



Netherlands Institute of Governance



Governance and Covid-19

Consequences for PhD research into the public sector

Pop-up elective course

27-31 August 2020

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Governance during and after COVID-19

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The current pandemic and its initial responses pose radical new challenges to governance around the globe. These challenges have an impact on the research that PhD candidates conduct: governance changes, citizen-state interactions change – changing the nature of the object of study, but their daily life changes as well. This course reflects on the current challenges for governance, and for researching governance.

Objectives

After this course, participants are able to:

- Analyze the impact of the current COVID-19 crisis on the governance context of their PhD research.
- Create new perspectives and solutions to cope with the challenges of the current situation regarding their PhD research and elsewhere.
- Manage the practical implications of the intelligent lockdown for their PhD research.

Contents

The course will consist of 2 parallel tracks. The morning sessions will be organized around substantive themes that broadly fit under the topic of Governance and Covid-19. Themes include: 1) governance and public professionals, 2) learning and reforming after crises, and 3) international policy responses. The afternoon sessions will integrate science and the practice of scientific research, and include (1) work-life balance and scientific research in the intelligent lockdown and 2) challenges to the practices of empirical research for PhD-candidates.

- I. Governance and COVID-19
 1. Governance challenges during the pandemic: learning and reforming
 - Paul 't Hart (UU)
 2. International governance responses to COVID-19
 - Dimiter Toshkov (LU) & Kutsal Yesilkagit (LU)
 3. Public professionals in the pandemic
 - Mirko Noordegraaf (UU)
- II. Working and conducting PhD research in an intelligent lockdown
 4. Work-life balance and sustainable employability in an intelligent lockdown
 - Stéfanie André (RU)
 5. Conducting research in a challenging environment
 - Rosanna Anholt (VU)

Participants

The course is targeted at NIG PhD students in all subdisciplines and at any stage of their PhD research. A maximum of 15 participants can be accommodated on site. Live streaming of the event will be available for additional participants.

Planning

| | Thursday 27 August | Friday 28 August | Monday 31 August |
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| 9:00-9:30 | Introduction (NIG) | | |
| 10:00-13:00 | Mirko Noordegraaf: Public professionals in the global pandemic | Paul 't Hart: Learning and reforming after the crisis | Kutsal Yesilkagit, Dimiter Toshkov: International policy responses to Covid-19 |
| 14:00-17:00 | Rosanna Anholt: conducting research in challenging environments. | Stéfanie André Work-life balance and gender differences in the lockdown. | NIG-directorate: Connecting the dots and application to theses. |

Preparation and Assessment

Instructors will circulate information on literature and preparation. Participants prepare a short paper and a presentation for one of the sessions, where they reflect on the topic in the light of their own PhD research. Attendance, adequate preparation, and active participation during all of the sessions is required.

Credits

Participants who participate during the course and complete the assessment after the course will be eligible for 3 ECTS adding toward the NIG diploma, or an equivalent certificate.

Location

The course will take place on site in Utrecht or close by. For those participants who are unable to visit the location, arrangements will be made to facilitate online distance participation. Should you be unable to attend on site, please consult with the NIG office.

Costs

NIG-members will be admitted free of charge. A charge applies for non-members.

More information

For more information, please contact the NIG office through nig@uu.nl.