



Dear Ius Commune PhD researchers,

You are kindly invited to participate in the online Ius Commune Masterclass Amsterdam for PhD researchers, which will take place via Zoom on **Friday July 2nd 2021**. This Masterclass is aimed at PhD researchers in the first and second year of their research. **Please note that participation in this masterclass is mandatory for the successful completion of the Ius Commune postgraduate training programme.**

This Masterclass focuses on research methodology. During the event you will be given the opportunity to present and discuss the methodological framework of your PhD thesis and related methodological issues or problems which you have encountered during your research.

In preparation for the Masterclass you will be asked to send in a **5 to 10 page paper**, the highlights of which you will present during the Masterclass in a 10 minute presentation. Please note that both your paper and presentation should – at least partly – focus on the methodological aspects of your research. After this presentation, there will be time for 35 minutes of feedback and discussion.

Feedback will be provided by an expert in your field as well as by your fellow PhD researchers. You will be asked to contact the expert yourself and ensure his/her availability on the date of the Masterclass.

If you want to use this opportunity to present your research and receive quality feedback, please confirm your participation by sending an e-mail with your name, PhD topic and working title **by Friday April 30th 2021** to Tawnee Hill: t.a.h.hill@uva.nl and Eva Vermeulen: e.e.vermeulen@uva.nl. Participation in this Masterclass is free for all Ius Commune researchers. If you participate, attendance of the full Masterclass is required.

You will be required to **find an expert** in your field who is available on Friday July the 2nd, and supply us with his or her details by **Friday June 4th 2021**. A model invitation you can use to invite experts is enclosed, although you might like to draft your own invitation. The **deadline for the paper** is also **Friday June 4th 2021**. Please send the paper directly to your expert with a copy to t.a.h.hill@uva.nl and e.e.vermeulen@uva.nl.

We look forward to welcoming you at this year's online Masterclass!

Kind regards,

Tawnee Hill and Eva Vermeulen

Model Expert Invitation (English follows Dutch)

Dutch:

Geachte (...),

Naar jaarlijkse gewoonte ontvangt de Faculteit Rechtsgeleerdheid van de Universiteit van Amsterdam in het kader van de [Ius Commune Onderzoeksschool](#) enkele promovendi die hun onderzoeksproject toelichten tijdens de Ius Commune Amsterdam Masterclass. De opzet van deze bijeenkomst is het bieden van een forum aan promovendi om in discussie te treden met experts en medepromovendi over de methodologische aspecten van hun onderzoek.

Ik zou u willen vragen of u op vrijdag 2 juli 2021 als expert zou willen optreden bij de presentatie van een paper over mijn onderzoek. Ik schrijf een proefschrift aan de [naam universiteit] bij [naam promotor].

Hier volgt een korte beschrijving van mijn onderzoek:

[beschrijving onderzoek]

De sessies nemen ongeveer 45 minuten per Promovendus in beslag waarvan 10 minuten zijn gereserveerd voor een presentatie, 15/20 minuten voor uw commentaar en 15/20 minuten voor verdere discussie. U ontvangt ruim voor de Masterclass van mij een paper van 5 tot 10 pagina's. De sessies vinden in het Engels plaats. U hoeft alleen bij mijn sessie te zijn, alhoewel u uiteraard van harte welkom bent om bij andere presentaties aan te schuiven.

Zou u zo vriendelijk willen zijn mij op korte termijn te berichten of u interesse heeft en zo ja, of - en hoe laat - u beschikbaar bent op vrijdag 2 juli?

Bij voorbaat hartelijk dank,

Met vriendelijke groet,

[naam]

English:

Dear (...)

Each year the Faculty of Law of the University of Amsterdam organises a masterclass for PhD students in the context of the [lus Commune Research School](#). The intention of this masterclass is to provide a forum for PhD students to engage in discussions with experts and other doctoral students about the methodological aspects of their research.

I would like to ask you whether you would agree to serve as an expert on Friday July 2nd 2021 at the presentation of a paper on my research. I am writing my PhD at the [name university] with [name supervisor].

Here is a brief description of my research:

[description research]

The sessions take about 45 minutes per candidate. My presentation will take about 10 minutes, 15/20 minutes are reserved for your comments and 15/20 minutes for discussion. You will receive my paper of 5 to 10 pages in advance. The sessions take place in English. Your attendance would only be required at my session, although you are of course very welcome to be present at the other candidate presentations.

Would you be so kind to inform me whether you are interested and if so, whether, and at what time, you are available to come to Amsterdam on Friday July 2nd?

Thank you very much in advance.

Kind regards,

[name]