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# Summer Schools 2018

The University of Groningen (1614) is hosting research-driven summer schools. We provide top-quality education to students from every continent and from every walk of life, to help prepare for their (international) careers. Last year some 1500 participants from 100 different nationalities worked intensively together with inspired researchers on important topics. We invite all students and staff to look beyond the obvious, to be involved, purposeful and creative, and to engage in scientific and social debates on both local and global issues. Join us in 2018 and bring in your knowledge and ambitions, and share your experience and questions.

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### Africa, China and Europe Intensive Programme in Development Studies

Hosted by a local development NGO for tree planting and girls education, this summer school offers a unique development experience.



### Collaboration for Innovation

The aim of the Groningen Collaboration for Innovation summer school is to bring together PhD students and build a broad and inclusive community studying collaborative innovation.



### Corporate Governance and the Effectiveness of Boards

This summer school discusses how boards of large companies are formed and how they work to perform their roles. Our approach is multi-disciplinary involving economics, management and sociology and psychology.



### Financial Inclusion and Sustainable Growth

This summer school will discuss the major developments regarding research on financial inclusion. It will shed light on how financial inclusion can induce sustainable growth, with explicit attention to African countries.



### Exploring Entrepreneurship

During this research-oriented summer school we will study contemporary entrepreneurship research. This year the focus is on technology entrepreneurship.



### Land Acquisition, Resettlement and Social Sustainability

This summer school develops skills in understanding and managing the social risks associated with the resettlement of people for the land acquisition needs of public and private projects.



*“I would absolutely recommend a summer school in Groningen! The interactive teaching style encourages knowledge sharing between faculty and participants. I enjoyed being taught by highly rated academics, many of who shared helpful insights.”*

Kwanele, South Africa



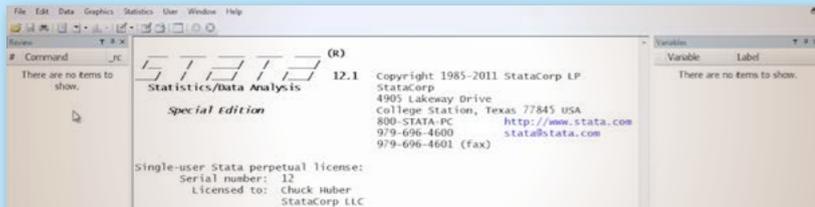
### Society, Environment, Transportation and Space

This summer school explains and analyses how The Netherlands successfully focuses on sustainable mobility initiatives (like bicycles), innovative water management policies and trend-setting urban planning policies.



### Beyond Horizons

The function and meaning of cultural transfer as an important tool to build sustainable societies will be examined. We will pay special attention to the literature and culture of minorities and migrants.



### Research Methodology & STATA

The summer school on research methodology is designed for researchers in social science and management. Participants will gain the skills to define and develop a finite and 'doable' research question.



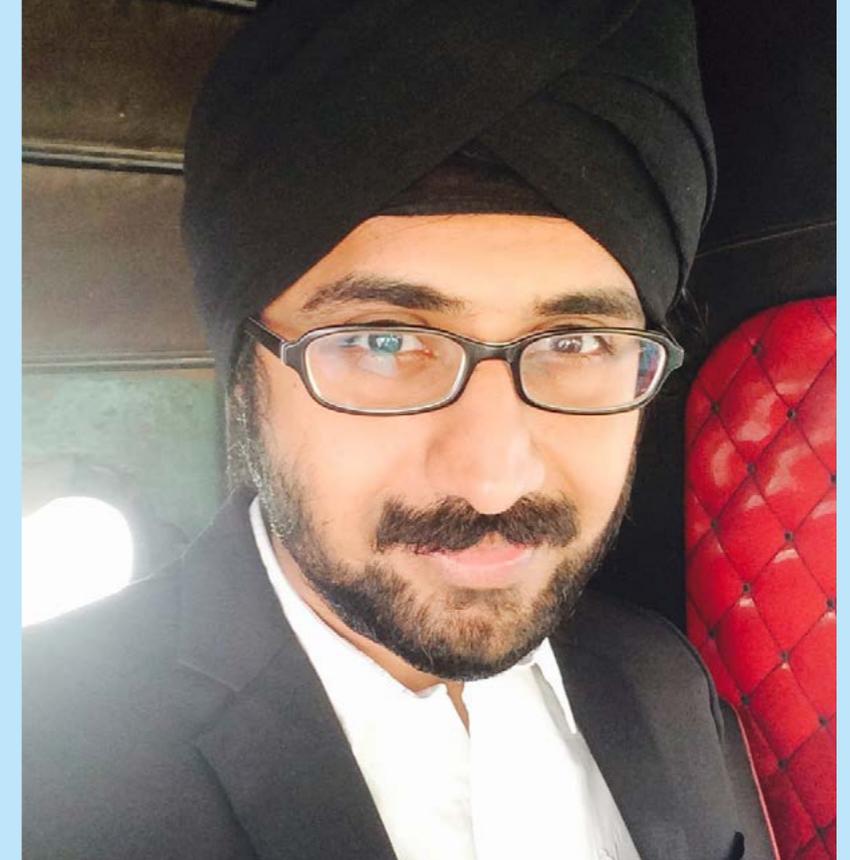
### Humor and Satire in Contemporary Europe

