Peer Relations and Interactions in Childhood and Adolescence

Children and adolescents spend a significant amount of time each day in the company of peers. Together with their peers, children acquire a wide range of skills, attitudes and experiences that influence their cognitive, emotional, and social development. Peers are also powerful socialization agents, contributing well beyond the collective influences of family, school, and neighbourhood.

This course focuses on the importance of peer relations and interactions for research on child and adolescent development. You will gain extensive knowledge of past and current peer relations research, and discuss your own work.

The following topics will be addressed:
• Main theories and basic methods used in research on peer relations and interactions
• Friendship and social status
• Social behaviours (e.g. prosocial and antisocial behaviour, bullying and defending)
• Influence from inside and outside the peer group
• State of the art research measures and paradigms (e.g. implicit measures, observations, computerized sociometry, gaming)

After this course you are able to
• Understand the main theories and basic methods in peer relations research
• Understand the importance of friendship, social status, and social behaviours for child and adolescent development

• Use state of the art research measures and paradigms to assess peer relations and interactions
• Apply recently acquired knowledge into the design of new peer relations research

Number of EC
2 ECTS credits

Course leader
Toon Cillessen, Professor Social Development, Behavioural Science Institute (BSI), Radboud University

Admission documents
CV and short description of your research (if applicable) and expected learning outcomes

Entry level
Master, PhD and Postdoc
This course is designed for Master’s students or PhD-students in the social, behavioural, marketing and communication sciences, medicine, or related fields, with a strong interest in or experience with peer relations research. Advanced Bachelor’s students with a strong interest are also welcome.

You can find more details about this course on our website.

Course date
Monday 1 July - Friday 5 July 2019

Course fee
€ 500

Deadline application
1 May 2019

Apply now!

Discounts
- 10% discount for early bird applicants. The early bird deadline is 1 March 2019.
- 15% discount for students and PhD candidates from partner universities.

Please note that these discounts can be combined if you apply before 1 March 2019.
What is the RSS experience?

RSS is more than just a course!

Radboud Summer School offers you a unique opportunity to meet other students and researchers from all over the world with different cultural and academic backgrounds. You will also get to know Radboud University and the city of Nijmegen. Our social programme includes a welcome reception, guest lecture and farewell drinks. And for a small fee you can join our BBQ, River Cruise on a pancake boat, a Pub Quiz, Sports Activities or a City Game.

Want to know more?
Have a look at what participants have said about their experience on our website!

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