

Program for PhD Candidates and Research Masters Research School Political History 2015-2016

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. In addition, the RSPH provides first-rate training for PhD Candidates and Research Master students. The RSPH was established in 2011.

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Program for PhD candidates

Tutorials

PhD candidates in their first or second year participate in five tutorials:

1. What is political history?
Tutor: prof. dr. Ido de Haan
Utrecht, 5 October 2015
2. Research strategies
Tutors: prof. dr. Dirk Jan Wolffram
Groningen, 7 December 2015
3. Sources and e-humanities
Tutor: t.b.a.
The Hague, 1 February 2016
4. Capita Selecta political history
Tutor: prof. dr. Beatrice de Graaf
Utrecht, 22 March 2016
5. Presenting political history to an international audience
Tutor: t.b.a.
The Hague, 6 June 2016

International Research Seminars

The Research School organizes international Research Seminars on specific themes with key note lectures. In these seminars, PhD candidates present their work and get feedback by (international) experts in their field.

All PhD candidates present their research in an (international) research seminar during their second or third year. All PhD candidates are expected to attend the PhD research seminars
The RSPH will organize four research seminars in 2015/2016. For (external) PhD's a seminar will be organized as well.

Schedule:

- September /October (religion and politics, Nijmegen) (subject to confirmation)
- 8 January 2016 (citizens and politicians, Leiden or Amsterdam)
- 7 March 2016 (violence and security, Leiden or Amsterdam)
- 2-3 May 2016 (two-day event) (international /transnational politics / Gent, Groningen or Münster)

International Conferences

- ***Fourth International PhD conference Political History, Arhus***
The fourth third International PhD Conference in political history will take place in the summer of 2016 in Arhus. PhD Candidates from the RSPH are entitled to participate in the conference.

Other activities for PhD Candidates

- **Presentation program 2014-2015 / Opening of the new academic year**
Utrecht University, 5 October 2015, [theme: Research policy, case study Nationale Wetenschapsagenda]
- **International PhD Workshop** Understanding political history in and beyond the nation state
Leiden 22-23 October
- **Celebration 5 Years Research School Political History**
The Hague, 6 June 2016

More announcements will be made available on the website:

www.onderzoekschoolpolitiekegeschiedenis

[Please note that the program may be subject to change.](#)

Participation is free of charge for PhD candidates who have been registered with the RSPH.

PhD candidates who are registered with the RSPH receive invitations for the activities.

ECTS: PhD candidates who need ECTS for participation in the activities in the RSPH can contact the coordinator for more information.

Program Research School Political History for Research Masters

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

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Calendar

Date	Location	Activity	ResMa	PhD First Year	All PhD	Extra curricular activity
September/ October	Nijmegen	International Research Seminar			x	
5 October	Utrecht	Tutorial one: What is political history?		x		
5 October	Utrecht	Opening Academic Year	x		x	x
22-23 October	Leiden	International PhD Workshop Understanding political history in and beyond the nation state			x	x
7 December	Groningen	Tutorial two: Research Strategies		x		
18 January	Leiden / Amsterdam	International Research Seminar			x	
1 February	The Hague	Tutorial three: Sources and e-humanities		x		
8 February- 8 April	Utrecht	Course: What is Political History?	x			
7 March	Amsterdam Leiden	Research Seminar			x	
22 March	Utrecht	Tutorial four: Capita Selecta		x		
2-3 May	tba	Research Seminar/ Social event			x	
6 June	The Hague	Tutorial five: Presenting political history to an international context		x		
6 June	The Hague	Anniversary RSPH	x		x	x
27 June – 1 July	Amsterdam	Summer School	x			
June	Arhus	Fourth International PhD Conference Political History			x	