



New Projects Seminar Series at the Graduate School for Social Research, GSSR

Call for Participation, Spring Semester 2022

GSSR's "New Projects Seminar Series" continues in the Spring Semester 2022 with NAWA Welcome to Poland (WtP) support. The aim of the Seminar Series is to promote excellent research in the social sciences and humanities and foster collaboration of early career and established scholars. Seminars are an opportunity to present and discuss your latest academic projects to an interdisciplinary audience.

We invite PhD students, post-doctoral fellows and researchers at GSSR and our constituent PAN institutes, IFiS, IPS and IP, as well as scholars from higher education institutions in Poland and abroad, to share their work. We extend a special invitation to GSSR alumni to participate.

The Seminar Series is a monthly event held during the academic year, from October to May (with a break in December). Each seminar takes place online or in hybrid mode, following Covid-19 regulations, and lasts from one to one and a half hours.

Structure

The Seminar Series accommodates differently structured events. Participants can choose from the following:

A. Presentation and discussion: Research presentations are 30 to 40 minutes, with 15 to 20 minutes comments by the discussant(s), and 10 minutes for answering questions from the audience. The presenter will be asked to suggest up to two discussants who are experts in the field. When presentations are by PhD students, their supervisor will briefly (5 minutes) introduce the presenter and the focus of their PhD research.

B. Thematic seminar: Researchers discuss key theoretical and/or empirical developments around a socially relevant topic (45 minutes), followed by discussions with the audience (15 minutes).

C. Mini-conference mode: Two short presentations by PhD students or post-doctoral scholars on a similar substantive or methodological topic (20 minutes per presentation). One or two discussants experts in either the substantive field or the methodology, will comment on the presentations (10 minutes each).

D. Authors-Meet-Critics: Scholars present their latest published book in 25 minutes. The discussant(s) will comment on the book (15 - 20 minutes). Then, the audience engages the author and the critics.

Each Seminar event will have a Seminar Chair, who introduces the presenter(s) and discussant(s), keeps time, and moderates discussion. Discussants ensure that comments and questions provided in Zoom's Chat function are incorporated into discussion but not distracting to the seminar.

Organization

GSSR provides support with organizing each individual seminar. Dr. John Fells assists with scheduling the date and time of a given seminar, and providing Zoom links and access to classroom space, as applicable.

GSSR is looking forward to receiving proposals for New Projects Seminar Series events **by May 4, 2022**. In the proposal, please indicate (i) the type of event (e.g. B. Thematic Seminar), (ii) the names and affiliations of the presenter(s) and discussant(s), (iii) the name and affiliation of your supervisor (for GSSR PhD students), and (iv) provide a 250 words abstract of your presentation/seminar topic/book. If you have a preferred date and time for the event, please indicate it. We will coordinate with you to schedule the event along your and the discussants' availability.

Please submit your proposal electronically to John Fells (jfells@gssr.edu.pl). For any questions regarding the Seminar Series, please do contact John.

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