

**Training program Onderzoekschool Politieke Geschiedenis (OPG) /
Research School Political History (RSPH) 2019-2020
Research Masters**



To Research Master Students, admitted to one of the research master programs in History of the associated universities, the RSPH offers training in the following competencies:

- Knowledge and reflection

Knowledge of current debates, theories, historiography and methodologies in political history and adjacent fields of research.

Reflection on the position and characteristics of political history in interdisciplinary research cooperation.

- Skills

Oral and written reporting and participation in academic, political and public debates.

Skills in the use of heuristic tools and techniques as well as digital humanities.

The RSPH offers the following training activities to Research Master Students:

A. Opening Academic Year:

Seminar on democracy and autocracy with prof. Annelien de Dijn

Supervisor: prof. dr. Ido de Haan

Utrecht, Sweelinkzaal, Drift 21 Utrecht, 1 October 2019, 16.00 – 17.30 hrs.

Registration: before 23 September 2019 (bureau@onderzoekschoolpolitiekegeschiedenis.nl)

The seminar on the opening of the new academic year will be on democracy and autocracy, as we see the emergence of autocratic leaders in many countries over the world. A keynote will be presented by Annelien de Dijn, professor of modern political history (Utrecht University).

Program:

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| 16.00 hrs. | Opening and presentation training program RSPH |
| 16.15 hrs. | Key note by prof. Annelien de Dijn and discussion |
| 17.15 hrs. | Certificate award ceremony and drinks |

B. Master Classes prof. Pierre Rosanvallon (for Research Master Students and PhD candidates)

Master Class Introduction to the work of Pierre Rosanvallon

Master Class with Pierre Rosanvallon

Public Debate with Pierre Rosanvallon

Supervisor: prof. dr. Ido de Haan

Amsterdam, 8 October 2019, 14.00 -17.00 hrs.: Introduction to the work of Pierre Rosanvallon

Amsterdam, 16 October 2019, 13.00 - 16.00 hrs.: Masterclass with Pierre Rosanvallon

Amsterdam, Spui 25, 16 October 2019, 17-19 hrs.: discussion with Pierre Rosanvallon on populist politics and public debate.

Credits: 1 ECTS for participation in both master classes

Registration: Before 15 September 2019 (bureau@onderzoekschoolpolitiekegeschiedenis.nl)

The well-known French intellectual and historian Pierre Rosanvallon will give a master class for research masters and PhD candidates of the RSPH. Students can prepare for the master class by attending the master class by prof. Ido de Haan on 8 October. The work of Rosanvallon is dedicated to the history of democracy, French political history, the role of the state, and the question of social justice in contemporary societies. He is professor at the Collège de France and holds the chair in modern and contemporary political history.

C. Course Oral History (for Research Master Students and PhD candidates)

Supervisor: prof. dr. Selma Leydesdorff

Amsterdam, 4, 11, 18, 25 February 2020 and 3 March 2020

Credits 2 ECTS, with paper 5-6 ECTS

Registration: Before 1 November 2019 (bureau@onderzoekschoolpolitiekegeschiedenis.nl). Students willing to participate have to write a motivation letter.

Historians and others who interview about the past often talk about memory and how they are informed by memory, while they know memory is a difficult and problematic source for historical knowledge. During this course we shall concentrate on the use of memory in historical research and look at the kind of knowledge we get when we interview. We will investigate various efforts to create a more systematic and theoretically grounded approach than 'just talking about days long gone' or 'having a chat about the past'. How can we create a research pattern that overcomes the incidental and replaces it with an integration of the changing character of spoken narratives about the past? When can we trust a story, why? And if we cannot, why can it still be important to listen. And how do we listen?

We shall also compare spoken memories with other ego-documents, bearing in mind the many other existing and valid ways of interviewing about personal experience and analyse when and how we produce alternative and unfamiliar viewpoints. Because historical interviews ask a lot of research time, participants in this course will involve in questions like: Do I really need interviews, what do I want to know, are there other ways to get this kind of knowledge? Several researchers will share thoughts how to overcome obstacles.

Presence during class is obligatory including collaboration on preparing the discussions

D. Course: What is Political History?

Supervisors: dr. Peter van Dam en dr. Jeroen van Zanten (University of Amsterdam)

Amsterdam, Spring 2020

Credits: 5 – 6 ECTS [including paper]

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

In this course, students explore theories and concepts relevant to the history of politics, based on an analysis of a number of major texts. Attention will be paid to 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.

E. Summer School New approaches to the history of nationalism

Supervisors: prof. dr. Eric Storm and dr. Diederik Smit (Institute for History, Leiden University)

Leiden, June 22-26, 2020

Credits: 3 ECTS – 6 ECTS (with paper)

Registration: before 1 February 2020 (bureau@onderzoekschoolpolitiekegeschiedenis.nl).

Nations are ‘imagined communities’ that are constructed through ‘invented traditions’. Based on the classical studies by Benedict Anderson, Eric Hobsbawm and Ernest Gellner, this still is the dominant modernist interpretation of nations and nationalism. Recently, however, various innovative studies have provided fresh interpretations of the rise and evolution of nationalism over the last few centuries. During the summer school, we will discuss a number of these perspectives and explore how these can be applied in practice. Well-known experts will present, for instance, new views on the early modern origins of nationalism, the pitfalls of methodological nationalism, the influence of transnational networks, the role of banal nationalism, the rise of right-wing populism and the impact of nationalism on international relations. The keynote speaker will be Siniša Malešević (Professor of Sociology, University College Dublin), one of the most prolific voices in the field of nationalism studies today. Although the geographical focus of the course will be on Europe, it will be possible to write a paper dealing with other parts of the world.

Mission Statement Research School Political History.

The objectives of the Research School Political History are:

Promoting the quality of research and (inter)national cooperation

Providing high quality training for PhD candidates and Research Master (RMA) students, the next generation in political history

Providing a platform for and representation of political historians in the Netherlands and Flanders