

INTERNATIONAL PHD SECTIONAL SEMINAR:

2011-2012: *DISSERTATION PROJECTS*

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Thematic Scope of the 2011-2012 Sectional Seminar:

2011-2012 Sectional Seminars focus on each student's defense of his or her Dissertation Project.

This is a very important step toward finalizing the dissertation. It draws upon 3 semesters of work in the Program and it is therefore that the Dissertation Projects take full advantage of both individual research of the student, the evaluations he or she has received so far, as well as the general debate among Program participants. Conversely, the defense of the Dissertation Project should yield abundant and multilateral feedback that will certainly benefit the student in writing the first chapter of his or her dissertation, due by the end of Semester 5.

Methods and Procedures:

There will be 8 two-hours long seminar meetings. Each meeting will be devoted to the defense of 2 Dissertation Proposals: one from the Identity-Knowledge and one from the Identity-Power section. All 8 seminar meetings will be attended by all professors and all students from both sections meeting together.

Dissertation Projects have to be submitted to all the participants of the Program in writing at least 2 weeks in advance of the meeting. It will be strongly advised that the author of the Dissertation Proposal submits along with his or her Proposal also a sample of his or her written work (ex: an article or a portion of the future dissertation if possible).

Written evaluations of the Dissertation Proposal done by an external evaluator (possibly one of the international partners of the Program designated by the PhD Advisor of the student) have to be submitted in writing at least 1 week in advance of the meeting.

Students' peer evaluations of the Dissertation Project have to be submitted in writing 1 week before the meeting as well. Students' peer evaluations will not be anonymous.

Following the seminar meeting, all faculty will critique and grade each student's Dissertation Proposal defense participant of the panel (see pt. 5.3. of the *Guidelines*).

All members of the Program are expected to attend each Seminar meeting. If you are unable to attend in person for a compelling reason, please inform the Program Moderator and the technical staff about your attendance through videoconferencing at least 1 week before the date of the Seminar meeting (see pt. 4.1. of the *Guidelines*)

Calendar: (2:00-4:00 PM Warsaw time)

February 23 : Natalia Obukowicz, Hanna Paulouskaya

March 8 : Ines Steger, Ágnes Máté

March 22 : Krzysztof Skonieczny, Julia Lewandowska

April 12: Paweł Miech, Kamil Wielecki

April 26: Aleksander Sroczyński, Bogdan Trifunovic

May 10: Ewa Janion, Oksana Zakhutska

May 24: Olimpia Dragouni, Karolina Wiśniewska

May 31 : Conclusion

Expected Outcome:

1. Thorough preparation for each Seminar meeting by all the participants (reading of the Dissertation Project, its evaluations and additional materials if any are provided)
2. A written evaluation of the Dissertation Proposal done by an external evaluator.
3. Peer evaluation by students of their colleague's Dissertation Project
4. Graded evaluation by all the faculty of each Dissertation Project defense.
5. Active participation in the Seminar discussion
6. General assessment of each student's participation in the Seminar discussion by all the faculty participating in the Sectional Seminar