



LeidenGlobal

BEYOND DISCIPLINE AND PLACE is a lecture series offered to PhD and Research MA students at the LeidenGlobal partner institutions in the fall of each year. It offers them an opportunity to position their own work in the broader field of the social sciences and the humanities, with this category (SSH, in European parlance) including archaeology and law. Students ideally participate early in their training, but applications by students at all stages of their training are welcome. The scope of the series stimulates transregional and transdisciplinary conversations, in line with developments in scholarship worldwide. A complementary ResMA & PhD seminar series entitled MIXED METHODS IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES AND THE HUMANITIES is offered in the spring term.

Set-up

- The series will be convened and moderated by LeidenGlobal staff. We will meet twice a week for ninety minutes, from the end of September to the end of November, at the Leiden University Humanities campus.
- For preparatory reading, speakers assign texts that are freely available on the web or in the Leiden University digital library. 'Texts' is taken broadly, and while speakers are welcome to assign scholarly essays, they are equally welcome to draw on other kinds of writing (e.g. life writing, scholarly / political / activist manifestos, fiction, all manner of 'reporting') and audio-visual material (e.g. exhibitions, catalogues, documentary / fictional film, photography, web lectures). Whatever they feel will best prepare the ground for their lecture, and is available to the students online.
- Assignments are selected for (i) relevance to the speaker's own research, (ii) relevance to the **central questions** of this course, (iii) significance, and (iv) accessibility to a student audience of widely varying background and specialisation. They are accompanied by questions to the students, and by propositions to advance in-class discussion.
- Speakers lecture for about 45 minutes, and moderate discussion among the students for 30-45 minutes. Other arrangements are most welcome, as long as there is ample opportunity for discussion with the speaker and among the students.



BEYOND DISCIPLINE AND PLACE IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES AND THE HUMANITIES

A lecture series for graduate students, Sept-Nov 2021

LeidenGlobal is a collaborative effort by the following academic and cultural institutions:

- Leiden University:
 - Humanities
 - Archaeology
 - Law
 - Social Sciences
- African Studies Center Leiden (ASCL)
- International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS)
- Netherlands Institute for the Near East (NINO)
- Royal Institute for Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies (KITLV)
- National Museum of Antiquities (RMO)
- National Museum of Ethnology (RMV)

Jointly, the expertise of the scholars associated with these institutions extends to many parts of the world, including Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Middle East, North America, and Russia and the Caucasus, through fields of enquiry and themes ranging from archaeology to international relations, and from temple iconography to new media. As such, Leiden offers a truly global perspective.

LeidenGlobal aims to raise the visibility and the impact of academic and cultural scholarship and events for a wider audience, and to build partnerships with the media, government, the corporate sector, and NGOs; and to strengthen local collaboration in scholarly endeavours such as grant applications and graduate training.

- During the course, students will work towards a 'think piece' (2,000 words) written for their supervisors, in which they reflect upon the course. The final session will include a discussion of key points from these draft papers. Once they are finalised, students discuss them with their supervisors. Whether or not this is considered (creditable) assessment is up to the student's home institute / faculty and their supervisors.
- After the final session, students are asked to evaluate the course online.
- Students are expected to attend all online sessions. Incidental exemptions may be requested from the course convenor Elena Burgos Martinez.

Admission

- The course is specifically designed for PhD candidates and Research MA students registered at LeidenGlobal partner institutions, but students from other institutions are also eligible to attend. All students should first consult with their advisors before applying.
- Students can register for this course at www.leidenglobal.org/eventreg/1617. The deadline for applications is **12:00 PM on the 13th of September 2021**. Applicants will learn of their admission status no later than the 17th of September 2021.
- Admission is at the discretion of the LeidenGlobal executive committee. If student interest exceeds current capacity, admission will have to be capped, and we will try to expand capacity for subsequent editions.

Central questions

The course will engage with many sub-disciplines in the social sciences and the humanities. Each session will be taught by a guest lecturer from one of these fields who will speak to important aspects of his/her discipline. Coherence is ensured by overarching themes we ask each of the lecturers to address – themes that will then be discussed extensively in class by the course coordinator. These themes include:

- ❖ Ownership
- ❖ Citizenship
- ❖ Identity
- ❖ Power-relations
- ❖ Concept of place
- ❖ Ethics in research

Within these themes, focus will be on, among others:

- Decolonising curricula
- Diversity in approaches to knowledge
- The situatedness of scholarship, as reflected in things like:
 - o the history of the field and the questions it asks
 - o the trajectory of the individual researcher
 - o the nature of the data
 - o issues of theory and methodology
 - o institutional and socio-cultural contexts
- Positionality, i.e. imagining, timing, and placing others and selves
- Language
- Translation: interlingual, intercultural, intermedial, interdisciplinary, etc
- Objects and agency
- Scholarship and activism
- Public understandings of scholarship and societal issues, and their interaction.

‘Discipline’ and ‘place’ mean many things to many people. Disciplinarily, thematically and regionally defined fields of inquiry are not mutually exclusive or antagonistic, and stand to benefit from interaction. The course does not underwrite any single definition or inventory of disciplines or places, be this linked to particular points in time and space, scholarly method, political persuasions, or other coordinates. Rather, it offers an entry point for a debate on where we find ourselves that retains its relevance today in novel, striking ways.

Programme

Lectures are every Tuesday and Thursday evening from September 21st until November 23rd 2021 from 17:15-18:45 hrs. at Lipsius building room 148.

Topic	Speaker	Date	Location
1. Introduction	Elena Burgos Martinez Pieter ter Keurs	Tue 21 Sept	Lipsius 148
2. Philosophy	Ahab Bdaiwi	Thu 23 Sept	Lipsius 148
3. Archaeology	Alexander Geurds	Tue 28 Sept	Lipsius 148
4. Political Economy	Ward Berenschot	Thu 30 Sept	Lipsius 148
5. Geography	Ruben Gonzalez Vicente	Tue 05 Oct	Lipsius 148
6. Gender Studies	Ratna Saptari	Thu 07 Oct	Lipsius 148
7. Study of Religion	Ab de Jong	Tue 12 Oct	Lipsius 148
8. Law	Adriaan Bedner	Thu 14 Oct	Lipsius 148
9. Midway reflection	Elena Burgos Martinez	Tue 19 Oct	Lipsius 148
10. Linguistics	Maaik van Naerssen	Thu 21 Oct	Lipsius 148
<i>No class on Tue 26 and Thu 28 October</i>			
11. On Collecting	Pieter ter Keurs	Tue 02 Nov	Lipsius 148
12. International Relations	Athanasios Stathopoulos	Thu 04 Nov	Lipsius 148
13. History	Duncan Money	Tue 09 Nov	Lipsius 148
14. Anthropology	Erik Bähre	Thu 11 Nov	Lipsius 148
15. African Literature	Annachiara Raia	Tue 16 Nov	Lipsius 148
16. Literary Studies	Sara Brandellero	Thu 18 Nov	Lipsius 148
17. Conclusion	Elena Burgos Martinez Pieter ter Keurs	Tue 23 Nov	Lipsius 148