

INTERNATIONAL PHD PROGRAM SEMINAR:  
FALL 2013: *PRE-DEFENSES*  
(update: 5.09.2013)

**The general aim of the Fall 2013 Program Seminar:**

The general aim of the Fall 2013 Program Seminar is to allow students to make significant progress toward the completion of their dissertations. In order to achieve that goal, each student will defend one substantial chapter of his or her dissertation in a seminar setting which will closely resemble a regular PhD defense in Poland.

The students will defend one of the chapters already completed (equivalent of 40-60 double-spaced pages) with the particular insistence on:

- the novelty of their research
- methodological soundness
- the ability to clearly and convincingly communicate the results of their research to the Defense Committee and the public
- the ability to respond to remarks during the defense public debate
- the ability to ask important questions during the discussion and to provide the PhD candidate a high quality peer-review.

**Methods and Procedures:**

The students and Professors of our Program will split into two sections of the Seminar which will meet during two consecutive meetings of 1 hour and 25 minutes (with a 10 minutes break between them).

Each sectional meeting will be structured as a small “pre-defense”:

- At least 2 weeks prior of his or her “pre-defense”, the PhD candidate responsible for the meeting will circulate the original chapter of his or her dissertation, as well as a 6-8 double-spaced pages long *autoreferat* in English (as a matter of courtesy, the PhD candidates are encouraged to communicate asap their chapters to the professors and students reviewing their work).
- The “defense” will be moderated by Prof. Axer or another professor of his choosing, with the help of a student co-moderator.
- The meeting will start with the presentation of the reviews by the two professors reviewing the chapter (10 minutes + 10 minutes). Those reviews (3-4 pages long *recenzje*) will be communicated to the PhD candidate only after the “pre-defense.” It is highly advisable that both of the professors writing the reviews come from the future Dissertation Committee of the candidate and that at least one of them come from outside of the Program (the PhD Advisor should not be the reviewer of his or her advisee).
- The remaining part of “defense” will be devoted to the discussion in the following order: a/ questions from the floor; b/ answers by the PhD candidate to the professors’ reviews and to the questions from the floor; c/ follow up discussion building on the candidate’s answers.
- Following the “defense” one student will write a peer-review based on their reading of the chapter and their assessment of the PhD candidate’s answers to the questions he or she has received during the pre-defense. All other students of the section are expected to read the *autoreferat* before the meeting, but they are not required to have read the whole chapter.
- All the remaining professors of the given section will provide the PhD candidate a one-page long assessment of his or her chapter, *autoreferat* and answers during the discussion.
- The PhD candidate will be strongly encouraged to invite people from outside of the Program to his or her “pre-defense”

All members of the Program are expected to attend each Seminar meeting of the section they have chosen at the beginning of the semester (all are welcome to attend both sections whenever they wish to). If you are unable to attend in person for a compelling reason, please inform the Program Moderator and the technical staff about your attendance through videoconferencing at least 1 week before the date of the Seminar meeting (see pt. 4.1. of the *Guidelines*).

**Members of Section A (2:00-3:25 PM, Warsaw time)**

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| Students:             | Professors:      |
| Aleksander Sroczyński | Jolanta Sujecka  |
| Olimpia Dragouni      | Piotr Wilczek    |
| Mate Agnes            | Joanna Partyka   |
| Karolina Mroziewicz   | Ewa Lukaszuk     |
| Bogdan Trifunović     | Maria Kalinowska |
| Ewa Janion            | Jerzy Axer       |
|                       | Jan Miernowski   |

**Members of Section B (3:35-5:00 PM Warsaw time)**

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| Students:            | Professors:       |
| Ines Ackermann :)    | Janusz Rieger     |
| Oksana Zakhutska     | Jan Kieniewicz    |
| Paweł Miech          | Maciej Abramowicz |
| Natalia Obukowicz    | Szymon Wróbel     |
| Kasia Chruszczewska  | Jerzy Axer        |
| Krzysztof Skonieczny | Jan Miernowski    |
| Kamil Wielecki       |                   |

**Calendar:**

| Date                          | PhD Candidate    | Student co-moderator | Reviewers (Profs) /<br>Peer-reviewer (student)  |
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| <b>October 3</b><br>section A | Olimpia Dragouni | Bogdan Trifunović    | <u>Reviewers (for Olimpia):</u><br>Prof. dr Dragi G`orgiev<br>Prof. dr Alexandra Ioannidou<br><br><u>Peer reviewer:</u><br>Bogdan Trifunović<br>(Olimpia's chapter) |
| <b>October 3</b>              | Paweł Miech      | Ewa Janion           | <u>Reviewers (for Pawel):</u>   |