This summer school discusses the role of humor in contemporary European societies. Is satire only a tool for stereotyping, or can it lead us to a fuller understanding of complex realities?



### Intercultural Competence

Curious about other cultures? During this summer school participants gain a deeper insight into their own culture and get the knowledge and skills needed to communicate effectively across cultures.



*“The summer school was a complete treat. In a span of just one week I learnt a lot. The speakers were interesting and had a lot to share and teach. What added to the experience was the varied backgrounds of the participants.”*

Tanmeet, India



### Knowledge of the Curator

Intended for young art historians aiming for a career in academia, museums and cultural institutions, as well as junior professionals in those fields, this course is devoted to the knowledge, expertise, and skills required to meet the challenge of curating art and science.



### Religion in Cities

Debates over religious diversity in cities, such as the burkini controversy, attract increasing attention. This summer school will provide students with the means to reflect upon and research religious issues in cities.



### Things That Matter 4

“Things That Matter” addresses the tension between the materiality of sources and their digitization. We study the history and practice of collections and collecting, digitization and its challenges.



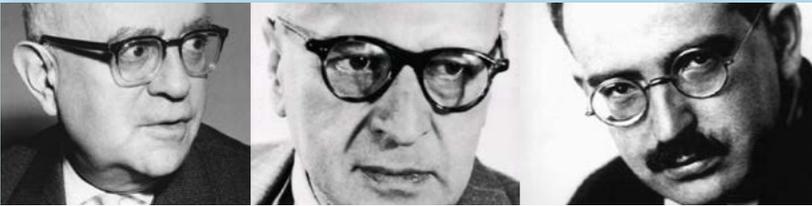
### Urban Strategies for Health Promotion

Improving public health by interventions in urban space, society and architecture is nothing new. This summer school introduces its participants to the urban strategies for health promotion, past and present.



*“Groningen is a perfect student city! It has a lot of interesting places and the people are very nice. It is an excellent location for a summer school because there are so many things to do.”*

Iana, Germany



**Critical Theory in Philosophy**

Critical theory aims to develop a philosophical understanding of social conflicts. This summer school examines its conceptual angles and their relevance for an analysis of the present.



**The Challenge of Natural Teleology**

Are there final causes in nature? This question challenged philosophers and scientists from Antiquity to the contemporary world. This summer school explores the different episodes of this exciting debate.



**What About the Family?**

During this interdisciplinary summer school we will explore various theoretical and practical approaches that can be used to address ethical issues in health care, with a special emphasis on genetics.



**Health and Human Rights**

Most deaths that occur globally are the result of 'non-communicable' diseases such as cancers and diabetes. Participants will enhance their understanding of how human rights and (international) law can be used to counter this emerging global health crisis.



**Illicit Trade**

The Illicit Trade Summer School brings together an outstanding group of experts, practitioners, and fellow participants for a unique, intensive week of practice-oriented study, debate, and field trips about illicit finance and trade.



**International Law for Sustainable Societies**

Guided by experts, this summer school will help you explore international law and the Sustainable Development Goals' aims to stop global warming, end poverty and prevent human rights violations.



**Migration and Society**

The summer school addresses trends and dynamics of migration and their interaction with society after migrant settlement, from both scientific and policy perspectives. The summer school programme is highly interactive and includes speakers from academia, government and NGOs.



**Youth, Education and Work in (Post-)Conflict Areas**

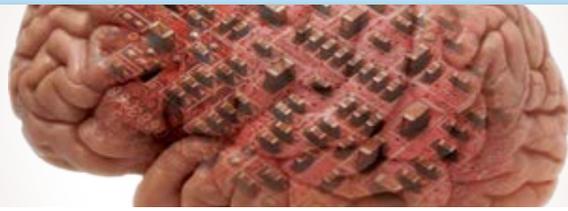
Participants will experience the reconstruction activities in (post-) conflict northern Uganda and conduct fieldwork, guided by academics from the region and other (post-) conflict areas.



**Youth Participation in Research, Policy and Practice**

This summer school addresses trends and conclusions after two decades of children's and young people's participation, and will explore the question: How can youth's voices be better listened to?





