

Training program Onderzoekschool Politieke Geschiedenis (OPG) / Research School Political History (RSPH) 2018-2019



Training activities for Research Masters and PhD Candidates

Seminar on the occasion of the opening of the Academic Year.

Theme: relationship between political scientists and political historians.

16.00 – 18.00 hrs, 20 September 2018, Utrecht

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 2019, Amsterdam

Credits: 5 ECTS

Registration: before 1 December 2018 (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.

B.Summer School New European Political History organized by prof. dr. Wim van Meurs
June 24-28, 2019 in Nijmegen (26-27 June in Brussels)

Credits: 5 ECTS

Registration: before 1 March 2019 (bureau@onderzoekschoolpolitiekegeschiedenis.nl)

The aim of the Summer School is to develop knowledge, insight and research skills in political history with a focus on the history of the European Union. The specific skills trained during the Summer School concern the design and implementation of research projects in political history on multi-country comparisons, on multilevel governance or on the EU as a new polity. Organizing research projects based on multiple national archives or multiple levels of government and governance (regional, national, European). Policy field analysis involving national government agencies, experts, societal groups and international organizations. 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.

The Summer School includes a two-day excursion to Brussels (open to PhD students, too): lectures at EU institutions, a think tank, the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands and a lobby organization as well as visits to the Parliament, the House of European History and the Commission's historical archives.

Training program for PhD candidates

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?' (20 September 2018, Utrecht University, supervision prof. dr. Ido de Haan)
- Sources and e-humanities (12 November 2018, Amsterdam Huygens ING, prof. dr. Ida Nijenhuis)
- Methods and research strategies (January 2019, Groningen University, prof. dr. Dirk Jan Wolfram)
- Capita selecta (March 2019)
- Presenting your research in an international academic community (June 2019)

Training activities all PhD candidates

- A. **Three research seminars** in which PhD candidates present and discuss their work with experts in the field. PhD candidates also act as discussant.
Research seminars take place in
 - December 2018 (Utrecht University)
 - February 2019
 - May 2019
- B. **International workshop for and by PhD candidates:**
The Pursuit of Legitimacy. Power and its manifestations in Political History.
25-26 October 2017, Leiden.
- C. **Research seminar on political biography** in cooperation with prof. dr. Remieg Aerts (University of Amsterdam). Date and location to be announced.
- D. **Two-day excursion to Brussels** (26-27 June 2019)
Lectures at EU institutions, a think tank, the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands and a lobby organisation as well as visits to the Parliament, the House of European History and the Commission's historical archives.
- E. **International conference political history**, organised by the Association for Political History in Paris. For advanced PhD candidates, on invitation only. 2-4 July 2019, London. This conference is especially meant for PhD candidates in their third year.

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.

Schedule training program 1 September 2018 – 15 July 2019

Date	Activity	PhD or Rema
2018		
20 September Utrecht	Opening academic year. Seminar: Relationship political historians and political scientists.	All
20 September Utrecht	Tutorial 1: What is political history?	PhD in their first year
25-26 October Leiden	International PhD workshop. The Pursuit of Legitimacy. Power and its manifestations in Political History.	All PhD
12 November Amsterdam	Tutorial 2: sources and digital humanities	PhD in their first year
December Utrecht	Research seminar 1	All PhD
t.b.a.	Research seminar on political biography	All PhD
2019		
January Groningen	Tutorial 3 : research strategies	PhD in their first year
February	Research seminar 2	All PhD
February Amsterdam	Cursus What is political History?	Research Masters
April	Tutorial 4: Capita Selecta	PhD in their first year
May	Research seminar 3	All PhD
June Leiden	Tutorial 5: Presenting your research in an International academic community	PhD in their first year
24-28 June Nijmegen and Brussels	Summer School New European Political History	Research Masters
26-27 June Brussels	Two day excursion Brussels	All PhD
2-4 July London	International PhD conference of the Association for Political History	PhD in their third year

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 https://twitter.com/pol_history

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