

Program Summer School International History, 19th and 20th centuries

Date: July 2-5, 2018

Locations: Maastricht University, IISG Amsterdam, Huygens ING Amsterdam

Credits: 5 ECTS (or, with additional tasks, 6 ECTS)

Fee: free of charge for research master students registered with the Research School Political History

Participants: This summer school is open to research master students and PhD candidates registered with the Research School Political History.

Registration: before 1 February 2018 (bureau@onderzoekschoolpolitiekegeschiedenis.nl)



Introduction

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.

Aims and added value

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 highly recommended to attend the Summer School.

Requirements

Outline: Students submit a first outline for a research paper on a topic of their own choice, related to the theme of the Summer School (700 words). The examples they aim to discuss do not necessarily have to feature in one of the key note lectures. This paper will form the point of departure for the presentation on the last day of the Summer School.

Deadline: 18 June 2018. Please mail the outline to:

bureau@onderzoekschoolpolitiekegeschiedenis.nl

Presentation: During the Summer School, the participants prepare a presentation (seven minutes) of the outline of their research paper.

Research paper: After the end of the Summer School, each student writes a research paper of 5,000 words (or 6 ECTS: 6,500 words). This paper is a further elaboration of your preliminary finding presented in your presentation, and it must be based on additional reading material.

Structure of the program:

During the Summer School, students and PhD candidates attend presentations and participate in the debates. They also prepare and give a presentation outlining their research paper. At the end of the Summer School, they write a research paper (5,000 words). The participation in the full track is rewarded with 5 ECTS (6 ECTS is possible with a research papers of 6,500 words). The working language of the Summer School is English.

Program

Monday, 2 July 2018

Location: Maastricht University

Chair	<i>Kiran Klaus Patel & Margit van der Steen</i>
10.00-11.00	Welcome. Introduction of participants and supervisors; explanation of the aims and mode of operation of the Summer School; distribution of tasks and presentations, students introduce their research topics
11.00-12.30	Keynote lecture 1: Do international organizations never die? And if so, why? <i>Kiran Klaus Patel</i>
12.30-14.00	Lunch break
Chair	<i>Margit van der Steen</i>
14.00-15.00	Keynote lecture 2: Zooming in on the international: How can network analysis and digital history help? <i>Nico Randerdaad</i>
15.15-17.00	Tutorials (supervision: Kiran Patel and Wim van Meurs) In the tutorials, students receive feedback on their proposal and they discuss their plan with a tutor.
17.30	Drinks
18.00	Dinner in Maastricht

Tuesday, 3 July 2018

Location: Maastricht University

Chair	<i>Kiran Klaus Patel</i>
10.00-12.00	Keynote lecture 3: Localizing the international: Can microhistory help? <i>Mario del Pero</i>
12.00-13.00	Lunch
13.00-14.00	Publication Venues Presentation by Kiran Patel and Miel Groten (Jonge Historici)
14.00-16.00	Keynote lecture 4: Transnational Networks <i>Giles Scott Smith</i>

Wednesday, 4 July 2018

Location: IISG, Amsterdam

Chair	<i>Wim van Meurs</i>
10.00-12.00	Skills lab: investigating sources and guided tour at the International Institute for Social History in Amsterdam. Presentation on future (labour market) perspectives for historians by Kayleigh Goudsmit
12.00-13.00	Lunch
13.00-14.00	Tutorials (Wim van Meurs, Ido de Haan, Margit van der Steen)
14.00 – 17.00	Preparation of the research presentation.

Thursday, 5 July 2018

Location: KNAW, Amsterdam

Chair	<i>Kiran Klaus Patel</i>
10.00-12.00	Keynote lecture 5: Culture in International History <i>Jessica Gienow-Hecht</i>
12.00-13.00	Lunch
13.00-15.00	Research presentations I
15.00-15.15	Coffee Break

Speakers and organization

Miel Groten M.A. is PhD candidate at the VU University Amsterdam. Since October 2015 he is editor in chief of Uitgeverij Jonge Historici, the digital publishing branch of Stichting Jonge Historici (Young Historians' Foundation), where he also functions as board member.

Prof dr. Jessica Gienow-Hecht is chair of the Department of History, John-F. Kennedy Institute Freie Universität Berlin. She was full professor of International History at the University of Cologne (2009-2013), senior research and teaching fellow Harvard University and visiting professor at the Centre d'histoire SciencesPo Paris. Her work focusses on the role of culture in international relations (international cultural relations, cultural relations, cultural diplomacy, soft power, nation branding).

Kayleigh Goudsmit M.A. is historian and works for the Royal Dutch Historical Society. In 2017, she was elected young historian of the year. Her work is on future (labour) market perspectives of historians.

Prof. dr. Ido de Haan is professor of political history at Utrecht University and academic director of the Research School Political History. His work is on nation-building, parliamentary and alternative forms of democracy, change of regime, institutions in times of large-scale violence, citizenship and history of political thought.

Prof. dr. Wim van Meurs is professor of European Political History at Radboud University Nijmegen and Education Program Leader of the national Research School Political History. His research encompass the history of European integration, peasant parties and political modernization as well as the politics of environmental governance.

Prof. dr. Kiran Klaus Patel is Professor and Chair of European and Global History at Maastricht University since September 2011. He holds the Jean Monnet Chair since 2014. Before joining Maastricht University, he was amongst others Joint Chair at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy (2007-2011) and Kennedy Fellow at the Center for European Study at Harvard University. His ongoing research projects focus on the history of European integration as well as on the history of the United States in the world.

Prof. dr. Mario del Pero is Associate Professor, Dipartimento Politica Istituzioni Storia, University of Bologna and from September 2013 he is Professor of International History, Institut d'Études politiques de Paris-SciencesPo.

Dr. Nico Randerad is associate professor at Maastricht University. His main expertise lies in 19th and 20th century European history.

Prof. dr. Giles Scott-Smith holds the Ernst van der Beugel Chair 'Diplomatic History of Transatlantic Relations since WW II' at Leiden University. In January 2017 he was also appointed by Leiden University to run the Roosevelt Institute for American Studies in

Middelburg, The Netherlands. Scott-Smith's research interests involve an exploration of the 'Transnational Transatlantic' – tracking and explaining the governmental and non-governmental linkages that have bound North America and Europe since WW II.

Dr. Margit van der Steen is historian, coordinator of the Research School Political History, member of the Directorate of the Association for Political History as well as assistant professor at the Institute for History at Leiden University.

Locations

- **Maastricht University**, Grote Gracht 90, Maastricht (10 minutes walking distance from the railway station) (<https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/about-um>)
- **International Institute for Social History (IISG)** Cruquiusweg 31, Amsterdam (information : <https://socialhistory.org/en/address>)
- **Huygens ING, locatie Oost-Indisch Huis**, Korte Spinhuissteeg 3, (15 minutes walking distance from the railway station) , Conference room

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

The Onderzoekschool Politieke Geschiedenis (OPG) / Research School Political History is a research network of political historians, aimed at promoting the quality of research and (inter)national cooperation. Besides that, the Research School provides high quality training of PhD students and Research Masters in Political History. Approximately 110 PhD candidates (including external PhD candidates) are registered with the RSPH.

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The Research School is one of the founding members of the Association for Political History. The association aims to strengthen international education in the field of education and research and organizes, amongst others, annual PhD conferences. In the context of the APH, the book series the Palgrave Studies in Political History was established.

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