

GSSR Summer School 2023

September 10 – 15, 2023
Location: [Wierzba](#), Poland

Call for Applications, PhD Students at Higher Education Institutes outside of Poland

From September 10 to 15, 2023, the Graduate School for Social Research, GSSR (gssr.edu.pl), of the Polish Academy of Sciences' Institutes of Philosophy and Sociology (IFiS), Political Studies (IPS) and Psychology (IP), organizes this international event on *Dissertation management* as its practical theme, and *Accountability* as its substantive theme.

We invite humanities and social science PhD students studying at Higher Education Institutions (HEI) outside of Poland, to apply for funding to participate in the GSSR Summer School 2023.

Basics at a glance

Target audience:	PhD students in Humanities and the Social Sciences
Dates:	Sunday, September 10 – Friday, 15, 2023
Location:	Wierzba, Poland
Transportation:	Roundtrip Warsaw-Wierzba-Warsaw organized by GSSR (departure Sept. 10 morning; return, Sept. 15 early afternoon)
Mode of participation:	In person (i.e. offline)
Language of instruction:	English
Scholarships:	Up to 9 scholarships covering travel, accommodation and meal expenses for PhD students from foreign HEIs
Academic fees:	No Fees
Application deadline:	Friday, June 30, 2023
Notification of acceptance:	By July 14, 2023
Contact:	John Fells, john.fells@gssr.edu.pl

About the Summer School 2023

The GSSR Summer School 2023 is designed for PhD students in Humanities and the Social Sciences to exchange knowledge, enhance their academic skills, and gain experience while forming social bonds with faculty and fellow students to benefit their academic and professional careers and personal lives. With

the aim to provide best practices for, and address issues regarding, doctoral research, the practical theme of the GSSR Summer School 2023 is **Dissertation Management**.

Dissertation management can be defined as the planning, organization, and completion of the various tasks required to finish a doctoral dissertation. From idea to submission, dissertations are long and complex documents that require academic, organizational, and soft skills. Time and task management, goal setting, research, critical thinking, writing, problem-solving, interpersonal communication, and dealing with stress and change are all required. Summer School 2023 will discuss all of these issues to help equip students on their academic journey.

Since 1992, GSSR's specialty is to encourage, facilitate, and create interdisciplinary research. In keeping with this tradition, the Summer School 2023 features substantive lectures from faculty of our constituent institutes and prominent scholars from abroad on a timely theme – **Accountability**. Accountability can be defined as being responsible for one's actions, decisions, or performance, and being answerable to others for the outcomes or consequences of those actions. In personal, professional, or organizational contexts, accountability requires acknowledging and accepting responsibility for tasks and outcomes, and being transparent and willing to provide an explanation or justification for the results. Speakers will engage with this theme from the point of view of philosophy, political science, psychology, and sociology.

Structure of the GSSR Summer School 2023

To enhance students' academic skills, international experience and social networks, the Summer School 2023 combines (1) the workshop method with (2) lectures and round-tables, (3) student presentations and (4) social events. The prevailing means of training is the workshop method – together with faculty, PhD students will work in small groups to address problems of dissertation management (all participants, irrespective of year of study) and dissertation research (year 1-3 students).

The Summer School contains the following elements:

- Small Group Discussions: Small groups are ideal for intense discussions and personalized attention about specific dimensions of dissertation management.
- Roundtable discussions on dissertation management, and faculty lectures: This dual approach accounts for the fact that some topics are better conveyed through discussions, while others, via lecture.
- Faculty lectures on the theme of Accountability: Participants will learn about Accountability from philosophy, political science, psychology, and sociology.
- PhD Student Presentations: Selected PhD students will present on their research in a conference-style format.
- Workshop session on Writing Policy Briefs
- Student governance presentation: GSSR student government discusses problems and issues of student governance for students to attend.
- Social Events: Provide the opportunity to form social bonds with faculty and fellow students.

Eligibility requirements

We invite PhD students who conduct humanities, philosophy especially, and social science dissertation research at HEIs outside of Poland, to apply for participation in the GSSR Summer School 2023. It is expected that participants have a sufficient command of the English language to actively participate in the discussions and to present their own work to fellow students and faculty. Applications from students in the first three years of the doctoral program are especially encouraged.

Accepted students moving to their 3rd or higher year of studies will deliver a presentation of research from their dissertation, in a conference-style format (i.e. presentation, followed by Questions and Answers).

Application process

Organizers can provide up to nine Scholarships to cover transportation costs to and from Poland to your country of residence. The scholarships cover travel expenses up to 1300 Polish Zloty, PLN (ca 300 Euro) for travel within Europe, and up to 4500 PLN (ca 1000 Euro) for travel from outside Europe, accommodation and meals for the duration of the GSSR Summer School 2023. Participation is free of charge for any accepted student.

We encourage applications from PhD students irrespective of your prior experience with Grant Writing.

To apply, you need to submit the following materials electronically:

1. Academic CV
2. Statement of Purpose (300-350 words) that describes:
 - a. Your experience as an academic professional, with a focus on publishing as a PhD student and applying for grants.
 - b. How the GSSR Summer School 2023 fits your research interests.
3. An extended abstract of your dissertation research, **together with** major and minor questions you would like to discuss with the Small Group. Please pay attention to the word count.
 - 3.1. The extended abstract of your dissertation should briefly discuss each of the following elements (600-800 words):
 - (a) Research question(s)/Research objectives;
 - (b) The contribution of your dissertation to the field and discipline(s) (i.e. contribution to theory, conceptualization, methods, or national knowledge);
 - (c) Main theoretical framework(s) that inform your research (brief outline, not detailed description of given theory);
 - (d) If your research involves explanation, provide the research hypotheses and briefly indicate how they link to your theoretical framework(s);For dissertations that involve empirical analyses:
 - (e) What data and methods of analysis you use, or plan to use, to test the research hypotheses;
 - (f) What are likely limitations of your data and methods, given what you set out to investigate?
 - (g) If applicable, an overview of empirical results so far.If your dissertation consists of a series of articles, please provided the extended abstract for the article you are currently working on. This article can be in R&R/under review/in progress.
 - 3.2. Major and minor questions related to your dissertation research that you would like to discuss with the Small Group can be presented in bullet points, or as narrative (150-200 words).
4. The completed Application form: <https://forms.gle/Ut9QuCo8XG1tKeav6>
5. Copy of valid ID (e.g. Passport, National ID Card): a scan or high-resolution picture (JPEG, PNG, or PDF).

All materials that form the application are due **Friday, June 30**. Please send them electronically to John Fells, john.fells@gssr.edu.pl.

Selection Committee composed of GSSR faculty and administration will review the applications. Applicants will be notified of the decision via email by July 14, 2023.

Selected participants will be asked to provide the invoice for international travel and fill in additional information at the site of the Summer School, to receive the reimbursement for travel expenses and accommodation. Reimbursement of the travel costs will be completed within 30 days from September 15, 2023, which marks the end of the Summer School.

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