Doing Research with Discourse Analysis: A Discourse Perspective on Making Sense of Social Change (in collaboration with Lancaster University)
2 to 16 July 2016 (course starts Monday 4 July)

Course Content
Language not only reflects social change but also drives social change. This course provides a framework to make sense of these phenomena through discourse analysis. It offers advanced academic skills. Through examples of various research designs you learn how to incorporate discourse analysis into your own field of study. A team of tutors from the Communication and Information Studies track at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and from the world's leading centre for Critical Discourse Studies at Lancaster University and the University of East Anglia (UK) will provide a full and diverse programme.

Methods covered include: transdisciplinary research design; text analysis and content analysis; ethnography, conversation analysis; framing and subjectivity; historical discourse analysis; context and data selection. You are required to participate actively in the group discussions and assignments, contributing perspectives from your own discipline so that you learn to account for the choices you make in your research design and its discourse analytic component. VU Amsterdam and its Network Institute have a long tradition of fostering transdisciplinary research. The tutors on this course are closely associated with that
Amsterdam Research on Text and Talk in Institutional Settings (ARTTIS) specializes in effective communication; the Amsterdam Critical Discourse Community (ACDC), encourages academic dialogue across disciplines; courses in Discourse Analysis and Active Entrepreneurship in the university’s Economics and Business Studies programme. Moreover, your tutors include senior lecturers and professors from the famous department of Linguistics and English Studies at Lancaster University and the University of East Anglia (UK). Together we assure plenty of classroom interaction.

Who Should Join This Course?
Any discipline in which the student takes a social interest. Predominantly: Social sciences, policy and politics, social psychology, health care, history, law, business and organization studies, media and communication studies, education, geography, economics, animal welfare. See the website for the additional entry requirements.

Excursion
A 1-day excursion to The Hague to observe and participate in complex discourse processes concerning diversity in cultural values.

Course Information
Course level: Master/PhD
Lecturers: Dr. Bertie Kaal, Dr. Luuk Lagerwerf, Dr. Joyce Lamerichs, Fleur van der Houwen, Dr. Anna KaaL, Prof. Sebastiaan Dönszelmann, Dr. Tessa van CharlDorp, Prof. Dr. Alison Sealey, Prof. Dr. Andreas Musolff, Dr. Steve Oswald, Dr. Ida Sabelis, Dr. Matt Coler, PhD candidate Edda Bild
Contact hours: 58 (4 ECTS)
Tuition fee: €1.150

Included in the tuition fee are:
- Airport pick-up service
- Orientation programme
- Course excursions
- On-site support
- 24/7 emergency assistance
- Transcript of records after completion of the course

Discounts and Scholarships
Apply before 1 March and receive €100 early bird discount. Students from partner universities get €250 discount. The Amsterdam Summer School offers 10 scholarships of a full tuition fee waiver of one course.

Housing
Different housing options are available both on and off campus. Find out more online.

Amsterdam Summer School
The Amsterdam Summer School of Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam offers small-scale courses (max. 25 participants) in a wide range of fields. Our courses are designed to provide an intensive, in-dept look at your topic of study. Besides the built-in course excursions we offer an extensive social programme.

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