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| section B                       |                               |                       | Prof. Paweł Dybel<br>Prof. Mirosław Loba<br><br><u>Peer reviewer:</u><br>Kasia Chruszczewska<br>(Paweł's chapter)   |
| <b>October 17</b><br>section A  | Aleksander Sroczyński         | Olimpia Dragouni      | <u>Reviewers (for Aleksander):</u><br>Prof. Katarzyna Marciniak<br>Prof. Andrzej Borowski<br><br><u>Peer reviewer:</u><br>Karolina Mroziewicz<br>(Aleksander's paper) |
| <b>October 17</b><br>section B  | (Ines Ackermann)              | Kamil Wielecki        | <u>Reviewers (for Ines):</u><br>Prof. Anna Zielińska<br>Prof. Halina Kraś<br><br><u>Peer reviewer:</u><br>Kamil Wielecki<br>(Ines' chapter)                           |
| <b>November 7</b><br>section A  | Karolina Mroziewicz           | Aleksander Sroczyński | <u>Reviewers (for Karolina):</u><br>Prof. Maria Poprzęcka<br>Prof. Gábor Klaniczay<br><br><u>Peer reviewer:</u><br>Mate Agnes<br>(Karolina's chapter)                 |
| <b>November 7</b><br>section B  | Oksana Zakhutska              | Natalia Obukowicz     | <u>Reviewers (for Oksana):</u><br>Prof. Halina Karaś<br>Prof. Zofia Sawaniewska-<br>Mochowa<br><br><u>Peer reviewer:</u><br>Postdoc<br>(Oksana's chapter)             |
| <b>November 21</b><br>section A | Mate Agnes                    | Postdoc               | <u>Reviewers (for Agnes):</u><br>Prof. László Szörényi<br>Prof. Alinowa Nowicka-<br>Jeżowa<br><br><u>Peer reviewer:</u><br>Ewa Janion<br>(for Agnes)                  |
| <b>November 21</b>              | Natalia Obukowicz (chapter in | Kasia Chruszczewska   | <u>Reviewers (for Natalia):</u>   |

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| section B                      | French)              |                      | Prof. Witold Pietrzak.<br>Prof. Denis Crouzet.<br><br><u>Peer reviewer:</u><br>Krzysztof Skonieczny<br>(for Natalia)  |
| <b>December 5</b><br>section A | Bogdan Trifunović    | Oksana Zakhutska     | <u>Reviewers (for Bogdan):</u><br>Prof. dr Dragi G`orgiev<br>Prof. dr Christian Voss<br><br><u>Peer reviewer:</u><br>Oksana Zakhutska<br>(Bogdan's chapter) |
| <b>December 5</b><br>section B | Kasia Chruszczewska  | Krzysztof Skonieczny | <u>Reviewers (for Kasia):</u><br>Prof. Agata Bielik Robson<br>Prof. Wacław Rapak<br><br><u>Peer reviewer:</u><br>Natalia Obukowicz<br>(Kasia's chapter)     |
| <b>January 9</b><br>section A  | Ewa Janion           | Karolina Mroziewicz  | <u>Reviewers (for Ewa):</u><br>Prof. Małgorzata Borowska<br>Prof. Ilias Wrazas<br><br><u>Peer reviewer:</u><br>Aleksander Sroczyński<br>(Ewa's chapter)     |
| <b>January 9</b><br>section B  | Krzysztof Skonieczny | Agnes Mate           | <u>Reviewers (for Krzysztof):</u><br>Prof. Monika Bakke<br>Prof. Paweł Dybel<br><br><u>Peer reviewer:</u><br>Paweł Miech (Krzysztof's<br>chapter)           |
| <b>January 16</b><br>section B | Kamil Wielecki       | Paweł Miech          | <u>Reviewers (for Kamil):</u><br>Prof. Michał Buchowski<br>Prof. Aleksiej Miller<br><br><u>Peer reviewers:</u><br>Olimpia Dragouni (Kamil's<br>chapter)     |

**Expected Outcome:**

1. "Defense" of a chosen chapter of the dissertation (including an *autoreferat*)

2. An active participation in all the seminar discussions, both during the seminar meeting and on the internet discussion forum.
3. Professorial reviews of chapters and assessments of the chapters and “defenses”
4. Students’ peer reviews of students’ chapters and “defenses”