

PhD programme in Politics, Policies and International Relations

Schedule of seminars and training sessions

Academic Year 2021-22

1st Semester

Type of activity	Speaker	Title	Time/Place
Welcome Session 1 st year students All PhD students are welcome	Nuria Font (coordinator of PhD program, ppir-PS) Rafael Grasa (ppir-IR) Marga León (ppir-IGOP)	Welcome session	14 October, 12:00-14:00 Sala de Juntas
Opening Conference All PhD students	Pol Morillas Director of the Barcelona Centre for International Affairs	Can Europe be a geopolitical power?	21 October, 13:00 Sala de Juntas
Training session 1 st year students (other students are welcome)	Raquel Gallego UAB	What is a dissertation?	26 October, 9:00–11:00 Sala de Juntas
Training session All students	Vladimir Bortun UAB	Research and ethics	10 November, 12:00-13:30 Sala de Juntas
Training session 1 st year students (other students are welcome)	Carol Galais UAB	Introduction to Research in Social Sciences 1	16 November, 11:30–13:30 Sala de Juntas
Training session 1 st year student Other students are welcome	Carol Galais UAB	Introduction to Research in Social Sciences 2	18 November, 11:30–13:30 Sala de Juntas
PhD Seminar All students	Juan Pérez Rajó (ppir-PS) Discussants: Agustí Bosch and Ana Balkovic	Economic hardship and non-electoral participation: the role of populism	9 December 13:00 Seminari C
Group tutoring 1 st and 2 nd year students All other welcome	Nuria Font UAB	Group tutoring	16 December 12:00 Seminari C
Thesis defence	Ángel Torres Adán PhD Candidate	Exploring Factors Influencing Individual Geopolitical Preferences in the Association Agreement Countries (Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine)	19 January 17:00 Sala de Graus / online
Course on qualitative techniques (text coding) 1 st and 2 nd year students Other students are welcome	Lara Maestriperi UAB	Session 1	27 January 11:00 – 13:00 ONLINE

Course on qualitative techniques 1 (Atlas.TI) 1 st and 2 nd year students Other students are welcome	Lara Maestriperi UAB	Session 2	28 January 11:00 – 13:00 ONLINE
Course on qualitative techniques 1 (Atlas.TI) 1 st and 2 nd year students Other students are welcome	Lara Maestriperi UAB	Session 3	31 January 11:00 – 13:00 ONLINE

2nd semester

Type of activity	Speaker	Title	Time/Place
PhD Seminar All students	Alejandra Peña (ppir-IR)	China's assertive turn: Grand strategy and foreign policy adjustment through the Belt and Road Initiative	4 February 13:00 ONLINE
Course on quantitative techniques 1 (Stata) 1 st and 2 nd year students	Marc Guinjoan UOC	Session 1	7 February 11:00 – 13:00 LIAM Room
Course on quantitative techniques 1 (Stata) 1 st and 2 nd year	Marc Guinjoan UOC	Session 2	9 February 11:00 – 13:00 LIAM Room
PhD Semniar All students	David Palomera (ppir-IGOP) Discussant: Ixchel Pérez-Durán	Investment, organization and inequalities of public care infrastructures: four papers on welfare residualism in Southern Europe (and beyond)	10 February 12:30 – 13:30 Sala de Juntas
Course on quantitative techniques 1 (Stata) 1 st and 2 nd year	Marc Guinjoan UOC	Session 3	14 February 11:00 – 13:00 LIAM Room
Course on quantitative techniques 1 (Stata) 1 st and 2 nd year	Marc Guinjoan UOC	Session 4	16 February 11:00 – 13:00 LIAM Room
Training session	Nuria Font UAB	Presenting a paper in a conference	17 February 13:00 – 14:30 Sala de Juntas
Course on quantitative techniques 2 (Stata) 1 st and 2 nd year	Marc Guinjoan UOC	Session 1	7 March 11:00 – 13:40 LIAM Room
Course on quantitative techniques 2 (Stata) 1 st and 2 nd year	Marc Guinjoan UOC	Session 2	9 March 11:00 – 13:40 LIAM Room

