

Call for Applications
Globalization and Global Governance in an interdisciplinary perspective
SwissUniversitiesGSI/UNIGE Interdisciplinary PhD School – July 2019

Deadline: June 3, 2019

General information

Date: 1st – 4th of July 2019

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Language: English

Credits: 6 ECTS

Number of participants: limited to 15

Summary

In recent decades, globalization and an ever-increased level of complexity have challenged traditional IR paradigms. This has translated to a new state of world affair that many experts and scholars call “Global Governance”. Understanding of the governance paradigm and interconnections within and between regimes, in order to contribute to designing more efficient global governance systems, can only be done by using the theoretical, conceptual and methodological tools that various disciplines provide. Indeed, as for many complex phenomena, multitudes of perspectives exist on the meaning of “global governance”. While scholarship is often grounded in disciplinary perspectives, there is a need for interdisciplinary approaches, designed for addressing this very complex and multifaceted development. The module proposes not only to highlight some specific aspects of global governance, but also to shed light on how interdisciplinarity can fruitfully support reflection concerning this process’ analysis. The module is therefore open and suitable for researchers in various areas of science.

Objectives

The main objective of this module is to give researchers an interdisciplinary overview of how globalization affects and transform the state and conduct of world affairs on the one side, the academic disciplines – both as regard their object of study and their methodologies – on the other. The module will lead participants to a comprehensive understanding of what this transformation to new modes of governance (including intersectoral and multi-level governance) implies, academically and practically. In this regard, this module will highlight the impact of globalization on an increasing number of scientific fields and disciplines.

The target audience are researchers (doctoral candidates and more advanced ones) that are confronting interdisciplinarity and its challenges and seek to improve their knowledge of the Global Governance’s implications.

Format

The interdisciplinary training module consists of four days. Each session shall consist on a presentation, Q&A, and then a discussion on how the proposed perspective (such as Multi-level governance or regime complex theory) can be used in your own research project. Participants will be encouraged to express

their view on Global Governance and to discuss the potential use of relevant interdisciplinary approaches to their own research question(s). The core team of instructors, each of them experts in global and multi-level/actor governance, will bring together professors of Swiss as well as foreign universities (Princeton, LUISS, Maastricht, NYU), to offer the best exposure to doctoral candidates.

Topics to be covered

- Global and Transformative Governance, Multi-level Governance and Regime Complexes approaches
- Complex systems/regimes and complexity theory
- Interdisciplinary perspective and methodological tools
- International relations theory
- Regulatory issues at international level

To be eligible, applicants must hold a master's degree and be engaged in a doctoral dissertation (or have submitted a doctoral project) – implying the pursuit of PhD or post-doctoral studies.

Attendance is free of charge.

Some financial and logistical support is provided for travel and accommodation costs for doctoral researchers pursuing their PhD in higher education institutions in Switzerland.

To apply, please send an email to gsiphdschool@unige.ch with the following documents attached (as pdf or docx formats) **by 3rd of June 2019**.

- A motivation letter (maximum of 500 words)
- A short CV
- Summary of the doctoral project (maximum of 500 words)
- A letter of reference, or any other form of agreement from PhD supervisor

For further enquiries, please send an email to gsiphdschool@unige.ch