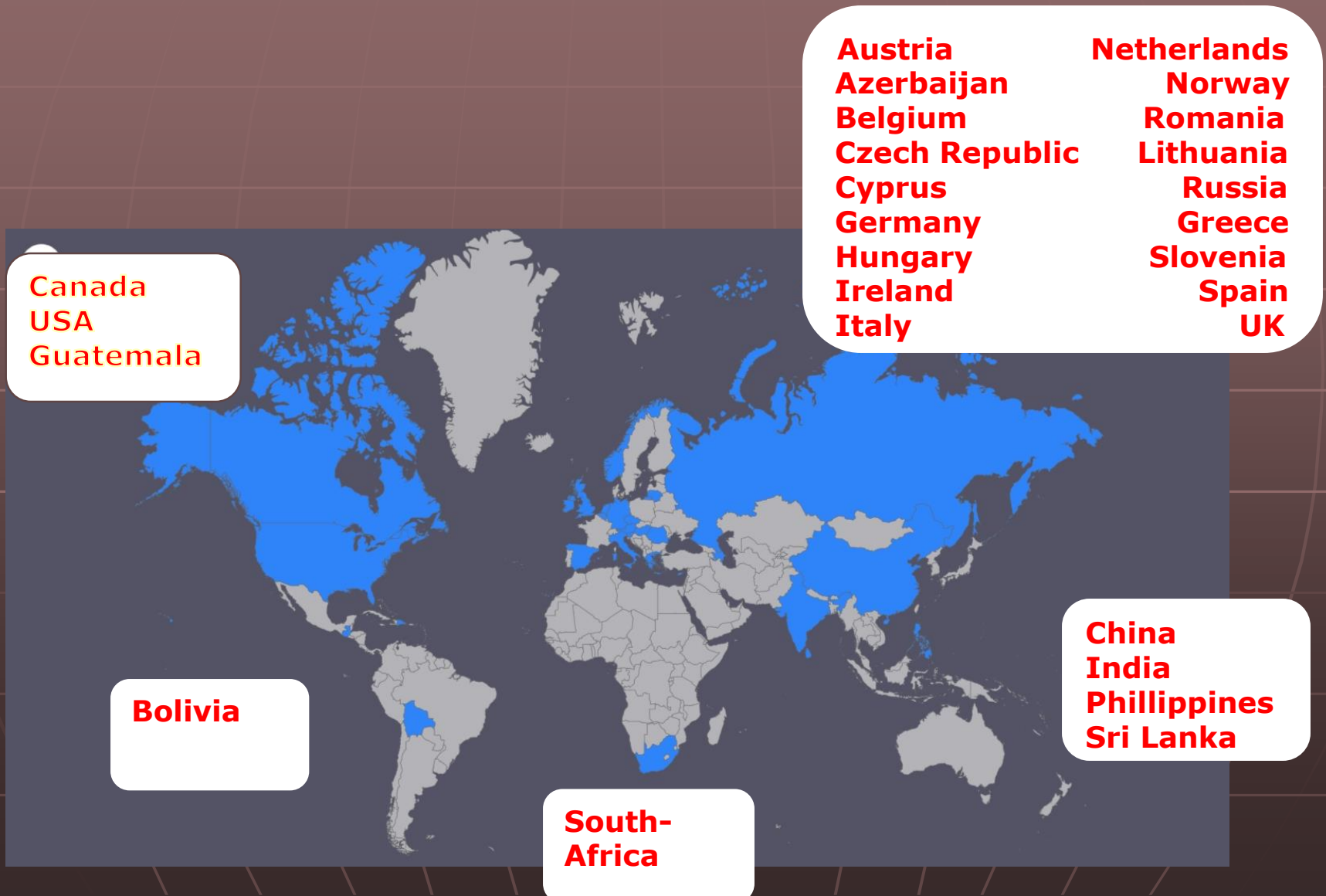
Berlin, Munich, Aachen, Düren, Hamburg,  
Regensburg, and others (GER)

Antwerp (BE)

Amsterdam, Heerlen, Den Haag, Almere,  
Maastricht, Utrecht, Venray (NL)

# International Student Body

(country of origin of admitted students)



## How to get in? (MAX 24 admissions per year)

- GPA of 7.0 (Bachelor's degree in Psychology or Mental Health Science or University College)
- Motivation letter
- Reference letters (2)
- Forensic experience/education is a plus
- English language proficiency
- Interview (in person or via Skype)

**Deadline for admissions:** Final: 31 March, 2018

Tuition fee 2018-2019 (NL/EU citizens): € 3.720

## And then, after this Master?

- Further education, e.g., PhD program
- Start clinical work in the forensic field, e.g.,
  - Forensic psychiatric hospital / forensic outpatient clinic
  - Addictions treatment facility
  - Prison
  - Juvenile Justice Institutions
  - Child protection services
  - Women's shelter/ Victims' advocacy
  - Policy advisor
- Further professional training as GZ-psychologist (NL), psychotherapist, etc.

# Rankings



- Keuzegids Masters 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017: first place of similar Master programs
- Keuzegids Masters 2013 and 2018: quality rating 'Top rated programme', a rating given to only 77 Master's programs in The Netherlands (< 10% of all Master's programs)
- July 2013: Dutch Ministry of Education accredited the Master program as a Small Scale and Excellent Program
- NVAO Reaccreditation (2014) for 5 years: rating "good"

# Graduating Class of 2017

## 90% had a job in the forensic field before obtaining their diploma



# Check out the website

[www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/fpn](http://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/fpn)

- > Prospective Students
- > Master's programmes
- Forensic Psychology

Watch the videos!





# Q&A



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Website Forensic Psychology Programme:

<http://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/web/Faculties/PsychologyAndNeuroscience/TargetGroup/ProspectiveStudents/MastersProgrammes/ForensicPsychology.htm>



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