

Program for PhD Candidates

Research School Political History 2014-2015

The Research School for Political History (RSPH) is a research network of political historians, working to promote high-quality research and to strengthen (inter)national cooperation. In addition, the RSPH provides first-rate training for PhD and Research Master students. The RSPH was established in 2011.

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Academic director: prof. dr. Henk te Velde (Universiteit Leiden)



The list of events in 2014-2015 is as follows (subject to final confirmation):

Tutorials

PhD candidates in their first or second year are expected to participate in three tutorials:

1. What is political history?
Tutor: prof. dr. Ido de Haan
Utrecht, 17 November 2014
2. Research strategies
Tutors: prof. dr. Dirk Jan Wolffram and dr. Hanneke Hoekstra
Groningen, 26 January 2015
3. Sources and e-humanities
Tutor: prof. dr. Ida Nijenhuis
The Hague, 9 March 2015

International Research Seminars

All PhD candidates present their research in an (international) research seminar during their second or third year. All PhD candidates are expected to attend at least five PhD research seminars.

- Research Seminar on Political Biographies (I)
In this seminar, we discuss methodological aspects of writing a biography and we discuss the do's and don'ts of writing a PhD thesis.
Date and location: Leiden, 23 or 30 January 2015.
- International Research Seminar on Political Biographies (II)
In this seminar, three PhD candidates will present and discuss their work. In addition, there will be key note lectures on the theory of the (political) biography by Binne de Haan.
Date and location: Groningen 27 February 2015

- **International Research Seminar: Aspects of democracy**
In this seminar, three PhD candidates will present and discuss their work. In addition, there will be key note lectures.
Date and location: Belgium, 13 April 2015
- **International Research Seminar on Politics and Religion**
In this seminar, PhD candidates will present and discuss their work. In addition, there will be key note lectures.
Date and location: The Hague, 8 June 2015

International Conferences

- ***Second International PhD conference Political History, Leiden 4-6 September***
The RSPH considers preparing for and participating in international conferences an important part of an academic education. By organizing the second in a series of international conferences, and the first one with an open call, the RSPH has given PhD's the opportunity to present and discuss their work in an international context.
The three-day conference covered a broad range of topics, reflecting the transformations the field has experienced. Key note speakers included prof. dr. Willibald Steinmetz (Bielefeld University) and prof. dr. Kiran Patel (Maastricht University). The conference was organized by a team of national and international experts under the supervision of prof. dr. Henk te Velde and dr. Margit van der Steen.
- ***Third International PhD Conference Political History, summer 2015, Bielefeld***
The third International PhD Conference in political history will take place in the summer of 2015 in Bielefeld under the supervision of prof. dr. Thomas Welskopp. PhD Candidates from the RSPH are entitled to participate in the conference. On invitation only.

Other activities (for PhD Candidates)

- **Presentation program 2014-2015 / Reflection international cooperation**
17 November, Utrecht University
- **Master class** Darrin McMahon: The methodology of global/comparative intellectual history
3 February 2015. University of Amsterdam
- **Conference** Historians, Heritage and the Nation
Free University of Amsterdam. Date to be announced.
- **Social Event**, including annual meeting PhD Council, organized by the PhD Council
14 April, Belgium
- **Celebration** 5 Years Research School Political History
- **Financial support for events**
PhD candidates who would like to (co) organize a conference or workshop in which their research is presented, can ask for financial support from the RSPH. Requests for support should be addressed to bureau@onderzoekschoolpolitiegegeschiedenis.nl.

More announcements will be made available via www.onderzoekschoolpolitiekegeschiedenis.nl.

Registration: PhD candidates who are member of the RSPH receive announcements of the events and can register for every event.

Costs: Participation in activities is free of charge for members of the RSPH

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Date	Tutorials	Research Seminars	International	Other activities
4-6 September			International PhD Conference Leiden	
17 November	Tutorial Utrecht What is Political History?			Presentation Program / reflection international cooperation
23 Or 30 January		Political Biography Leiden		
26 January	Tutorial Groningen Research Strategies			
3 February				Master Class The methodology of global/comparative intellectual history
27 February		Political Biography Groningen		
9 March	Tutorial The Hague Sources and e-humanities			
13 April 14 April		Aspects of Democracy Belgium		Social event Annual meeting PhD Council
8 June		Politics and religion The Hague		5 year OPG celebration The Hague
July			PhD Conference Bielefeld (on invitation)	
t.b.a.				Historians, Heritage and the Nation