

## *First announcement*

# Program Summer School International History, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20 centuries

**Date:** July 2-5, 2018

**Location:** Maastricht University

**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@onderzoekschoolpolitiegegeschiedenis.nl](mailto:bureau@onderzoekschoolpolitiegegeschiedenis.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 recommended to attend the Summer School.

## Requirements

**Position paper:** Before the beginning of the course, each participant hands in a position paper, in which the assigned literature is discussed and related to your own research.

**Presentation:** During the Summer School, the participants prepare a presentation 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:

The full track consists of a morning program with five keynote lectures and an afternoon program with skill labs. Students/PhD candidates who take part in this program read assigned literature in advance and prepare a position paper (3,000 words) in advance. During the Summer School, they 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 6,000 words). The working language of the Summer School is English.

## Program

**Monday, 2 July 2018**

**Location: Maastricht University**

Chair	<i>Kiran Klaus Patel &amp; 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	<b>Keynote lecture 1:</b> 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	<b>Keynote lecture 2:</b> Zooming in on the international: How can network analysis and digital history help? <i>Nico Randerad</i>
15.15-17.00	Tutorials
17.30	Borrel
18.00	Dinner

**Tuesday, 3 July 2018**

**Location: Maastricht University**

Chair *Kiran Klaus Patel*

10.00-12.00 **Keynote lecture 3:** Localizing the international: Can microhistory help?  
*Mario del Pero*

12.00-13.00 Lunch

13.00-15.00 **Skills lab:** Bold, crisp & clear: writing academic English  
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**Publication Venues**

15.00-17.00 Preparation Research Presentation

**Wednesday, 4 July 2018**

**Location: KNAW/IISG, Amsterdam**

Chair *Wim van Meurs*

10.00-12.00 **Keynote lecture 4:** Transnational Networks  
*Giles Scott Smith*

12.00-13.00 Lunch

13.00-13.30 **Transfer to IISG**

13.30-15.30 **Skills lab:** Investigating Sources  
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**Thursday, 5 July 2018**

**Location: KNAW, Amsterdam**

Chair *Kiran Klaus Patel*

10.00-12.00 **Keynote lecture 5:** Culture in International History  
*Jessica Gienow-Hecht*

12.00-13.00 Lunch

13.00-15.00      Research presentations I

15.00-15.15      Coffee Break

15.15-17.15      Research presentations II