

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



### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 activities for Research Masters and PhD Candidates

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

With dr. Maartje Janse, dr. Liesbeth van de Grift, Prof. Ido de Haan, prof. Wim van Meurs.

Theme: cooperation between political scientists and political historians.

16.00 – 18.00 hrs, 20 September 2018, Amsterdam

### Master Class with prof. Pasi Ihalainen (University of Jyväskylä) on conceptual history.

14.00 – 17.00 hrs, 15 February 2019, Leiden

### Master Class with prof. Giovanni Orsina (LUISS Roma University) on the crisis of the political

14.00 – 16.30 hrs, 5 March 2019, Leiden.

### Master Class with dr. Maartje Abbenhuis (New Zealand) (in preparation)

Beginning of May, Utrecht

## 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 (12 March 2019, Utrecht University, supervision prof. dr. Beatrice de Graaf)
- Presenting your research in an international academic community (15 April 2019, Leiden University, supervision prof. dr. Henk te Velde)

### 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
  - 10 December 2018 : Amsterdam KNAW. Theme: De Dag van de Politieke Biografie (in cooperation with the KNAW and Radboud University, supervision prof. dr. Remieg Aerts and dr. Margit van der Steen)
  - 27 February 2019: Amsterdam. Theme: New Horizons in Military History. Supervision and organization: Francesca 't Hooft, Kim Bootsma, Tom Duurland, dr. Samuël Kruizinga (Uva) and prof. dr. Wim Klinkert (UvA and Defensie Akademie Breda), dr. Margit van der Steen.
  - 29 May 2019 : International Organization. Groningen. Supervision: prof. dr. Dirk Jan Wolfram and prof. dr. Wim van Meurs.

**B. International workshops for and by PhD candidates:**

- The Pursuit of Legitimacy. Power and its manifestations in Political History. 25-26 October 2018, Leiden.
- Political in Political History - Meaning and Understanding of Politics 17–19 June 2019, University of Jyväskylä, Finland

**C. Skills Lab on oral history**

Supervisor: Dineke Stam

13.00 – 16.00 hrs, 24 January 2019, Amsterdam Huygens KNAW.

**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.**

For advanced PhD candidates, on invitation only. June 2019, London. This conference is especially meant for PhD candidates in their third year. Supervisor: prof. dr. Richard Vinen (King's College 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.

**Schedule training program 1 September 2018 – 15 July 2019 (update 1 March 2019)**

Date	Activitiy	PhD or Rema
<b>2018</b>		
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

10 December Amsterdam	Research seminar De Dag van de Politieke Biografie	All PhD
<b>2019</b>		
24 January Amsterdam	Skills lab oral history	PhD
28 January Groningen	Tutorial 3 : research strategies	PhD in their first year
15 February 26, 2019 Leiden	Master Class conceptual history with Pasi Ihalainen	Research masters and PhD
27 February Leiden	Research seminar Military History	All PhD
February Amsterdam	Cursus What is political History?	Research Masters
5 March Leiden	Master Class the crisis of the political with prof Giovanni Orsina	PhD and Research master
13 March Utrecht	Tutorial 4: Capita Selecta	PhD in their first year
15 April Leiden	Tutorial 5: Presenting your research in an International academic community	All PhD
13 May Utrecht	Master Class with Maartje Abbenhuis	PhD and Research Master
29 May Groningen	Research Seminar International Relations	All PhD
2-4 June London	Conference Association for Political History	PhD in their first year
17-19 June Jyväskylä Finland	International workshop: Political in Political History- Meaning and Understanding of Politics.	All PhD
24-28 June Nijmegen and Brussels	Summer School New European Political History	Research Masters
26-27 June Brussels	Two day excursion Brussels	All PhD

#### **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](http://www.onderzoekschoolpolitiekegeschiedenis.nl)

[www.associationforpoliticalhistory.org](http://www.associationforpoliticalhistory.org) [https://twitter.com/pol\\_history](https://twitter.com/pol_history)

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