



LeidenGlobal

## BEYOND DISCIPLINE AND PLACE IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES AND THE HUMANITIES

*A lecture series for graduate students, Sept-Nov 2022*



BEYOND DISCIPLINE AND PLACE is a lecture series offered to PhD and Research Master 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, with two sessions a week scheduled at Lipsius 148 at 17:15 hrs from late-September to the end of November.
- 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 specialization. They are accompanied by questions to the students, and by propositions to advance in-class discussion that will take place online.
- 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 finalized, 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.

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

- Leiden University
- African Studies Center Leiden (ASC)
- 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.*

## 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.
- The deadline for applications is **12:00 PM on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2022**. Applicants will learn of their admission status no later than the 17<sup>th</sup> of September 2022.
- 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 different 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:

- 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 27<sup>th</sup> until November 29<sup>th</sup> 2022 from 17:15-18:45 hrs. at Lipsius 148.

Programme LeidenGlobal Course 'Beyond Discipline & Place'			
Topic	Speaker	Date	Location
1. Introduction:	Joel Bordeaux Pieter ter Keurs	Tue 27 Sept	Lipsius 148
2. Law	Adriaan Bedner	Thu 29 Sept	Lipsius 148
3. Linguistics	Elena Burgos Martinez	Tue 4 Oct	Lipsius 148
4. Geography	Ieke de Vries	Thu 6 Oct	Lipsius 148
5. Anthropology	Erik Bähre	Tue 11 Oct	Lipsius 148
6. Archaeology	TBA	Thu 13 Oct	Lipsius 148
7. Religion	Ab de Jong	Tue 18 Oct	Lipsius 148
8. Midway reflection	Joel Bordeaux	Thu 20 Oct	Lipsius 148
<i>No class on Tue 25 and Thu 27 October 2022</i>			
9. International Relations	Athanasios Stathopoulos	Tue 1 Nov	Lipsius 148
10. History	Ariadne Schmidt	Thu 3 Nov	Lipsius 148
11. Political Economy	Ward Berenschot	Tue 8 Nov	Lipsius 148
12. Literary Studies	Sara Brandellero	Thu 10 Nov	Lipsius 148
13. On collecting	Pieter ter Keurs	Tue 15 Nov	Lipsius 148
14. African Literature	Annachiara Raia	Thu 17 Nov	Lipsius 148
15. Gender and Sexuality	Jozanneke van der Toorn	Tue 22 Nov	Lipsius 148
16. Philosophy	Ahab Bdaiwi	Thu 24 Nov	Lipsius 148
17. Conclusion	Joel Bordeaux	Tue 29 Nov	Lipsius 148