### Cognitive Modeling

The course covers four different modeling paradigms: ACT-R, Nengo, PRIMs, and Accumulator models and offers a unique opportunity to learn the relative strengths and weaknesses of these approaches.



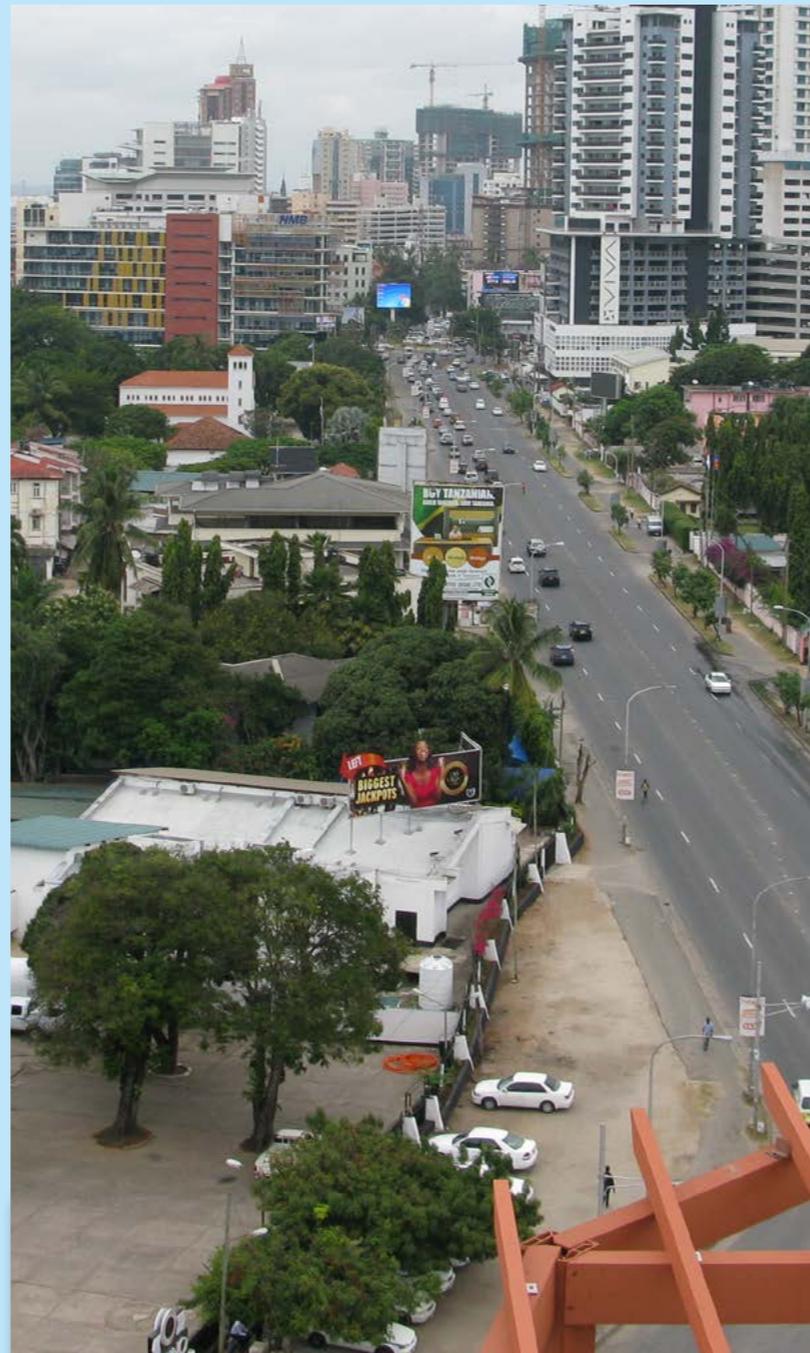
### Local Energy Innovation for Global Change

The Groningen Energy Summer School takes an interdisciplinary approach to the societal and technological dimensions of the energy transition. This 7th edition of the summer school addresses 'Local Energy Innovations for Global Change'.



### Creating a Climate for Change

Creating a Climate for Change is an interdisciplinary learning experience aimed at inspiring and activating students and professionals working or studying in fields related to integrated sustainability.



### The Curse of Natural Gas Resources

During this summer school we will explore the theme of energy transition with a focus on the local perspective, specifically Tanzania.



*“What I liked most about the summer schools was the quality of lectures, the hot topics and hands-on exercises. Groningen is a beautiful and cool student city to stay and learn.”*

Emanuel, Kenya



### Multiple Approaches to the Perception of Speech

The focus of this summer school is the multidisciplinary approach needed to understand speech perception, in its process from sensory to cognitive, and in its function in well-being.



### Biobanking

The fifth edition of this highly successful summer school explores the fundamentals of biobanking and cohort research.



