

Topics for thesis (Global and) European Studies master students 2017-2018

a) dr. Minna van Gerven

Minna van Gerven will supervise up to max 5 GES master theses. Below, she has listed some ongoing projects where students can join, but 1 or 2 projects could be included given that the topic is in close connection to her own research expertise, theoretically and empirically. Her field is global and European social and health governance. More specifically, she is interested in diffusion of policies, policy learning processes, europeanisation of policies (use of European policies at the level of member states). The research should be in the area of welfare (social security, social inclusion), health (long-term care, health care systems), employment (activation) and/technology.

Currently Minna is working on the following projects where students are invited to join

1. Europeanisation of regions. Since decades European Social Fund (ESF) has provided local governments financial means for activating the unemployed. During the current structural funds period, the regions only can make a such application of money. What does that mean for cities now, that they are expected to collaborate with others? Is it fostering or obstructing their ability to innovate with European social funds? The research method for this project would be a survey among (specific cities in certain regions) and/or semi-structured interviews
2. Europeanisation of NGOs. European social fund (ESF) is not only a financial resource available for the local government but also used by the non governmental organisations (NGOs). To date, very little is known about how this diverse groups is making use of the esf. To what extent ESF is a resource for innovation for this group? What are obstacles for this group? The research method for this project would be a survey among NGOs and/or semi-structured interviews
3. Globalization and Europeanisation of long-term care. As the global north is feeling the first frost bite of the democratic winter, the aging of population is already a more tangible problem in Asia. This project analyses the political frames of long-term care policies and looks how the framing of the problem differs in The EU and in Asia with strong roots in confusiasm. The research method is content analysis of selected (international) policy documents
4. Europeanisation of health care systems. Health care is traditionally a area left for the member states to regulate. Yet, given the common pressures to member states, European Union had taken many task to coordinate the modernization of the European health care systems. This project looks at diffusion of European health care policies among the European master. The research method can be qualitative or quantitative method, given the specific interest of the student.

b) prof. Ramses Wessel

Ramses Wessel is professor of international and European law and governance. He is an internationally recognised expert in the area of EU external relations and the law of international organizations. See further and for ideas: <https://www.utwente.nl/en/bms/pa/staff/wessel/>. He welcomes Master thesis proposals in the following areas:

- Legal governance aspects of the role of the EU in the world;
- Multilevel governance / the relations between the global, EU and domestic legal and political orders;
- International organizations
- Global and European security

c) dr. Martin Rosema

Martin Rosema is an assistant professor of political science who specialized in elections and referendums and also has a keen interest in political psychology. Potential master thesis topics about the European Union (EU) that link up closely to his expertise include European Parliament elections, referendums about European integration, support for the EU, European identity, and democratic quality and legitimacy in the EU. Students who are interested in writing a master thesis in one of these areas are warmly invited to write down their initial ideas about what to research and how (one page), and make an individual appointment to further discuss the possibility of a master thesis on their chosen topic. For more information about Martin Rosema's teaching and research, please refer to his personal website at <http://www.utwente.nl/mb/pa/staff/rosema/>

d) dr. Shawn Donnelly

Shawn Donnelly is an:

- Expert in global economic governance and regulation, strategy and tactics of international negotiations, strategy and tactics of lobbying over standard-setting.
- Expert in European monetary, bank supervision and capital markets.
- and an experienced supervisor in military and environmental affairs (not at the same time)

Areas for supervision (to be enhanced with specific topics):

- 1) EU-NATO cooperation
- 2) Military strategies, tactics and posturing in light of new technology and arms races
- 3) Financial stability in Europe
- 4) Global governance in the absence of EU leadership
- 5) Brexit / Europe without the UK

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