Dear PhD candidates, research master students, and supervisors,

It's February – it's almost halfway February, so we apologize for the late moment you receive this newsletter – and that means it's almost April. And April is our month for organizing our annual Supervision Day. Please put it in your agenda and cancel all overlapping appointments – this is the most important GSH event for you this year. This is the event in which you can have a direct influence on the way supervision is practiced at our faculties – so be there! This year's theme is ‘Career guidance’ – moderated by someone from Elroycom you will be discussing what the role of your supervisors could and should (and can't and shouldn't!) be for your future career after your PhD period. The 2019 Supervision Day will take place April 2, 09.30-14.00 hrs at the Faculty Club (Huize Heyendael).

Highlights

Behind the scene - Defence of your PhD thesis
GSH lunch meeting

Last year the dean of PTR, Christoph Lüthy, discussed with you what goes on behind the scenes of a defence in the promotion committee. Lots of you have let us know that you wanted more of these concrete and practical sessions about the final stage of your PhD track. So, this year we invited a couple of former PhD candidates that had a defence which they (and the audience) can look back at with pleasure. What did Lianne Toussaint and Jeroen Dera do to have a smooth defence session? How did they prepare? What are the do's and don'ts? Learn from their experience on February 26, 12.30-13.30 hrs, E15.39. Lunch is included.

If you want to participate, please send an e-mail to gsh@ru.nl before February 21.

The academic and political engagement
GSH lunch meeting

One of the ideas from last year's suggestion box meeting was a lunch meeting about the academic and political engagement. As a scholar in the Humanities, you may very well be working on a topic that has
some political sensibilities. And chances are you chose that topic because you are more or less engaged with it in one way or another. How do you cope with your own political engagement as a scientist? What are the do's and don'ts? Should you shield your own opinion in public - and if so, how do you do that? These and other questions will be discussed with you by Marcel Wissenburg, professor of Political Theory at our university. **March 12, 12.30-13.30 hrs, E15.39. Lunch is included.**

If you want to participate, please send an e-mail to gsh@ru.nl before March 5.

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**Announcements by the GSH Board**

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**New GSH director - Marjet Derks**

Starting February 1st, the GSH has a new director. New HLCS director Marjet Derks will also be managing director of our graduate school. She will be introduced in the next newsletter. For now, we would like to thank Olivier Hekster for the way he has directed the GSH for the last three and a half year and wish Marjet Derks lots of success in managing Nicolet and Peter...

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**GSH Video grant 2019**

Like every year we offer PhD candidates the chance to make a professional movie about their projects. April 1 (no joke!) is the deadline for submitting your proposal to get one of two available grants. You don't need to submit a complete script, just an outline (max 1 A4) of the way you would like to visualize your project. Your movie will be posted on the GSH website - and of course you can use it yourself.

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**Workshops/Masterclasses/Lunch meetings**

**February:**

- 26-02 12.30-13.30  **GSH lunch meeting - Defence of your PhD thesis**

**March:**

- 12-03 12.30-13.30  **GSH lunch meeting - Political engagement and research**

**April:**

- 02-04 09.30-14.00  **Workshop for PhDs - Career planning**
- 02-04 13.00-17.30  **Workshop for supervisors - Career guidance**
- 23-04 12.30-13.30  **GSH lunch meeting - Time management**

**June:**

- 04-06 17.00-21.00  **A career outside academics - Meeting with GSH alumni**

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**POL/POFTR activities**

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News and information

Funding - one year abroad

The Israeli Council for Higher Education (CHE) is offering competitive grants for international PhD students that will come to Israeli universities for one year during their studies. Potential candidates must have completed at least one year of studies toward their PhD degree by the time of application. The grant will sum up to 80K NIS for the year (~ 22K US$).

A successful application process and shared advising can facilitate and enhance collaboration, (and the students research and education).

Students may come for periods shorter than one year (and grant will be reduced accordingly), however students coming for a whole year will be prioritized.

Scholarships will be offered on a competitive basis to eight students throughout BGU for the academic year starting October 2019. The selection process is starting these days. Deadline for application in Israel is 1 March 2019.

Decisions will be published by end of April 2019 while expected arrivals of students are end October 2019 (latest).

If you have a candidate that you can co-supervise with an Israeli colleague - the submission process will require inputs as follows:

* A brief description of the research project as a whole and the research to be conducted at BGU (or another Israeli university)
* The time table for intended study and planned arrival date of the designated student.
* Applicants CV
* Applicants motivation letter (reason for wanting to come to BGU)
* Letter of recommendation from advisor at home university
* Additional relevant letter of recommendation

For more information contact Marijke Delemarre at the International Office.
Fellowships
Netherlands Institute in Turkey

The NIT offers 4 to 5 fellowships in 2019 to graduate students (MA, rMA, PhD) enrolled in universities in the Netherlands for a short research stay at the Netherlands Institute in Turkey (Istanbul). The institute offers up to one month of free accommodation in the institute, a work place and an inspiring research environment.

Period April-August 2019 – Deadline 17 February 2019
Period September-December 2019 – Deadline 23 June 2019

Who can apply?
Advanced MA students and PhD students currently enrolled in a university in the Netherlands. Recent graduates that plan to continue their studies/research can also apply.

Research:
The topic of the proposed research should have a link with the scope of the institute: the study of the history, cultures, and societies of Anatolia/Turkey in past and present. Preferably the proposed project is part of a thesis or dissertation project at the student’s home institution. Proposals to rework a thesis into an article or to develop a dissertation proposal will also be considered.

Duration:
The maximum stay for fellows is one month. The guestrooms of the institute are also available to others coming to Istanbul for research purposes, for a modest fee

More information is available here.

GSH on Facebook

Most of you will know this, but for those of you who don’t: there is a really nice Facebook page for the GSH. It is run by fellow PhD candidates, and it’s one of the more convenient ways to find notifications of upcoming events, especially from POL & POFTR. So please, join this page.

Upcoming PhD defences

Check the upcoming PhD defences of the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Philosophy, Theology and Religious Studies here.

We are looking forward to meeting you on the announced events.

All best wishes,

Nicolet and Peter (coordinators of the GSH)
External PhDs (only those who submit to the GSH protocol) and postdocs are also invited, but in case a course is fully-booked, regular PhDs will go first.

The GSH is entitled to cancel a course in case the minimum number of registrations has not been reached.