

Call for Presentations

NOSTER Spring Conference, 21-22 April 2022

NB: Deadline for submitting presentation proposals is 18 March 2022

The Spring Conference: the highlight of NOSTER's curriculum. Spend two days at conference venue [Abdij Mariënkroon](#) near Den Bosch in order to engage with the work of peers and to attend workshops and a plenary lecture. The perfect place to discover the 'academic conference' formula and to exchange knowledge and experiences. The conference does not have a fixed theme: all research master students and PhD candidates can present their current or future research. Apart from fresh ideas and constructive feedback, presenting your research earns you an extra 0.5 EC on top of the Spring Conference's regular 1 EC. Presentations will take place in three different settings: Brainstorm sessions, Feedback sessions, and Review sessions:

Brainstorm session, 45 min (20 min presentation, 25 min discussion)

For: those who could benefit from peer input whilst working on a particular question or problem. This can, for instance, include exploring a topic for your thesis or dissertation; or tackling a problem or dilemma in a more advanced stage of your research.
Aim: to help you explore your options.

Feedback session, 45 min (20 min presentation, 25 min discussion)

For: those who have a draft text (max. 20 pages) that they want to improve. This may be a research proposal, an excerpt of your thesis or dissertation, a journal article, a questionnaire or interview design, etc. Feedback can include style, argument, use of sources, etc.
Aim: to improve your work-in-progress.

Review session, 60 min (20 min presentation, 20 min review, 20 min discussion)

For: PhD candidates in the final stage of their project, who would like to receive a critical review from a senior scholar on a chapter or article in its (pre)final stage (max. 20 pages)
Aim: to put your work to the test and to help you prepare for your defense.

Want to present during the Spring Conference? Please follow these steps:

STEP 1 [Enrol in the Spring Conference in Moodle](#)

STEP 2 [fill in this form](#) by 18 March 2022 at the latest. It requires the title of your presentation, an abstract (max. 300 words in which you explain to your peers what you will present and discuss in your session). If you register for a Review session, please also provide the names of two senior researchers (from The Netherlands) that could respond to your presentation and text. These scholars should not already be involved in your project. NOSTER will invite one of them to participate in your session.

STEP 3 Have you registered for a Feedback session or Review session? Please send the text that you would like to discuss to noster@ru.nl by 1 April at the latest and use as subject 'Spring Conference Text.' We will make your text available in Moodle to participants only.



In short

	Brainstorm session (45 min.)	Feedback session (45 min.)	Review session (60 min.)
For			
<i>Research master students</i>	X	X	
<i>PhD Candidates</i>	X	X	X (final stage of PhD)
Goal			
<i>discuss a general idea or problem regarding your current or future MA or PhD research</i>	X		
<i>Receive feedback on a specific tekst</i>		X	X
Submit in form (DEADLINE 18 MARCH 2022)			
<i>Abstract (300 words)</i>	X	X	X
<i>suggestions for 2 senior researchers who can respond to your presentation and text</i>			X
Submit in Moodle (DEADLINE 1 APRIL 2022)			
<i>An article/chapter/research design (max. 20 pages)</i>		X	X

Please consult the [Spring Conference page in Moodle](#) regularly: we will update the information every now and then. In case you have any questions, please contact us at noster@ru.nl.