



Ius Commune
PhD Training Programme
2024 - 2025

Masterclass Amsterdam
5 June 2025



Goals and organisation of the Amsterdam Ius Commune Masterclass 2025

This year, the Amsterdam Ius Commune Masterclass for PhD researchers will take place on **Thursday, 5 June 2025**. Participation is free of charge for PhD researchers from affiliated Ius Commune institutions. Please note that full-day attendance is required. The Masterclass is particularly relevant for PhD researchers in the first or second year of their project. **Participation is mandatory to successfully complete the Ius Commune postgraduate training programme.**

A focus on research methodology

The Masterclass focuses on research methodology. You will have the opportunity to present the methodological framework of your PhD project and discuss any related challenges. In preparation, you are asked to submit a **5 to 10-page paper** and give a 15-minute presentation highlighting the methodological aspects of your research.

The deadline to submit your paper is **Thursday, 22 May 2025**. Please send your paper directly to your expert, with j.zhou2@uva.nl in copy.

Expert review & Peer review

After your presentation, an expert in your field who you have invited will provide detailed feedback on your research project. This will be followed by questions and comments from fellow participants. This part of the Masterclass will take approximately 20-25 minutes in total (15 minutes for the expert and 5-10 minutes for peer review and discussion).

You are responsible yourself for searching an expert and ask him/her to be available at the date of the Masterclass. It is recommended to choose an expert who has finished a PhD and who is not affiliated to your own university. Please contact your chosen expert as soon as possible. To prepare the programme and schedule the expert sessions, kindly send the name and availability of your expert to j.zhou2@uva.nl no later than **Friday, 25 April 2025**. A sample invitation for experts is enclosed for your convenience, though you are welcome to adapt or draft your own.

Dinner and hotel stay

After the event, you are warmly invited to join us for dinner at a restaurant in Amsterdam. There will be no additional cost for the dinner, and further details will be provided soon. If you are considering staying overnight in Amsterdam, please note that accommodation expenses will need to be covered by yourself or your institution.

Registration

If you would like to present your research and receive feedback, please confirm your participation by completing the [registration form](#) no later than **Friday, 28 March 2025**.

Look forward to welcoming you in Amsterdam!

Kind regards,

Jiabao Zhou and Devrim Kroese