Course on quantitative techniques 2 (Stata) 1 st and 2 nd year	Marc Guinjoan UOC	Session 3	14 March 11:00 – 13:40 LIAM Room
Training session	Enrique Hernández UAB	Submitting and publishing articles	Thursday 17 March 10:30 – 12:30 Seminari A
Thesis defence	Blanca Camps Febrer	L'Economia Política de la Seguretat al Marroc: Seguretat Privada i Autoritarisme en temps neoliberals	22/03/2022, 11:00 am Sala de Vistes B2/009
PhD Seminar - PS	Marta Vallvé Discussants: Damjan Tomic Dani Marinova	Environmentalism in the rural-urban divide: Attitudes, behaviours and ecological distribution conflicts	Thursday 24 March 13:00 – 14:00 Seminari A
PhD Seminar - IR	Elena Shymanska Discussants: Francesca Leso tbc	Cognitive resilience against disinformation: the case of Ukraine	Friday 25 March 13:00 – 14:00 Seminari A
PhD Seminar - PS	Albert Padró-Solanet Discussants: Martha Ogochukwu Dennis tbc	Political parties, polarisation and deliberation in the Spanish online public sphere	Thursday 7 April 13:00 – 14:00 Seminari A
PhD Seminar - IR	Oscar Fernández Discussants: Melania Brito tbc	The European Union as a global health actor: between rule-making and rule-taking	Friday 8 April 13:00 – 14:00 Seminari A
PhD Seminar - IGOP	Zhijia Tian Discussants: Júlia García Puig Marga León	Accountability, crisis management in Non-democratic countries	Thursday 21 April 13:00 – 14:00 Seminari A
PhD Seminar - IR	Francesca Leso Discussant: Elena Shymanska tbc	EU's bordering practices in Eastern Europe. What impact on ENP societies and ordinary citizens' notion of self and spaciality?	Friday 22 April 13:00 – 14:00 Seminari A
PhD Seminar - IGOP	Júlia García Discussants: Zhijia Tian Llorenç Soler Carol Galais	E-participation and social inclusion in Asia: determinants and regional dynamics	Wednesday 27 April 13:00 – 14:00 Seminari A
PhD Seminar - PS	María Ruiz Discussants: Albert Padró-Solanet Juan Pérez Rajó	What factors increase populist support?: An analysis between economic cleavages and cultural backlashes	Thursday 28 April 13:00 – 14:00 Seminari A
Training session	Iolanda Bianchi UAB	EU policy on Open Science	Wednesday 4 May 11:00 – 12:30 Seminari A

PhD Seminar - IR	Melania Brito Discussants: Oscar Fernández tbc	Embracing the bastards: Lessons for an efficient management of deradicalisation and resocialisation of returning Foreign Terrorist Fighters (FTFs)	Wednesday 4 May 13:00 – 14:00 Seminari A
Training session	Enrique Hernández UAB	The academic job market	Thursday 5 May 10:30 – 12:30 Seminari C
PhD Seminar - IGOP	Llorenç Soler Buades Discussants: Lucas Ames Bridges José Antonio Noguera	Mapping Activation Strategies in Minimum Income Schemes: Enhancing Capabilities or Perpetuating Inequalities?	Thursday 5 May 13:00 – 14:00 Seminari C
PhD Seminar - PS	Martha Ogochukwu Dennis Discussant: María Ruiz Enrique Hernández	Political protest and democratic backsliding in contemporary times	Thursday 12 May 13:00 – 14:00 Seminari A
PhD Seminar - IGOP	Lucas Ames Bridges Discussants: Francisco Ferraioli Vladimir Bortun	The administrative burden for citizenship applicants during the pandemic	Thursday 19 May 13:00 – 14:00 Seminari A
PhD Seminar - PS	Damjan Tomic Discussants: Marta Vallvé Carol Galais	Friends & Foes: Addressing Cross-National Variation in the Size of the Urban-Rural Divide Regarding Attitudes Towards Immigrants	Thursday 26 May 13:00 – 14:00 Seminari A

On PhD activities

PhD activities include courses, seminars, training sessions and attendance to PhD defences:

Courses are compulsory for 1st and 2nd year students. All other students are encouraged to attend.

Training sessions are 1-session activities on specific methodological/academic topics. Attendance is mandatory for all students.

PhD seminars consist of the oral presentation and further discussion of the most updated work by PhD students. Attendance is compulsory for 1st and 2nd year students and strongly recommended for the rest of students.

- Seminars consist of a 20-minute presentation, followed by a 10-20 minute discussion by both a PhD student and a senior researcher/professor. Students' presentations have to include the objective of the research, the literature gap, the research question and main aspects of the research design (more advanced contents are expected for 3rd-4th year students)

- The allocation of PhD students as discussants of other students' seminar will be organized in advanced by the students themselves, so that each student discusses one presentation. The choice of the senior discussant will be agreed between the supervisor and the student
- Within the following week of the seminar, each student will write and send a report on the points raised by discussants to the respective supervisor and to the PhD coordinator
- Several 3rd - 4th year student's seminars are scheduled for the 1st semester. All 1st year students will present their work in a seminar during the 2nd semester (approximately from March to May 2022)

IMPORTANT: Papers to be presented in seminars **must be circulated at least one week in advance** to the date of the seminar. Please email to nuria.font@uab.es and the discussants.

In addition to courses, training sessions and seminars, PhD students are expected to attend all **thesis defences**. Information on dates will be provided on due time.