**Program for PhD Candidates and Research Masters**

**Research School Political History 2015-2016**

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 Candidates and Research Master students. The RSPH was established in 2011.

[**www.researchschoolpoliticalhistory.eu**](http://www.researchschoolpoliticalhistory.eu) **/** [**www.onderzoekschoolpolitiekegeschiedenis.nl**](http://www.onderzoekschoolpolitiekegeschiedenis.nl)

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**Program for PhD candidates**

***Tutorials***

PhD candidates in their first or second year participate in five tutorials:

1. What is political history?

Tutor: prof. dr. Ido de Haan

Utrecht, 5 October 2015

1. Research strategies

Tutors: prof. dr. Dirk Jan Wolffram

Groningen, 18 January 2016

1. Sources and e-humanities

Tutor: dr. Marijke van Faassen

The Hague, 1 February 2016

1. Capita Selecta political history

Tutor: prof. dr. Beatrice de Graaf

Utrecht, 22 March 2016

1. Presenting political history to an international audience

Tutor: t.b.a.

The Hague, 6 June 2016

***International Research Seminars***

The Research School organizes international Research Seminars on specific themes with key note lectures. In these seminars, PhD candidates present their work and get feedback by (international) experts in their field.

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

The RSPH will organize four research seminars in 2015/2016. For (external) PhD’s a seminar will be organized as well.

Schedule:

* September / October( religion and politics, Nijmegen ) (subject to confirmation)
* 11 January 2016 (citizens and politicians, Leiden or Amsterdam)
* 7 March 2016 (citizens and politicians, Leiden)
* 2-3 May 2016 (two-day event) (international /transnational politics / Gent, Groningen or Münster)

***International Conferences***

* ***Fourth International PhD conference Political History, Arhus***

The fourth third International PhD Conference in political history will take place in the summer of 2016 in Arhus. PhD Candidates from the RSPH are entitled to participate in the conference.

***Other activities for PhD Candidates***

* **Presentation program 2014-2015 / Opening of the new academic year**

Utrecht University, 5 October 2015, [theme: Research policy, case study Nationale Wetenschapsagenda]

* **International PhD Workshop** Understanding political history in and beyond the nation state

Leiden 22-23 October

* **Celebration** 5 Years Research School Political History

The Hague, 6 June 2016

More announcements will be on the website:

[**www.onderzoekschoolpolitiekegeschiedenis**](http://www.onderzoekschoolpolitiekegeschiedenis)

**Please note that the program may be subject to change.**

**Participation** is free of charge for PhD candidates who have been registered with the RSPH.

PhD candidates who are registered with the RSPH receive invitations for the activities.

**ECTS:** PhD candidates who need ECTS for participation in the activities in the RSPH can contact the coordinator for more information.

**Program Research School Political History for Research Masters**

***Annual Course for Research masters: What is Political History? Theories and Concepts***

**5 ECTS, with additional tasks 6 ECTS**

Supervisor : prof. dr. I. (Ido) de Haan (with invited international experts)

Location : Utrecht

Period : 8 February-8 April 2016

In this course, students explore theories and concepts relevant to the history of politics, on the basis of an analysis of a number of major texts. Attention will be paid to the conceptualization of key concepts, e.g. politics and the political, power, institutions, political action, political culture, political organization, state and the regime. Furthermore, the national, inter- and transnational nature of political history will be studied. The course will be taught in English by internationally renowned researchers. The course will make students familiar with the latest international discussions and offer networking opportunities with students from different universities in the Netherlands.

***Summer School: Violence and War***

**(5 ECTS, with additional tasks 6 ECTS**

Supervisors : prof. dr. P. (Peter) Romijn and prof. dr. I. (Ido) de Haan (with invited international experts)

Location : Amsterdam

Period : 27 June – 1 July 2016

The aim of the Summer School is to develop insight and research skills in political history: to formulate a research question and a research strategy, and execute an analysis of primary sources as the basis for writing a research report. Students acquire skills and insight in the use of specific methods and approaches of political history, e.g. comparative history, institutional analysis, discourse analysis, biography. A substantial part of the course will be devoted to practical training. The Summer School will be taught in English by internationally renowned researchers.

**Registration:** Spring Course : before 1 November 2015; Summer School before 1 March 2016. Please note that a limited number of students can be accepted.

**Costs:** Activities are free of charges for research masters registered with the RSPH

**Information**: [www.researchschoolpoliticalhistory.eu](http://www.researchschoolpoliticalhistory.eu)

**Please note that the program may be subject to change.**



**Calender**

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| **Date** | **Location** | **Activity** | **ResMa** | **PhD** **First Year** | **All****PhD** | **Extra****curricular** **activity** |
| September/October | Nijmegen | International Research Seminar |  |  | x |  |
| 5 October | Utrecht | Tutorial one:What is political history? |  | x |  |  |
| 5 October  | Utrecht  | Opening Academic Year | x |  | x | x |
| 22-23 October | Leiden | International PhD Workshop Understanding political history in and beyond the nation state |  |  | x | x |
| 11 January | The Hague  | Research Seminar |  |  | x |  |
| 18 January  | Groningen | Tutorial two:Research Strategies |  | x |  |  |
| 1 February | The Hague | Tutorial three:Sources and e-humanities |  | x |  |  |
| 8 February-8 April | Utrecht | Course: What is PoliticalHistory? | x |  |  |  |
| 7 March | Amsterdam Leiden | Research Seminar  |  |  | x |  |
| 22 March  | Utrecht | Tutorial four:Capita Selecta |  | x |  |  |
| 2-3 May | tba | Research Seminar/Social event |  |  | x |  |
| 6 June | The Hague | Tutorial five:Presenting political history to an international context  |  | x |  |  |
| 6 June  | The Hague  | Anniversary RSPH | x |  | x | x |
| 27 June – 1 July | Amsterdam | Summer School | x |  |  |  |
| June | Arhus | Fourth InternationalPhD Conference Political History |  |  | x |  |