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PhD Summer School

on

Theoretical and Methodological Approaches in Migration Studies

2nd—13th July 2012



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Course Details

The summer school will accept a maximum of 25 PhD students.

Length: 2 weeks, 4 hours per morning + 1 afternoon

Total: 22 hours (Week 1), 18 hours (Week 2) = 40 hours

Course Fee: €400 for IMISCOE members

Non-members must sign up with [IMISCOE](http://www.imiscoe.org) previous to course acceptance (www.imiscoe.org)

A scholarship for 1 student will offer free registration in exchange for logistic support during the Summer School.

Contact sarah.cooke@upf.edu for further information.

Requisites for application

- Curriculum Vitae in English
- Letter of motivation
- Letter of support from PhD Supervisor
- Abstract of research proposal, including:
 1. Research question and justification
 2. Theoretical framework
 3. Methodological viability
- Proof of English level for non-native speakers if available.

For further details, please check the [GRITIM-UPF Summer School webpage](http://www.gritim-upf.edu)

Summer School Venue

Universitat Pompeu Fabra
Department of Political and Social Sciences
Ramon Trias Fargas, 25-27,
08005, Barcelona, Spain

Final Date for Applications: 18th March 2012

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PhD Summer School

The GRITIM-UPF/IMISCOE PhD Summer School *Theoretical and Methodological Approaches in Migration Studies* seeks to train researchers in the different areas and disciplines of Social Sciences, promoting both theoretical and applied approaches in migration studies.

It aims to familiarize students with conceptual analysis, methodological reflection, and qualitative and quantitative methods related to the study of the migration phenomenon. The goal is to combine in-depth knowledge of the main contemporary migration theories with the necessary analytical, methodological and technical skills needed to perform quality research.

This summer school offers an international programme fully adapted to the European Higher Education Area and in accordance with the main IMISCOE research lines.

Objectives

- To train early stage PhD candidates in the field of migration studies, taking a multidisciplinary perspective, with different theoretical and methodological approaches.
- To develop new, innovative research lines in the field of migration studies.
- To develop general competencies to improve PhD students' future academic opportunities.

Points to Note

- The Summer School will be in English. Non-native speakers should be proficient enough in the English language to follow classes, debates and reading materials in English.
- Students will be requested to read the recommended literature in preparation for each class, as participation will be taken into account in student evaluations.
- Students will be required to present and defend their PhD research proposals. This discussion will serve teachers to discuss the research as such, as well as the common pitfalls and challenges of any PhD research.
- A revised PhD proposal based on insights and comments received during the Summer School should be delivered before July 31st.

Programme Week 1

Official Welcome & Academic Presentation

X. Bosch — Director General for Immigration, Generalitat de Catalunya
J. Ferrer — Vice-Rector of International Relations, Universitat Pompeu Fabra
R. Penninx — IMISCOE Coordinator
R. Zapata-Barrero — GRITIM-UPF Director

Inaugural Conference

The Dynamics of International Migration and Settlement in Europe: A State of the Art (R. Penninx)

Part I: Research Tools

- Session 1: *How to plan a PhD* (T. Caponio)
Session 2: *How to present your own research* (A. Astor)
Session 3: *How to design a publication plan* (C. Kaunert)
Session 4: *Researching migration in and for the EU* (E. Recchi)

This course aims to inform and aid criteria selection according to the research interest. Practical tools will also be given for writing papers on migration studies.

Part II: Research Framework

- Session 1: *Theories on international migration* (F. Düvell)
Session 2: *Theories on immigrant incorporation* (M. Martiniello)

This course aims to introduce main concepts and theoretical approaches of migration and immigration policies. It will combine theoretical-driven approaches, and introduce the main programmes, lines of research and topics of the current European debate.

Discussion Session (Barcelona History Museum)

Methodological pluralism in migration studies
Moderator: J. Roca — Barcelona History Museum
Speakers: D. Jacobs, L. Morales, S. Chauvin

This session aims to introduce PhD students to the main methodological discussions on migration studies. The discussion will include the use qualitative or quantitative approaches, or a combination of both, according to the research question and purpose, as well as the importance of having a broad multidisciplinary perspective.

Programme Week 2

Part III — Methodology (Choose from Option A or B)

Option A: Qualitative Research

- Session 1: *Toolkit for conducting qualitative research* (Th. Iosifides)
Session 2: *Discussion of students' research proposals* (B. Garcés-Mascareñas & Th. Iosifides)

This course introduces the main tools for designing qualitative research, deciding appropriate methodologies (interviews, document analysis, focus group, observation, etc.), implementing the qualitative method and selecting and interpreting the information. It will be divided into two parts: the theoretical section will give examples of current research. The practical session will give PhD students the opportunity to introduce and discuss their qualitative research design.

Option B: Quantitative Research

- Session 1: *Toolkit for conducting quantitative research* (M. Creighton)
Session 2: *Discussion of students' research proposals* (M. Creighton & M. Diani)

This course introduces the main tools for designing quantitative research, deciding appropriate methodologies (statistics, multivariable analysis, etc.), implementing the quantitative method and selecting and interpreting the information. It will be divided into two parts: the theoretical section will give examples of current research. The practical session will give PhD students the opportunity to introduce and discuss their quantitative research design.

Welcome to Institute of Catalan Studies — S. Giner

Discussion Session

Research-Policy Nexus Applied to Migration Studies
Moderator: S. Giner — Institute of Catalan Studies
Speakers: G. Amaducci, K. Groenendijk, P. Scholten

Nowadays migration research is directly linked to current political and social agendas: part of its meaning is related to the capacity to offer arguments and tools for orienting policy decisions. This session will discuss the so-called research-policy nexus by stressing the appropriateness, but also the limits, of a policy-orientated research.

Closing Ceremony

S. Giner — Institute of Catalan Studies
R. Zapata-Barrero — GRITIM-UPF