

Graduate School for Social Research, GSSR

Specialization in Bridging Academic and NGO Research

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Time: see Time Outline table

Office Hours: By appointment for office or online meetings; regular communication via email

Course Description

This specialization is designed to boost the international and inter-sectoral mobility experiences of PhD students by preparing you to cooperate with non-governmental organisations (NGOs) active in the fields of development processes, democratization, and the promotion and defence of human rights. During a 30-hour course, professors Galia Chimiak (IFiS PAN), Magdalena Grabowska (IFiS PAN), and Su-Ming Khoo (National University of Ireland – Galway), together with invited NGO practitioners, will provide in-depth insights into the structure of NGOs and their roles in development, civil society mobilisation for social justice, intersectoral cooperation, and transdisciplinary activist research. The GSSR-held course is the mandatory building block of the specialization.

The internships with NGOs in Poland or Ireland are a strongly recommended, yet optional, follow-up to the course. By cooperating with NGOs, you gain intersectoral experience that enhances your education and social capital, thus strengthening your employability upon graduation from GSSR.

Internships can span from one month (in Poland) to three months (Ireland) and should be completed by December 20, 2024 or earlier, if you plan to graduate prior to this date. On average, a month-long internship involves ca. 50 hours of work.

To identify and approach the NGO of choice, students work closely with the instructors. Thanks to the NAWA STER grant, GSSR provides, on a competitive basis, funding for travel and living abroad for internships in Ireland. While interning with an NGO in or around Dublin, you can access Trinity College Dublin’s (TCD) library thus having an excellent opportunity to read towards your thesis.

All GSSR students are eligible for the specialization course held at GSSR and internships with NGOs in Poland.

GSSR students in years 1-4 (i.e. admitted under the 2018 Law on Higher Education and Science), and enrolled in the specialization, are eligible to apply for NAWA STER funding to intern with an NGO in Ireland and access the TCD library. Selection is competitive, following a Call for applications that GSSR will distribute in the Spring semester 2023.

Course objectives

This course aims to provide both theoretical and practical knowledge about the NGO sector and its role in development processes, democratization, and the promotion and defence of human rights. Course participants can also gain hands-on experience and build their CVs by cooperating with selected NGOs in Poland or Ireland.

Simultaneously, the specialization seeks to foster academic professionalization skills. Students have the opportunity to present their research - depending on their internship placement - at a seminar (or webinar) that GSSR, the National University of Ireland – Galway, or the Development Studies Association, Ireland, organize.

Requirements, Policies on Attendance, Late Materials, and Make-Up

To successfully complete the theoretical part of the Specialization, students have to:

- Actively participate in at least 14 of the 15 sets of classes. If possible, classes will take place in person. Students who must quarantine should inform the lecturer at least 24 hours in advance, so that hybrid classes can be organized.
- To facilitate in-class discussion, read the course material by the dates assigned;
- Write two reaction papers of 2000-2500 words each on topics agreed with Prof. Chimiak and Grabowska, respectively. Guidelines will be distributed in class. For due dates, see Time Outline table. Late submission of papers results in having to write a longer reaction paper, i.e. 500 additional words per week's delay.
- Prepare a creative academic output (e.g. zine, poem, video, presentation) which details are agreed with Prof. Khoo. Guidelines will be distributed in class. For the due date, see Time Outline table.

Students who are missing two classes without adequate justification must write a 1000 words essay on a topic given by the lecturer, to be delivered electronically by May 31, 2023.

Specialization students who opt for internships with NGOs provide an NGO placement report to the specialization instructors no later than one month after completing the internship. The 500-800 words' report should present the activities undertaken by the student during their internship and briefly discuss if and how the internship has strengthened their know-how and competences.

Grading

Grades for the specialization course will be based: 15% on Class participation, 85% on reaction papers and academic output.

Specialization students receive 30 h credit toward graduation of the course.

Students who successfully complete an internship receive a Certificate issued by the NGO they interned with, and 10 h of academic credit.

