Call for applications

Centre for German and European Studies, St. Petersburg State University—Bielefeld University invites applications to the 4th St. Petersburg Summer School on Network Analysis. The School is designed for BA, MA, PhD students and early-career researchers in social sciences and cultural studies who would like to get a hands-on friendly introduction to the state-of-the-art techniques of network analysis based on European social and cultural network data.

This year, after a course introducing students to network analysis, the school will primarily focus on statistical network modelling techniques aimed at finding the fundamental principles and mechanisms underlying network structure formation.

No prior knowledge of network analysis is mandatory. Basic knowledge of statistics and related software is recommended.

TEACHERS

Wouter de Nooy
University of Amsterdam and Amsterdam School of Communication Research ASCoR
Studies the ways in which people communicate and interact through the media. His preferred method is social network analysis, in particular statistical actor-oriented models

Johan Koskinen
University of Melbourne
Develops statistical models and inference procedures for social networks, in particular exponential random graph models (ERGM) and stochastic actor-oriented models (SAOM)

Ju-Sung [Jay] Lee
Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR)
Works with various methodologies such as statistics, network analysis, computer-aided text analysis, computational social science, and other digital methods, such as topic modeling and sentiment analysis

Adina Nerghes
Wageningen University & Research
Studies large societal events and crises employing computational text analysis, methods of extracting connections between texts and social network structures, and dynamic network analysis

STUDENTS WILL GET

- awareness of the opportunities network analysis provides for social and cultural studies;
- basic practical skills in analyzing different types of networks using the existing software;
- experience in working with network data from Germany and Europe provided by the organizers or with their own data;
- an opportunity to discuss their own work with leading international researchers and peers.

The organizers will provide: lunches, coffee-breaks, participant packages and a cultural programme in St. Petersburg for participants who are currently in Russia.

Travel and accommodation: Participants who are currently in Russia are expected to come and lodge with their own funding, but 3 non-St. Petersburg-based authors of best applications will be granted free accommodation.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Deadline: May 17, 2021
Submission (in English): CV, motivation letter, short description of own research project
Submission email: info@zdes.spbu.ru

Working language: English
Registration fee: €50
Venue: CGES office at St. Petersburg University for participants who are currently in Russia and online—for international participants