



# Course calendar 2024-2025

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This Course Calendar presents an overview of the WASS PhD courses in the Academic Year 2024-2025. The courses are designed to support PhD candidates in obtaining disciplinary and interdisciplinary knowledge and skills. Courses are not only open to PhD candidates (internal and external), but also to scientific staff and professionals. Course fees and courses schedules can be found on the WASS website.

## Registration

For WASS PhD courses, Interdisciplinary Windows, Summer/Winter schools and Masterclasses, registration can be done via the registration page of the WASS website: [www.wur.eu/wass](http://www.wur.eu/wass).

After your on-line registration you will receive a short notification that your name has been registered.

For Graduate Programme courses, WASS PhD candidates can enroll via Osiris, after registering as student (ask WASS for the registration form and details, yearly renewal required). Participation in Graduate Programme courses is free of charge for registered PhD candidates. At Wageningen University the academic year is divided into six periods. Before a period starts you must register for courses you plan to take. If you register for a course, you are automatically registered for the course examination.

## WASS chair groups

Agricultural Economics and Rural Policy	AEP
Business Economics	BEC
Business Management and Organisation	BMO
Consumption and Healthy Lifestyles	CHL
Cultural Geography	GEO
Development Economics	DEC
Education and Learning Sciences	ELS
Environmental Economics and Natural Resources	ENR
Environmental Policy	ENP
Forest and Nature Conservation Policy	FNP
Health and Society	HSO
Information Technology	INF
Knowledge Technology and Innovation	KTI
Land Use Planning	LUP
Law and Governance	LAW
Marketing and Consumer Behaviour	MCB
Operations Research and Logistics	ORL
Philosophy	PHI
Public Administration & Policy	PAP
Rural and Environmental History	RHI
Rural Sociology	RSO
Sociology of Development and Change	SDC
Strategic Communication	COM
Urban Economics	UEC
Water Resources Management	WRM

## Other chair groups involved in teaching

Biometris  
UU economics

MAT  
UU econ.

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## WASS course schedule 2024-2025

Period 1 (2 September - 25 October)		Period 2 (28 Oktober - 20 December)		Period 3 (6 January - 7 February)		Period 4 (10 February - 7 March)		Period 5 (10 March - 9 May)		Period 6 (12 May - 4 July)	
Advance Microeconomics   UEC-51806		Embodiment, Food & Environment   CPT-55104		Advanced Qualitative Research Design and Data Collection Methods   HSO-51306		Institutions and Societal Transformation   CPT-57802		Advance Macroeconomics   DEC-53806		Intersectional Feminist Approaches   GEO-58806	
Advanced Social Theory   RSO-58306		African Philosophy   CPT-39806		Assessing Economic Policies Using the Real Options Methodology				Model Thinking   INF-51806		Qualitative Data Analysis Methods   MAT-50806	
Analysing Discourse: Theories, Methods and Techniques   CPT-556306		Research Methodology: From Research question to research proposal									
Causal Inference in   Emperical Economics		WASS Introduction Course				Academic Publication and Presentation in the Social Sciences				Visual Research Methods   CPT-53302	
From topic to proposal: Getting started						WASS Introduction Course		Systematic Approaches to Reviewing Literature		Water Policy and Politics   PAP-54302	
WASS Introduction Course		The rural everyday of geopolitics				Transformative and participatory qualitative research approaches and methods		From topic to proposal: Getting started		Advanced course on Economic Regulation   AEP-53802	
Multi-Objective Decision Making						Conservative Research and Practice: Interdisciplinary Perspectives		Research Methodology: From research question to research proposal			
Human-Nature Relationships for Transformative Change								Economics of Farm Households		WASS Introduction Course	
								Critical Perspectives on Social Theory		Consumer Behavior: Theory and applications in health and sustainability of food choices	
								Political Ecology Spring School		Democracy in Agriculture and Food Provisioning: A Citizenship Lens	
										Risk Analysis summer school	