Time Outline		
Date and Lecturer	Classes	Readings/resources
01.03.23 10-11:30 Galia Chimiak	The evolution of institutionalised self-organisation. Overview of theoretical thinking about NGOs. Present the structure of the reaction paper.	Martens, K. (2002). Mission Impossible? Defining Nongovernmental Organizations. <i>VOLUNTAS: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations</i> 13, 271–285 https://doi.org/10.1023/A:1020341526691 Turner, A. (2010) Why Has the Number of International Non-Governmental Organizations Exploded since 1960?, <i>Cliodynamics: the Journal of Theoretical and Mathematical History</i> 1(1) https://doi.org/10.21237/C7clio11196
08.03.23 10-11:30 Galia Chimiak	International NGOs and their role in development.	Chabbott, C. (1999). “Development INGOs” in J. Boli and G.M. Thomas (eds.) <i>Constructing World Culture: International Nongovernmental Organizations since 1875</i> . Stanford: Stanford University Press, pp. 222–248. Chimiak, G. (2014). “The Rise and Stall of Non-Governmental Organisations in Development”, <i>Polish Sociological Review</i> , 185(1): 25–44 Isar, Y.R. (2022) Civil Society Actors in International Cultural Diplomacy in M. Hoelscher et al. (eds.), <i>Civil Society: Concepts, Challenges, Contexts, Nonprofit and Civil Society Studies</i> , pp.233-248
15.03.23 10-11:30 Galia Chimiak	NGOs in democracies and autocratic states. The impact of aid securitization and the rise of populism.	Howell, J., Ishkanian, A., Obadare, E., Seckinelgin, H., & Glasius, M. (2008). The Backlash against Civil Society in the Wake of the Long War on Terror. <i>Development in Practice</i> , 18(1), 82–93. http://www.jstor.org/stable/27751877 Ekiert, G. (2020). Civil Society as a Threat to Democracy: Organizational Bases for the Populist Counterrevolution in Poland. Centre for European Studies Harvard. https://issuu.com/ces.harvard/docs/ekiert_working_paper_-_2020_-_final
22.03.23 10-11:30 Galia Chimiak	People in NGOs: “messy lives”, voluntourism, internships as gatekeeping	Lewis, D. (2013). “Tidy Concepts, Messy Lives: Defining Tensions in the Domestic and Overseas Careers of U.K. Non-Governmental Professionals” in D. Mosse (ed.) <i>Adventures in Aidland. The Anthropology of Professionals in International Development</i> . New York/Oxford: Berghahn Books, pp. 177–197 Tina Rosenberg, (2018), The business of voluntourism: do western do-gooders actually do harm? https://www.theguardian.com/news/2018/sep/13/the-business-of-voluntourism-do-western-do-gooders-actually-do-harm Unpaid internships are a gatekeeper for underrepresented students (2021) https://www.dailytarheel.com/article/2021/03/opinion-

		unpaid-internships
5.04.2023 10-11:30 INGO practitioner Aleksandra Krasziewicz (CONCERN Ireland)	Evidence-Based Humanitarianism - quantifying needs and impact in the humanitarian NGO sector	
11.04.23	First reaction paper due (electronically, to Prof, Chimiak)	
12.04.23 10-11:30 Su-Ming Khoo	Ethical approaches to research internationalization/s Present the structure of the creative output.	Orford, S (2021) 'Neoformalism and the turn to history in international law' and 'Method as politics : how we study the past depends on why we study the past', in International Law and the Politics of History pp 1-12; 310-320 TallBear, K. (2014). Standing with and speaking as faith: A feminist-indigenous approach to inquiry [Research note]. <i>Journal of Research Practice</i> , 10(2), Article N17. Retrieved from http://jrp.icaap.org/index.php/jrp/article/view/405/371 Walsh, A (2021). Beyond Extraction – co-creating a decolonial and feminist research practice in post- conflict Guatemala, in Khoo, Kara Eds, <i>Qualitative and Digital Research in Times of Crisis</i> , Bristol University Press
12.04.23 11:45-13:15 Su-Ming Khoo	Intersectoral cooperation and collaboration – approaching transdisciplinary research	Kara and Khoo Eds (2021) <i>Qualitative and Digital Methods in Times of Crisis</i> – Introduction and Conclusion Khoo, S (2021) ACUSAfrica Seminar: Sustainability, transdisciplinarity and the public epistemic role of higher education, Su-ming Khoo https://youtu.be/4AVr97TGqIA
13.04.23 10-11:30 Su-Ming Khoo	Creative Human Rights Workshop 1 Reading and Writing Human Rights	Mann, I (2021) Attack by Design: Australia's Offshore Detention System and the Literature of Atrocity, <i>European Journal of International Law</i> 32(1) 309-326 https://ssrn.com/abstract=3787661 Boochani, B (2018) No Friend But the Mountain. Trs. O .Tofighian, Sydney, Picador Tofighian, O (2018) Translator's Reflection and Translator's Tale, in Boochani, pp 359-398 Comics and graphic novels Amnesty – We Are All Born Free https://www.amnesty.org.uk/universal-declaration- human-rights-pictures Reyns-Chikuma, C (2020) #spirou4rights : a critical perspective on promoting human rights through comics, <i>Modern & contemporary France</i> , 28 (3), 309-327 Scherr, R (2015) Framing human rights: comics form and the politics of recognition in Joe Sacco's Footnotes in

