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Dear Duke-Leiden Summer Institute Students:

It is with much regret I am writing to let you know that we will not be having our summer institute in The Hague this coming June and July. While we may have expected this considering the current crisis, it is nonetheless deeply disappointing to the faculty – and most likely to you. Leiden University decided to cancel all summer classes at its Hague Campus making it impossible for us to move forward with holding the program in the Netherlands.

We will now move onto our contingency plan of holding the summer institute entirely online. Our plan is to offer the summer institute's classes through the ZOOM platform. As of now, we will be offering all of the courses that we had advertised with the exception of the Introduction to American Law course.

All of the classes will now be based on American East Coast time, rather Hague time. We are not planning on offering any activities outside of the classroom. On the financial side, this means that there will not be an accommodation and activities fee for the summer institute. Our tuition and other fees will remain the same.

If you remain interested in taking part in the summer institute, we welcome you to join our online classroom. Please keep in mind that the program will be virtual, and, due to the extraordinary circumstance of the COVID-19 virus health measures, we will not be able to offer a more personalized learning environment.

If you would prefer to withdraw from the summer program, we certainly understand. All of the tuition deposits are refundable. Duke University is formulating its policy on whether the "non-refundable" \$350 registration is refundable, and we await their decision on that question.

Again, the faculty joins you in being very disappointed that we will not be in the Netherlands this summer, but we look forward to an intellectually stimulating online summer program.

Yours,

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