Holidays / Christmas break

## Course Description

Graduate Programme Courses (6 ECTS)			
These courses offer advanced knowledge on theory or methodology and are open to WASS PhD candidates and highly motivated MSc students from the WASS Graduate Programme.	and principles - data collection methods and techniques GEO-SDC-RSO-KTI-MAT	<b>Intersectional Feminist Approaches</b> GEO-58806 Develop critical gender studies framework, feminist / critical gender approaches GEO	MSc students (from the WASS Graduate programme), guided by senior exports, deepen their knowledge on a (theoretical or methodological) topic within one of the WASS themes.
<b>Advanced Macroeconomics</b> DEC-53806 Training in modern advanced macroeconomic theory - economic growth - business cycle fluctuations - design and estimate an empirical macroeconomic model DEC	<b>Advanced Social Theory</b> RSO-58306 Theoretical frame work - social scientific research - influential approaches - issues - social scientific theorizing RSO-RHI-ENP	<b>Systems Thinking</b> INF-51806 Model and analyse complex systems – plethora of complex problems – thinking in systems – different approaches for modelling complex systems – understand interaction models INF	<b>Advanced Course on Economic Regulation</b> AEP-53802 Bioeconomy - in-depth economic and legal origins of regulations - applications of liability law - major regulatory approaches - regulation on investment - international trade AEP-LAW
<b>Advanced Microeconomics</b> UEC-51806 Microeconomics - game theory - information economics - biofuels - location - insurance markets UEC-AEP-ENR	<b>African Philosophy</b> CPT-39806 African philosophers – intercultural dialogues – basic methodological skills – intercultural philosophy – key concepts as oral traditions, Sage philosophy, Ubuntu, interconnectedness KTI	<b>Qualitative Data Analysis Methods</b> MAT-50806 Atlas.ti - content analysis - metaphor analysis - domain analysis - membership categorization analysis - conversation analysis - semiotics - visual data - discourse analysis MAT	<b>From business theory to practical applications</b> BEC-55802 Fundamental theories - business decisions - empirical applications - business performance – collaboration - market conditions - innovation BEC-MCB-BMO
<b>Advanced Qualitative Research Design and Data Collection Methods</b> HSO-51306 Key qualitative methods - qualitative research concepts	<b>Analysing Discourse: Theories, Methods and Techniques</b> CPT-56306 Theoretical approaches - discourse analysis - empirical discourse analysis - methodological choices - critically reflecting COM-KTI-PAP-FNP	<b>Interdisciplinary Windows (IW; 2 ECTS)</b>  In these tutorials, small groups of PhD candidates and	<b>Institutions and Societal Transformation</b> CPT-57802 Roles of institutions - complex and persistent

societal challenges - institutional theories - position interest in debates  
KTI-DEC

**Visual Research Methods**  
CPT-53302  
Contemporary research - visual data collection - visual literacy - visual ethics - recording and analysing films  
COM-KTI

**Water policy and politics: theories and cases**  
PAP-54302  
Policy and governance theories - water issues - public policy - analyse and assess water policies  
PAP-WRM

### PhD Courses (max. 4 ECTS)

These intensive courses typically run over a relatively short period of time. Teaching methods rely on some degree of independence of the PhD candidate and on core knowledge and skills in the (disciplinary) field.

**Academic Publication and Presentation in the Social Sciences**  
Various stages of paper

writing - conference presentations - academic career - social sciences - humanities  
SDC-GEO-RSO

**Advanced Causal Inference**  
Causal relationships – design (quasi) experiments - appraise various experimental design choices & methods – power analysis  
AEP – UU economics

**Conservation Research and Practice: Interdisciplinary Perspectives**  
Various approaches to biodiversity conservation - conceptualize overarching landscape of global conservation policy and practice - connections between different disciplinary perspectives and methodologies  
SDC-FNP-DEC-GEO

**Consumer behaviour: Theory and applications in health and sustainability of food choices**  
Consumer behavioural research, applied to the food domain (healthfulness and sustainability of food decisions)  
MCB

**Critical Perspectives on Social Theory**  
Critical social theory - foundational movements - Marx - Psychoanalysis - Colonialisms - Feminisms - Posthumanism  
SDC-GEO-CHL-RSO

**Democracy in Agriculture and Food Provisioning: A Citizenship Lens**  
Approaches and debates to citizenship – case studies – relevance to contemporary agricultural, environmental and food practices – critical thinking skills and analytical tools  
RSO

**Embodiment, Food & Environment**  
Connection between mind and body - embodiment approaches - analyse real-life experiences  
KTI-COM-PHI

**From topic to proposal: getting started**  
Research design (objectives, research questions, conceptual framework) - reflecting on argumentation - PhD-peers groups  
WASS

**Multi-Objective Decision Making**  
Multi-objective decision making toolbox – MODM methods applied in own research – MODM mathematical programming models – develop programs  
ORL