		<p>Gaza, <i>Textual Practice</i>, 29:1, 111-131, DOI: 10.1080/0950236X.2014.952771</p> <p>Stonebridge, L (2020) <i>Writing and Righting Literature in the Age of Human Rights</i>. Oxford: Oxford University Press</p> <p>Knott, ML (2013) <i>Unlearning with Hannah Arendt</i>. Penguin Random House, see especially the chapters on 'staging' and 'laughter'</p>
<p>14.04.23</p> <p>10-11:30</p> <p>Su-Ming Khoo</p>	<p>Creative Human Rights Workshop 2</p> <p>Film Discussion (please watch this film) and Research Zine planning</p>	<p>Ai Wei Wei (2017) Human Flow (2:20) https://youtu.be/DVZGyTdk_BY</p>
<p>14.04.23</p> <p>11:45-13:15</p> <p>Su-Ming Khoo</p>	<p>Creative Human Rights Workshop 3</p> <p>You will use this time to complete and discuss your creative research products</p>	<p>https://www.artejjustice.org/zine</p> <p>This blogger has templates you can download and edit in Word (much easier than PDF)</p> <p>https://anatomicair.com/book-templates/</p>
<p>28.04.23</p>	<p>Creative academic output due (electronically, to Prof. Khoo)</p>	
<p>19.04.23</p> <p>10-11:30</p> <p>Magdalena Grabowska</p>	<p>Human rights, feminist and LGBTQI+ rights NGOs in post-socialist Eastern Europe. From state funded "civil society" to Ngoisation.</p> <p>Present the structure of the reaction paper.</p>	<p>A. Hrycak. 2006. "Foundation feminism and the articulation of hybrid feminism in post-socialist Ukraine", <i>East European Politics and Societies</i> 2001), 69-100.</p> <p>K. Ghodsee 2004. "Feminism-by-Design: Emerging Capitalisms, Cultural Feminism, and Women's Nongovernmental Organizations in <i>Postsocialist Eastern Europe, Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society</i> 2004, 29: (3), 727-753.</p> <p>J. Kubik, and A. Lynch 2013. eds. <i>Post-Communism from Within: Social Justice, Mobilization, and Hegemony</i>. New York: NYU Press. Articles by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J. Kubik "From Transitology to Contextual Holism". • J. Regulska, M. Grabowska "Social Justice, Hegemony, and Women's Mobilizations", • I. Szelenyi and K. Wilk "Poverty and Popular Mobilization in Postcommunist Capitalist Regimes".
<p>26.04.23</p> <p>10-11:30</p> <p>Magdalena Grabowska</p>	<p>Science and social change. Activist and engaged research in academia and civil society organisations.</p>	<p>F. Cancian, 1993. "Conflicts between activist research and academic success: Participatory research and alternative strategies". <i>The American sociologist</i>. 24: (1), 92-106.</p> <p>A. Choudry, 2013, "Activist research practice: Exploring Research and Knowledge Production for Social Action", <i>Socialist Studies</i> 9: (1), 128-151</p> <p>Case study example of research and evidence based</p>

		social campaign: "Together for Yes" campaign, Ireland 2018 https://www.100archive.com/projects/together-for-yes
10.05.23 10-11:30 Magdalena Grabowska	On the tip of the wave? New forms of intersectional civil society mobilisations for social justice. Modes of organising, values, and political goals.	K. Jacobsson and E. Korolczuk, 2017, <i>Civil Society Revisited: Lessons from Poland</i> . (eds). Studies on Civil Society. New York: Berghahn Books. A. Krizsan, C. Roggeband. 2021, "The Selective Closure of Civic Space", <i>Global Policy</i> (5): 23-33
17.05.23 10-11:30 Magdalena Grabowska	On the tip of the wave? New forms of intersectional civil society mobilisations for social justice. Modes of organising, values, and political goals.	H. Boll Foundation 2021 dossier: Queer feminist perspectives on political homophobia and anti-feminism." Texts by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T. Altay, N. Al-Ali, K. Galor and G. Yurdakul "Introduction" • T. Altay. "Political homophobia and the making of a rainbow criminal in Turkey" • M. Grabowska, and M. Rawłuszko, "Everyday feminism and the authoritarian right in Poland" https://www.boell.de/en/queer-feminist-perspectives-political-homophobia-and-anti-feminism?dimension1=division_igp
24.05.23 10-11:30 NGO practitioner	To be announced	
02.06.23	Second reaction paper due (electronically, to Prof. Grabowska)	