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Call for Abstracts

Humanities Graduate School Conference
organised by White Rose College of the Arts & Humanities and
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Humanities and their impact on society: consequences for graduate research training

This year's Graduate School Conference introduces a new and inspiring collaboration between the Utrecht Graduate School of Humanities and White Rose College of the Arts & Humanities (Leeds, Sheffield, York). The 2020 Humanities Graduate School Conference now invites abstract submissions from PhD candidates to present their research on day 2 of the conference (15 April). The conference is a podium for young researchers in the Humanities to discuss their ongoing research and future research plans, both with their (international) peers and with leading academics.

We are looking for high-quality research on any subject that falls within the scope of the Humanities, which implies your topic should explicitly fit within any of our four research themes: "Media and Cultural Studies", "History, Archaeology and Art History", "Philosophy and Religion", "Languages, Literature and Communication". Moreover, we would like to challenge you to relate your own research topic to the overarching conference theme of impact: how does the growing concern for societal impact factor into what you do? How does your research fit into various related trends in the Humanities and universities in general, such as an increasing demand for interdisciplinarity, public outreach, and globalisation? Abstracts that address questions like these are strongly encouraged. Presentations should be max. 15 minutes.

Conference theme

The increasing importance of societal impact of academic research has consequences for our research training in the Humanities, in both RMA programmes and PhD training. In this context, it becomes increasingly crucial to train researchers in transferable skills, in order to prepare them optimally for research positions in and outside academia, and to support research that articulates the value of their research skills for a wide range of employment contexts.

During the conference, leading academics will interact with early-career researchers on various aspects of this topic. Early-career researchers will be able to attend workshops on relevant skills in research training, including interdisciplinarity, career development, public engagement, the global aspects of research, intercultural communication and effective communicative skills.

Submission guidelines

- All abstracts should be submitted by March 1, 2020 to: hgsc@uu.nl. Please put "Graduate Conference Abstract" in the subject line
- The text of your abstract should be 250-300 words
- Add a short biography (name, research programme, university)
- Add a limited number of references and ca. five keywords
- All abstracts will be reviewed by a selection committee of PhD and RMA students
- Notifications of acceptance/rejection will be sent out by 16 March 2020
- A selection of abstracts may be invited to submit their full paper to *Junctions*, the journal of the Utrecht Graduate School of Humanities

Questions?

Get in touch with the conference organisers: hgsc@uu.nl.