



Universiteit Utrecht

Institutions, Innovation and Societal Change

WINIR 2017 PhD School

12-14 September 2017

Utrecht University, University College Utrecht Campus

Call for applications

We are pleased to announce the call for applications to the WINIR PhD School on “Institutions, Innovation and Societal Change” to be held at Utrecht University from 12 to 14 September 2017. The School is open to postgraduate and doctoral students interested in developing their knowledge and understanding of institutional research and its applications to key contemporary topics, including entrepreneurship, the sharing economy and social innovation.

Format

The School will feature interactive lectures by internationally recognized academics from the US, Europe and Asia, workshops dedicated to the presentation and discussion of the attendants' research projects, and social events.

Lectures will be given by: **Rense Corten** (Utrecht University), **José van Dijck** (Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences & Utrecht University), **Hong Lin** (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences), **Peng Lu** (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences), **Johanna Mair** (Hertie School of Governance), **Frank van Rijnsoever** (Utrecht University), **Juliet Schor** (Boston University), **Erik Stam** (Utrecht University) and **Dian Yang** (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences).

To help students make the most of the programme a required reading list will be circulated in advance of the event.

Learning outcomes

Students completing the course will have gained:

- An understanding of key research approaches to institutions in an international context.
- An appreciation of their application to issues of innovation and societal change.
- An ability to apply these insights to their own research projects.

How to apply

Applicants should submit an outline of their research project (400 words max.) and upload a short resume (1 page max.) via the [online submission portal](#) by **1 June 2017**.

Research projects must be on institutions and/or institutional research, from any discipline, theoretical perspective or methodology. Submissions are not required to be on the specific theme of the WINIR PhD School.

Notifications of acceptance will be sent out by **8 June 2017**.

Registration fees

Accepted students are required to register for the **Fourth WINIR Conference** on “[Institutions and Open Societies](#)” held immediately after the PhD School at Utrecht University from 14 to 17 September 2017. The registration fee covers attendance in both the School and the Conference, all lunches and refreshments throughout both events, and the conference dinner on Saturday 16 September. Please note that all attendants must be WINIR members. Reduced-rate memberships are available, and must be purchased separately. Travel and accommodation expenses are not covered.

Scholarships

A limited number of scholarships of €500, funded by Utrecht University's strategic theme “[Institutions for Open Societies](#)”, are available for students otherwise unable to cover expenses. Students wishing to apply for scholarships should outline their circumstances (200 words max.) when completing the online application form.

Local organisers

Rense Corten (r.corten@uu.nl), Frank van Rijnsoever (f.j.vanrijnsoever@uu.nl) and Erik Stam (e.stam@uu.nl).

About the “Institutions for Open Societies” research programme

IOS is a multidisciplinary endeavour at Utrecht University that focuses on how institutions enable or constrain the realisation of an open, democratic and equitable society.

Visit <https://www.uu.nl/en/research/institutions-for-open-societies>

About the World Interdisciplinary Network for Institutional Research

WINIR brings together scholars from across the social sciences and the humanities to promote the study of institutions and institutional thought around the world.

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