**Philosophy of Social Science**  
Traditional philosophy of science - hermeneutic tradition - Value neutrality - rational choice theory  
PHI

**Research methodology: from research question to research proposal**  
Methodological pitfalls - research design - types of data collection  
MAT

**Systematic Approaches to Reviewing Literature**  
Systematic reviews - evidence review methods - thematic content analysis  
MAT

**The rural everyday of geopolitics**  
Transformation under colonial rule – the Green Revolution – SAPs and development

paradigms – development aid – agricultural technology – geopolitics  
RSO

**WASS PhD Introduction**  
WASS organisation - PhD process - practicalities - social activities  
WASS

**Transformative and participatory qualitative research approaches and methods**  
Transformative - participatory - action - creative and arts-based research methods - action-oriented engagement - design - analysis and ethics  
GEO, RSO, ELS

### Summer & Winter Schools (min. 1.5 ECTS per week)

These are one or two-week intensive programmes with

daily meetings. The summer/ winter schools usually attract a lot of external participants, and therefore lend themselves perfectly for networking.

**Assessing Economics and Policies using real Options Methodology**  
- irreversibility effect – discrete and continuous time and state models - numerical simulation methods  
AEP

**Critical Tourism Studies**  
Unravel multiple relations surrounding tourism - plurality of tourism futures - tourism development trajectories  
GEO

**Ethics for Ethnographic Research**  
Ethnographic research –

ethical challenges – WUR ethics review process – informed consent procedures – apply to own project  
SDC-KTI

**Economics of Farm Households**  
Economic decisions farm households – business entity / social entity interactions – labor supply and demand – human capital – intergenerational relationships  
AEP

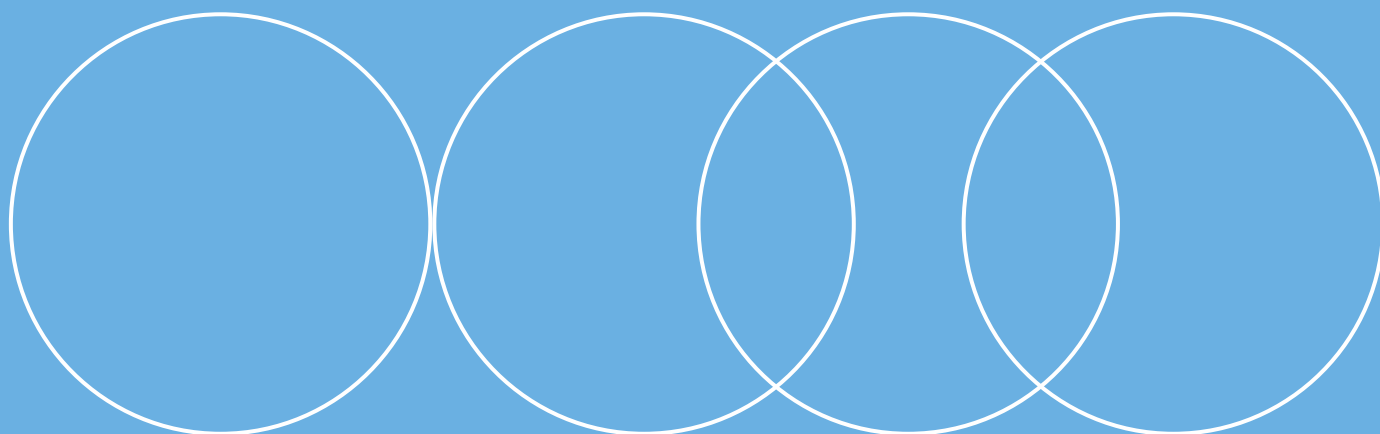
**Human-Nature Relationships for Transformative Change**  
Discuss theoretical and transdisciplinary approaches – relationships and interactions between humans and other parts of nature – interfaces of HNR and transformative change  
FNP

**Political Ecology Spring School**  
Power - political economy - post-truth era - political ecologies - social science research  
SDC-GEO-FNP-WRM

**Risk Analysis and Risk Management in Agriculture**  
Risk management - agriculture - modelling and applications - risk coping strategies - risk management decision making  
BEC

## Registration for GP courses 2024-2025

Period	Final registration date	Period	Final registration date
Period 1	4 August 2024	Period 4	12 January 2025
Period 2	29 September 2024	Period 5	9 February 2025
Period 3	24 November 2024	Period 6	6 April 2025



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