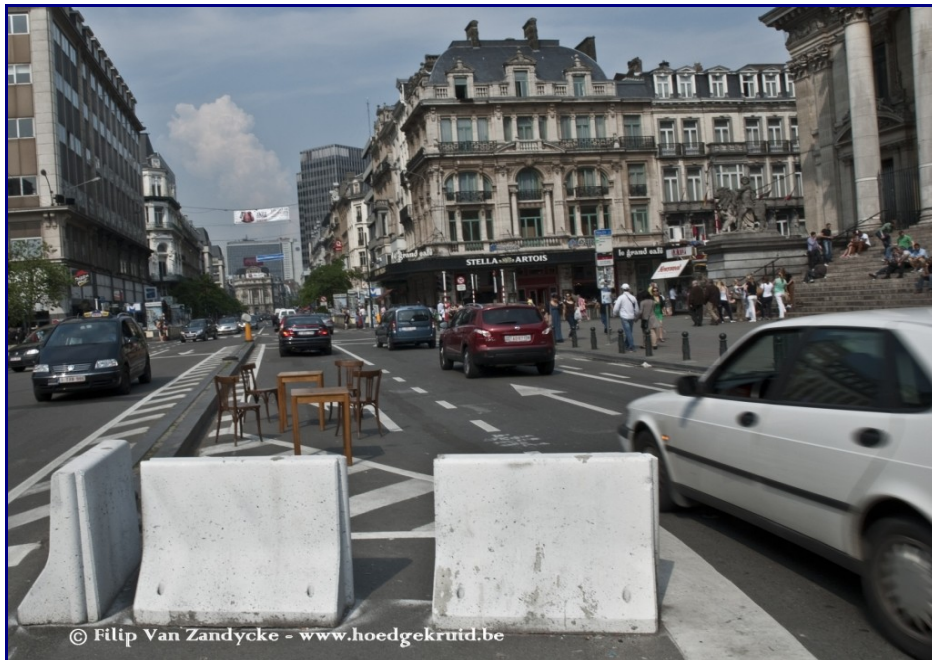


Special Event



PicNic the Streets

10 June, 12.00-14.00

Beurs, Anspachlaan, Brussels

www.tinyurl.com/facebook-picnicthestreets

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Having a picnic on Brussels' Anspachlaan might sound like a death wish, but it's about to become a reality. The idea was spurred by an article by Brussels resident and philosopher professor Philippe Van Parijs, in which he expressed his anger at the lack of car-free public space in his city. "Driving around in the centre should become the exception, not the norm," he writes. Van Parijs references the largely expat protest launched by *The Bulletin* magazine in 1971, which largely contributed to the "liberation" of the Grote Markt, formerly known as "Brussels' biggest parking lot". In this spirit, Van Parijs is organising the city's first giant PicNic the Streets. Bring a lunch and join the sit-in together with thousands of other Brusselaars in favour of a more liveable, breathable city centre. Organisers hope to make the event a regular Sunday occurrence. *RB*