### Diabetic Microvascular Complications

We will discuss the development of experimental and clinical microvascular and macrovascular complications in diabetes mellitus.



### Pediatrics

The Pediatrics summer school is a 10-day-long extensive and knowledge-stimulating educational programme next to a variety of engaging and entertaining social activities.



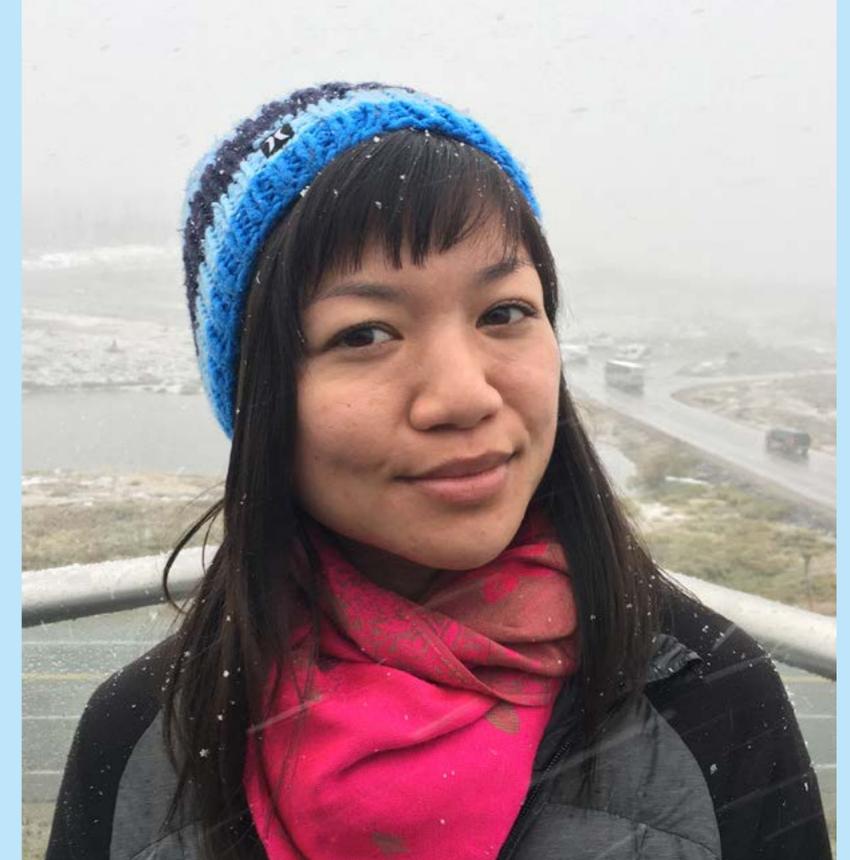
### Transplantation Medicine

This summer school aims to introduce (bio)medical students into the various aspects of solid organ transplantation with focus on the limitations/ complications we are facing today.



### Healthy Ageing

This unique multidisciplinary summer school on Healthy Ageing provides insight into a topic that is only becoming increasingly relevant as the population lives longer with improvements in technology and health care.



*“The programme was diverse both in terms of topics and people, which constantly presented me with new knowledge from many different angles.”*

Hai-Vu, USA



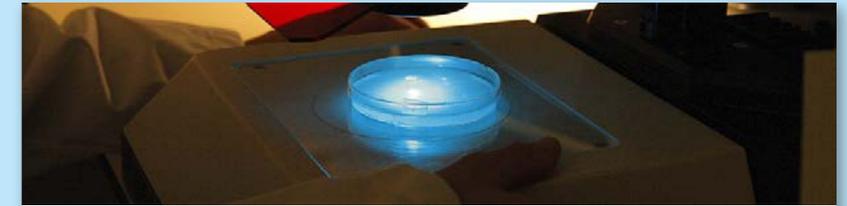
### Global Health

This summer school is exciting, stimulating, and thought-provoking. We focus on educating students and giving them a broader perspective on world health as a whole, and the factors that influence it.



### Cardiovascular Regenerative Medicine

Highly interactive summer school on regenerative medicine in the field of cardiovascular disease. This summer school combines lectures and workshops from experts in the field with an excellent social programme.



### Innovation in Medicine

This summer school on industry perspectives will discuss private sector priorities and the societal impact of their research, in order to help students become fully equipped translational researchers.



### Oncology

This summer school is a unique mixture of clinical and research related topics about oncology.



### Bone, Joint & Tendon Care

Europe's first summer school on movement provides students with an interest in orthopaedics, traumatology, sports medicine, rehabilitation medicine, and physiotherapy, including lectures and workshops around the topic of healthy ageing.



### Ageing Brain

The 'International Summer School Ageing Brain' combines an interesting educational program including research and the clinical side of neurology, with an exciting social programme.



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