Dear employees,

As employee of the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam you are cordially invited to attend the event on International Women’s Day #PressforProgress.

The Faculty of Social Sciences (FSW) is honoured to kick-off a series of events increasing equity within academia. The Female Talent Committee (FSW) together with WO&MEN would like to align with the campaign theme of International Women’s Day 2018 #PressforProgress. To Press for Progress on International Women’s Day we have composed an interesting and interactive programme with top speakers.

**Workshop** (max. 20 persons)
Jeannette van den Ingh-van Wijk (business woman of the year 2003), will provide a workshop on…. [Click here](#) to subscribe for the workshop. OR Please send an e-mail to [a.j.d.bijdevaate@vu.nl](mailto:a.j.d.bijdevaate@vu.nl) to subscribe for the workshop.

**Panel speakers**
The central theme of the speakers of this year’s event will be that there are many ways to reach the top in academia. Dr. Romy van der Lee will talk about research performed for the NWO, with a special focus on grant application and equal chances for women. Prof. dr. Marjolein Broese van Groenou will talk about her career, decisions and strategic choices, and that the “traditional” pathway of personal grants is not the only way to reach the top.

To have a good estimate on how many people are attending the panel session, we ask you to register for the panel here.

**Programme Thursday 8 March 2018**
*Location Workshop: Forum 3, 1st floor, VU main Building*
*Location Panel Session: HG 7A-33, 7th floor, VU main building*
Chair/host: Prof. dr. Karen van Oudenhoven-van der Zee

13:00 – 14:45  Workshop (max. 20 persons)
14:45 – 15:00  Walk in with coffee and tea
15:00 – 15:15  Opening by Prof. dr. Karen van Oudenhoven-van der Zee & Jeanette van den Ingh-van Wijk
15:15 – 15:30  Introduction WO&MEN and Female Talent Committee
15:30 – 16:30  Panel Session ‘ways to reach the top’
   -  Dr. Romy van der Lee
   -  Prof. dr. Marjolein Broese van Groenou
   -  Q & A chaired by Prof. dr. Karen van Oudenhoven-van der Zee
16:30 – 18:00  Informal drinks, with ‘speed dating’ for advice