

Utrecht Leiden Winter School on Interdisciplinary Behavioural & Social Sciences

The Beauty of Interdisciplinarity for Young Researchers: Call for Registration/Participation

February 7-8, 2019, Utrecht

Invitation to register

In 2018, Eveline Crone, professor of neurocognitive developmental psychology at Leiden University, was awarded the Dr Hendrik Muller Prize for Behavioural and Social Sciences by The Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences. Prof. Crone decided to use this prize to stimulate the development of interdisciplinarity among young researchers. Ivo Giesen, professor in private law at Utrecht University, took up the gauntlet and initiated a Winter School on Interdisciplinary Behavioural & Social Science. This winter school will be held on Thursday 7 February 2019 and Friday 8 February 2019, in Utrecht, The Netherlands. The crucial and central purpose of this event is to bring young and talented researchers in different disciplines together.

We cordially invite PhD candidates and Postdocs working in the field of Behavioural and Social Sciences (incl. Law) to register for this Winter School. Participation is free of charge, though there are some requirements for participation (see below). During this two day Winter School, young and talented researchers from several disciplines will be educated and trained in order to strengthen their interdisciplinary research capabilities and to help them to address challenges in inter- and multidisciplinary research. We particularly aim to support the participating researchers in starting and developing specific interdisciplinary research projects. Besides, we hope to develop and strengthen an interdisciplinary mindset amongst the participants in general.

Central theme: "our (lack of) free will"

In order to bring focus to the Winter School, the discussion about the (nonexistence of) free will in inter alia law, philosophy, sociology and psychology etc., will constitute the recurrent substantive theme during the several sessions. For instance, many rules are based on the assumption that people are in control of their behavior. Insights from philosophy and psychology, however, give a less clear cut image and challenge this assumption. That, in turn, raises the question whether, and if yes how the law should be adapted according to such insights. This broad theme of the free will also allow us to address the growing body of scientific knowledge on processes within the human brain, such as emotions, heuristics and biases, and to discuss the mutual meaning of this scientific knowledge for several disciplines and possibly to explore undeveloped areas of interdisciplinary research.

Programme Day 1

During the first day the central question will be: 'What is interdisciplinarity about? This day focuses on the stimulation of creative thinking and aims to broaden one's vision on interdisciplinary research. Through several stimulating activities, the participants will be challenged to be receptive for insights from other disciplines. First, after the opening speech a workshop on creative thinking is organized. During this workshop the participants will be stimulated to think out of their disciplinary box. After the lunch, speed dating sessions will take place in which the participants will exchange ideas about interdisciplinary research. The day will finish with three interactive panel sessions. During these

sessions the participations can present their own research ideas, generate new research ideas and receive feedback from the panel and the participants. The subjects of the three panels are: free will (Prof. F. de Jong, Law, Utrecht University); nudging (Dr. F. Kroese, Psychology, Utrecht University) and emotions (Prof. G. van Kleef, Social Psychology, University of Amsterdam).

Programme	Chair Prof. Eveline Crone (Leiden University)
09:15 – 09:45	Welcome & coffee and tea
09:45 – 10:30	Introductory key note “The Beauty of Interdisciplinary Science” & Q&A, Prof. W.H. van Boom (Leiden University)
10:30 – 12:30	Workshop “Creative Thinking” (M. Pronker, Pronker Persoonlijke Coaching)
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:00	Participant speed dating: “finding the perfect interdisciplinary love”
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee and tea break
15:30 – 17:00	First round panel sessions of three separate panels (Free will, Nudging and Emotions)
17:00	Drinks
18:30	Dinner

Programme Day 2

The second day’s emphasis is on ‘The When and How of Interdisciplinary Science.’ The morning programme consists of a second round of the interactive panel sessions, thereby allowing the participants to attend at least two of three offered panel sessions. After the lunch break two outstanding experts in interdisciplinary research will exchange their views and experiences with the participants and discuss the factors of success, challenges and pitfalls of interdisciplinary research. These presentations will be followed by specific questions and points of discussion, such as how one finds a suitable theme for interdisciplinary research, the challenges one faces in understanding other disciplines and how one finds a way in a new discipline with its own methodology and language.

Programme	Chair Prof. Ivo Giesen (Utrecht University)
10:00 – 11:00	Follow up on speed date sessions: “finding the perfect interdisciplinary love”
11:00 – 12:30	Second round of three panel sessions (Free will, Nudging and Emotions)
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:15	Key note “When and How to, and What Not to Do”, Prof. J.K. Robbennolt, (University of Illinois).
14:15 – 14:45	Q&A
14:45 – 15:15	Coffee and tea break
15:15 – 16:00	Key note “Five unique windfalls and even more pitfalls”, Prof. C. Engel, (Max Planck Institute of Research on Collective Goods).
16:00 – 16:30	Q&A
16:30 – 16:45	Closing
16:45	Drinks

Details

Date & place	Thursday 7 February 2019 and Friday 8 February 2019, Utrecht, The Netherlands.
Participants	PhD's and Post Docs working in the field of Law, Behavioural & Social Sciences and with an interest in interdisciplinary research. Max. 40 participants. If necessary, the organizing committee will make a selection out of the subscriptions on a 'first come, first serve' basis and having regard to an equal representation of participants from different disciplines.
Registration	Please send an e-mail to Dr. Elbert de Jong, E.R.dejong@uu.nl .
Costs	Attendance is free of charge. However, if you are not present without due notice of absence we will charge € 50,- for the costs of the catering. We do not reimburse accommodation and – in principle – no travel costs.
Funding for travelling	There is a small amount available for the compensation of travel costs for people travelling from outside the Netherlands. If you want to make use of this possibility, please apply for this in your registration e-mail by explaining your financial hardship in travelling to this event. Funding is not guaranteed.
Preparation	We expect that the selected participants will prepare some literature before the start of the Winter School.
Organization	Prof. Ivo Giesen, Dr. Jessy Emaus, Dr. Elbert de Jong, Dr. Rianka Rijnhout, Shosha Wiznitzer LL.M. and Dr. Wouter de Zanger (Utrecht Centre for Accountability and Liability Law, Utrecht University).