Introduction

Is immigration a threat to democracy? Is Europe witnessing a surge in populist sentiment? How can governments reform their welfare states to deal with the growing costs of an ageing population? Contemporary governments face these and other political challenges in an increasingly globalised world. In the Master’s specialisation Comparative Politics (CP) you will examine the configuration of political power within countries, and you will analyse how and why political responses to contemporary challenges vary across countries. Our emphasis on both theory and empirical knowledge provides the tools to critically analyse contemporary problems facing democracies, both within and outside of Europe, and it will train you to assess the effects of proposed policy solutions.

Why should you choose CP in Nijmegen?

• Our programme is consistently ranked the best Political Science programme in the Netherlands
• The programme is both analytical and practice oriented
• We teach in a stimulating, collegial and interactive setting of small groups
• The instructors are internationally recognised experts in the core themes of the programme
• Members of the staff are actively involved in advising governments and political organisations
• Comparative politics offers a challenging and fun environment

The programme

This is a one-year Master’s programme (60 ECs) and it is structured as follows:
• Four specialisation courses (36 ECs)
• Two methodology and ethics of research courses (12 ECs)
• Elective course/internship (6 ECs)
• Master’s thesis (18 ECs)
Admission requirements
You are required to have a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from a Dutch university, or an equivalent degree from a university outside the Netherlands. You must also have sufficient proficiency in English and sufficient knowledge of social science research methodology (quantitative and qualitative). For details, please visit www.ru.nl/masters/cp.

Application deadlines
The programme starts on 1 September. The application deadline is 1 April for students from non-EU/EEA countries and 1 May for students from within the EU/EEA. Successful international applicants who apply before these dates will be guaranteed accommodation and support with the visa and residence permit application. If you apply after these dates, we will still consider your application and provide assistance where possible, but accommodation cannot be guaranteed.

How to apply?
Dutch students can apply via: www.studielink.nl. International students can apply via: www.ru.nl/masters/application.

The best Political Science Master's programme
Radboud University offers the best Political Science/Comparative Politics Master’s programme in the Netherlands. This is the conclusion of the 2015 edition (and the five previous editions) of the Dutch magazine ‘Elsevier’ and the 2016 edition (and the three previous editions) of the Dutch information guide ‘Keuzegids Universiteiten’.

After reading all the information, are you interested and enthusiastic about the specialisation Comparative Politics at Radboud University? Then apply now! We hope to see you in Nijmegen, the Netherlands!

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