

Training program Onderzoekschool Politieke Geschiedenis (OPG) / Research School Political History (RSPH) 2017-2019



Training program 2017-2018

Training activities for Research Masters and PhD Candidates

International conference: The State of the Art in the History of Politics
30 November- 1 December 2017, The Hague

The central issue of this conference is to look for the commonality between the many approaches to the history of politics that have bloomed in the past decades. Does political history still have a core of shared topics, problems and concepts, or is the field fragmented into a wide array of studies on things political? The conference is organized along three separate lines: debates, presentations and proposals. PhD candidates and research masters present their work with poster presentations.

More information and registration: www.aanmelder.nl/opg

Training activities for Research masters

A.Course: What is Political History under the supervision of dr. Peter van Dam en dr. Jeroen van Zanten
Spring 2018, Amsterdam

Credits: 5 ECTS

Registration: before 1 December 2017 (bureau@onderzoekschoolpolitiekegeschiedenis.nl)

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 use of concepts and theories will be investigated by applying them to specific episodes in history. The course will be taught by professors from the University of Amsterdam.

B.Summer School International History, 19th and 20th centuries organized by prof. dr. Kiran Klaus Patel
2-5 July 2018, Maastricht / Amsterdam

Credits: 5 ECTS (with additional tasks 6 ECTS)

Fee: free of charge for research master students registered with the RSPH

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Key notes include prof. dr. Mario del Pero, dr. Nico Randeraad and prof. dr. Giles Scott Smith.

International history has long been the Cinderella of the profession. In recent years, however, the field has reinvented itself, taking in perspectives from cultural, transnational and global history, as well as other dimensions. The fragility of international relations in our own times – with organizations like NATO and the EU increasingly challenged – invites us to revisit the past; to seek a better understanding of institutions, actors, and power relations, but also of symbolic representations, transnational networks, the impact of the international on the local, and many other issues. At this Summer School, we will discuss recent advances in the field as well as the papers that you will write in its course.

The aim of the Summer School is to develop insight and research skills in political history with a focus on international 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 with a focus on international history, e.g. institutional analysis, multilingual research, network analysis. A substantial part of the course will be devoted to practical training, like critical approaches to archives, memoirs and uses of digital history in this context. Students develop insight in specific themes under the supervision of leading experts in the field, and they present their own research.

Added value is the networking opportunities with staff and other students. If you consider writing a PhD, it is recommended to attend the Summer School.

Training program for PhD candidates in their first year

Five tutorials which are an advanced introduction to political history. New PhD candidates discuss research strategies, sources and methods and the international dimension of their research.

- Introduction: ‘What is political history?’ (21 September 2017, Utrecht University, supervision prof. dr. Ido de Haan)
- Methods and research strategies (January 2018, Groningen University, prof. dr. Dirk Jan Wolfram)
- Sources and e-humanities (February 2018, Huygens ING, prof. dr. Ida Nijenhuis)
- Capita selecta (March 2018)
- Working in an international academic community (April 2018)

Training activities all PhD candidates

- A. Four research seminars in which PhD candidates present and discuss their work with experts in the field. PhD candidates also act as discussant. One seminar will be a two-day event, including a social evening.

Research seminars take place on

- 19 October 2017 (Radboud University, State and Society, supervisor prof. dr. Wim van Meurs).
- February 2018
- March 2018 (Military History, under the supervision of Prof. dr. Wim Klinkert and dr. Samuël) Kruizinga)
- May 2018 (two-day seminar).

- B. Pitch your thesis. Master class aimed at promoting your PhD thesis in the media.
June 2018.

- C. International workshop for and by PhD candidates:
The Changing Frontiers of Political History, 16th – 20th Centuries.
26-27 October 2017, Paris.

- D. International conference political history, organised by the Association for Political History in Paris. For advanced PhD candidates, on invitation only. June 2018, Paris.

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Seminar on the occasion of the opening of the Academic Year.
September 2018, Utrecht

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B. Summer School New Political History under the supervision of prof. dr. Wim van Meurs.

June 2019, Nijmegen

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March 2019, London

Certificates

- Certificate Basic training for PhD candidates who have attended all five tutorials
- Certificate Advanced training for PhD candidates who have attended at least six research seminars, who have presented their research in a research seminar and who have acted as discussant.
- Certificate International training: PhD candidates who have a basic and advanced certificate and who have presented their research in an international APH conference or international PhD APH workshop.

About the Onderzoekschool Politieke Geschiedenis (OPG) /Research School Political History (RSPH)

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. Information on relevant activities for political historians are announced on the website of the RSPH. In addition, the RSPH provides first-rate training for PhD and Research Master's students. The RSPH is member of the Association for Political History (APH).

Websites: www.onderzoekschoolpolitiekegeschiedenis.nl
www.associationforpoliticalhistory.org

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