Europe: Borders, Identity and Governance

A specialisation of the Master's programme in Human Geography
Nijmegen School of Management

Introduction
In this Master's specialisation you will gain wide international expertise in the governance of European borders, borderlands and cross-border regions, both internal to Europe and its member states as well as beyond the outer frontiers of the European Union. The curriculum of this Master's specialisation focuses on issues that are at the heart of contemporary debates in border studies, such as the transformation and multiplication of the border beyond the nation-state line; the persistence of ‘democratic deficit’ within Europe’s experiments in cross-border region-building and the ongoing challenges inherent in building an effective transboundary ‘demos’; the selective permeability of external Schengen borders; border and immigration policy of the European Union; the EU policy of reshaping the identity of its contiguous ‘neighbourhood’; and, conversely, the promise inherent in ‘seeing’ Europe anew from its former colonial contact zones, at the edges of a post national empire.

Why should you choose Europe: Borders, Identity and Governance in Nijmegen?
• Acquire intellectual and analytical skills in a field currently at the leading edge of social scientific enquiry within the European Union, and increasingly world-wide
• Study and interact with the faculty members and students in a region that is itself an ‘open laboratory’ for European cross-border experimentation and innovation (the German/Dutch cross-border Euregio Rijn-Waal)
• Develop quantitative as well as qualitative fieldwork skills with wide, post-graduate applicability
• Gain vital internship experience that can provide a crucial edge in today’s employment market

The programme
This is a one-year Master’s programme (60 ECs) and it is structured as follows:
• Three specialisation courses (18 ECs)
• Two elective courses (12 ECs)
• Master’s thesis (24 ECs) and a course in which you will prepare your Master’s thesis research (6 ECs)
Once you have graduated, you will be awarded a Master of Science degree (MSc) in Human Geography.

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Admission requirements
Requirements for admission include either a Bachelor’s degree in Human Geography, in one of the disciplines of the Faculty of Management, or in one of the disciplines of the Faculty of Social Sciences or other relevant Bachelor’s degrees. For more information please contact the study advisor.

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 visa and residence permit applications. Dutch students can apply until 1 September.

How to apply?
Your application procedure depends on your previous education.
Dutch students can apply via: www.studielink.nl.
International students can apply via: www.ru.nl/masters/application.

The best Human Geography Master’s programme
Radboud University offers the best Human Geography Master’s programme in the Netherlands. This is the conclusion of the Dutch magazine ‘Elsevier’ special edition ‘Best Studies’.

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

More information

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