

## Program Research School Political History 2015-2016 for Research Masters

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### ***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)

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