



# Course Description: NISIS Spring School 2020



Title	t.b.a.
Academic year	2020-2021
Location	t.b.a.
EC	3-5
Level	600
Language	English
Keynote Speakers	t.b.a.
Hosted by	t.b.a.

## Admission requirements

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PhD candidates and research master students active in the field of Islamic Studies may apply for admission via [www.nisis.nl](http://www.nisis.nl). The registration deadline is 25 December 2019.

NISIS junior members qualify automatically, but due to the limited number of participants, also need to apply for participation for the NISIS Spring School via [www.nisis.nl](http://www.nisis.nl).

## Description

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The NISIS Spring School is usually organised in cooperation with several foreign research institutions and preferably takes place where these sister institutions are based. The programme consists of lectures by keynote speakers in the morning and parallel workshops in the afternoon. In the workshops, a selection of international PhD candidates and research master students present their research in relation to the general theme of the Spring School and act as discussants.



Participants (PhD candidates and research master students) are required to:

For 3 EC:

- read the prescribed literature in advance;
- give a presentation (15 minutes) in one of the afternoon workshops and act as **discussant**\* for the presentations of one of the other participants.

For an additional 2 EC:

- write an essay in which you elaborate on your presentation and include feedback and insights gained during the Spring School (requirements can be found below).

\*As a **discussant** during the Spring School, you are required to:

- carefully study the readings as prescribed by the keynote speakers in advance;
- prepare questions for discussion in advance in which you relate the topic of the presentation to the prescribed readings;
- pose the first question about the presentation;
- actively participate in and contribute to the discussion.

Theme

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Course objectives

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- Enlarging and deepening the already existing knowledge of Islam and Muslim societies
- Providing insight and participation in the current academic debate
- Introducing the candidates to an international network of scholars in the field
- Creating an academic community in which research in the field of Islam and Muslim societies can be optimally pursued



- Mediating between a new generation of researchers and innovative disciplinary and interdisciplinary developments, theoretical and methodological initiatives and explorations in the field
- Training presentation, writing and reflection skills.

## Time Table

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Please make sure to be informed about program details and updates via e-mail.

## Mode of instruction

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- Lecture
- Workshops
- Research

## Course load

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Total course load for the course is 84 + 56 hours.

For 3 EC:

Lectures during the school: 40 hours

Reading prescribed literature: 14 hours

Preparation presentation: 27 hours

Preparation discussant: 3 hours

For an additional 2 EC:

Essay: 56 hours

## Assessment method

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PhD candidates and research master students will be judged on the basis of:

- attendance and active participation at the keynote lectures and workshops
- presentation in a workshop and discussant for one of the presentations of others
- a paper afterwards in the form of a reflexive essay (see next section for requirements)



## Paper requirements

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The objective of the essay to conclude the Spring School, is to get your presentation on paper, process the feedback you received from senior scholars and the other participants and to include new insights from the keynote lectures and literature. To this purpose, you can follow these instructions:

- A.** Turn your presentation into an essay (including correct bibliographical references - please use one citation style throughout your essay - and footnotes).
- B.** Reflect on the feedback you received during the Q&A session following your presentation.
- C.** Process new insights gained during the Spring School in your essay, most concretely how the key note lecture(s) shed new light on and/or have been helpful for your own research.

In total, the length of your essay should be **between 3000 to 4000 words** (including footnotes and/or intext citations).

## Reading list

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Please consult the program booklet for the latest updates.

## Application

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You can apply for participation in the NISIS Spring School as soon as a call for application has been opened. This will be announced on the NISIS website ([www.nisis.nl](http://www.nisis.nl)). The registration deadline is 25 December 2019. Please note that the number of available places is restricted.

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Website

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