



Thinking about a thesis, internship or research practice with Health & Society (HSO)? This is the info you need!

Getting started via our SPS Brightspace

HSO offers many exciting possibilities for students. Where to start looking for more information? Go to the Brightspace page **Space Place and Society: Thesis, Internship and Research Practice**. Here you find information on the chair group, research themes, supervisor profiles and vacancies. This *discoverable* Brightspace page is the first and main information point for all students. Enrol yourself via the Discover Tool and use the page to determine your interest!

More attention to planning

- Planning has become more important, so start in time. Start with the procedures 3-6 months before you actually start. See the checklists on the SPS Brightspace as a handy tool.
- Calculate the administrative time (2 weeks) for allocation of supervisors, signing contracts, or obtaining travel permissions.

Vacancies

HSO sends out an email every month with a vacancy list. In this list, you can find the latest thesis and internship vacancies for that month. If you see a vacancy that sparks your interest or for which you want to apply for, please contact the supervisor of the project / vacancy to discuss possibilities and logistics of the project. Do not forget to add Thesiscoordination.HSO@wur.nl in the cc!

The vacancy list, however, does not include *all* available vacancies. Please be aware that you can find more vacancies on our [Health & Society website!](#)

Contact

For effective communication, use the following email address:

Thesiscoordination.HSO@wur.nl

Please contact us when:

- You have difficulties deciding on a thesis or internship topic;
- You have found a topic and want to initiate following steps (*mandatory*);
- To check whether your internship meets WUR requirements (*mandatory*); or
- If you have any other questions.

Our (online) support system on Brightspace

Space Place and Society: thesis, internship & research practice

- Chair group information
- Research themes and possible supervisors in that theme
- Supervisor profiles
- Thesis vacancies
- Course guides, contracts and documents
- Checklists for thesis, internship and research practice
- Self-enrolment via discover tool on Brightspace

Thesis Skills

- Writing and research skills "Wikipedia"
- Exercises and modules to brush up your skills
- Enrolment via thesis coordination

Thesis Rings

- Self-organised ring groups
- Social-cohesion
- Enrolment via thesis coordination

Tips and tricks for a swift process

- **Read the course guides before starting the process and check out what you need to do to as a student.**
- We expect you to have a more or less developed idea before contacting us.
- Use the SPS Brightspace to decide which research theme, supervisor profile, or vacancy fits your interest best and go from there.
- Visit our thesis markets (organised twice a year and communicated via the SPS Brightspace), which is organized together with the chair groups Rural Sociology (RSO) and Sociology of Development and Change (SDC). You can talk to HSO teachers here.
- (Do not contact your foreseen supervisor yourself as we will not be able to directly register you in OSIRIS).

New cluster: Space Place and Society

Finally, you might have been wondering about the name Space, Place and Society. This is our new cluster of 3 chair groups that work together in research and education. These chair groups are Rural Sociology (RSO), Sociology of Development and Change (SDC) and Health and Society (HSO). So, Space Place and Society (or SPS) always indicates these three chair groups.