

Antwerp Summer University

2nd Summer School on Longitudinal and Life Course Research

For PhD students, (research) master students and post-doctoral fellows.

3rd - 7th September 2012

Antwerp, Belgium



Keynote Lecture

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*Studying Lives in Changing Times:
A Life-Course Journey*

The 2nd summer school on longitudinal and life course research.

The Summer School on longitudinal and life course research is supported by relevant learned societies and research units. It aims to bring closer the social and biological sides of this research area and to build the early career capacity of a European research network.

The Summer School is intended for PhD students, post-doctoral fellows and (research) master students who are interested in exploring the potential of longitudinal and life course research or who want to develop further their existing skills.

The course includes lectures and discussions led by experienced researchers. Examples are drawn from a wide range of longitudinal data sets and illustrated with social and biological life course outcomes. Computer lab sessions develop practical skills, with final day presentations and roundtable discussion giving constructive feedback.

Invited scholars for Summer School 2012 include: Arnstein Aassve; Francesco Billari; Mel Bartley; David Blane; Glen H. Elder; Cees Elzinga; Harvey Goldstein; Aat Liefbroer; Dimitri Mortelmans; Hill Kulu; Karel Neels; Matthias Richter.

Why attend the 2nd summer school on longitudinal and life course research?

A comprehensive learning package

In five days you will receive an intensive introduction to the theory and methods of longitudinal and life course research from the perspectives of demography, sociology and epidemiology, including practical classes in data analysis.

Unique Faculty

Classes will be taught by a faculty of European scientists, experienced in longitudinal and life course research, who are united by an interest in bridging the different traditions of demography, sociology and epidemiology and building the early career foundations of a European network in longitudinal and life course research.

Variety of teaching methods

The Summer School will offer a mix of lectures, seminars, supervised data analysis sessions, and roundtable discussion to provide a stimulating introduction to life course ideas and ways of analysing longitudinal data, using examples from different data sets and substantive outcomes (eg. family formation; health & disease).

High standards

The idea for the Summer School came from a European Workshop on longitudinal and life course research, held at the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research at the University of Bielefeld, which aimed to bridge the social and biological sciences. The Summer School is supported by relevant learned societies and research units from across Europe, including those producing two specialist international peer-reviewed journals. Last year, the first LLCR summer school proved to be a great success.

Fun, Fun, Fun ...

On top of five intensive learning days, an outstanding social & cultural programme will make this summer school a worthwhile experience! Discovering Antwerp's charm by boat, or in one of the many restaurants or cafes, a trip to the sea or a Belgian city in the weekend and much more!

Excellent environment

Antwerp is the largest city in Flanders and is situated in the northern part of Belgium. It is a historic town by the river Scheldt and a bustling trading, artistic and cultural centre with an international atmosphere. Antwerp is known for its diamond trade and as a city of painters such as Rubens, Van Dyck, Jordaens and Breughel and for contemporary artists like Panamarenko and Jan Fabre. Antwerp is also a leading fashion centre, and is home to a number of internationally acclaimed designers like Dries Van Noten and Dirk Bikkembergs. Since 1993 Antwerp celebrates *The Summer of Antwerp*, a cultural festival with a programme of events that spans music, art, theatre and film at various places in the city. This year Antwerp is also on Lonely Planet's prestigious list of the world's ten most interesting cities!

The summer school will take place at the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences located in the heart of Antwerp.

No doubt you will enjoy your stay!

Application Procedure

The Summer School is open to PhD students, research master students and post-doctoral fellows from demography, epidemiology and quantitative sociology who are interested in life course research. A basic requirement is an undergraduate degree in a social or biological discipline and master training which included quantitative data analysis.

Language

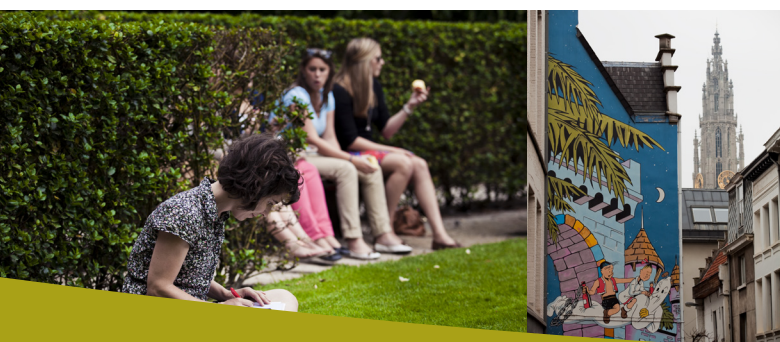
The course will be taught in English, so participants must have a good command of English.

Registration procedure

Applications can be submitted by completing the online registration form at www.ua.ac.be/cello/summerschool from mid November 2011 until March 1st 2012. Participants will be selected based on a motivation letter, one academic reference, a short CV and a short abstract of present or recent research. Applicants will be notified before end of March 2012 whether their application has been successful.

Fees & costs

The Summer School fee is €700 and includes accommodation, lunches, course materials and the social programme. Attendees will be responsible for their own transport to and from Antwerp University. For more details, consult the summer school website.





Programme

Monday 3rd September: theory

- 9:00 *Welcome & introduction*
Dimitri Mortelmans.
- 9:15 *Potential of life course research*
David Blane.
- 11:30 *Demographic tradition of life course research*
Francesco Billari / Arnstein Aassve.

Lunch

- 14:00 *Getting started: developing your first research proposal*
Matthias Richter.
- 15:00 *Students presenting their own research projects*
David Blane, Dimitri Mortelmans.

Tuesday 4th September: theory

- 9:00 *Sociological tradition of life course research*
Aat Liefbroer.
- 11:00 *Epidemiological tradition of life course research*
Mel Bartley.

Lunch

- 14:00 *Research infrastructure for life course research in epidemiological tradition, including an introduction to longitudinal research designs and data used in computer lab sessions*
Mel Bartley.
- 15:30 *Research infrastructure for life course research in demographic and sociological traditions, including an introduction to longitudinal research designs and data used in computer lab sessions*
Karel Neels.

Wednesday 5th September: methods

- 9:00 *Event history analysis*
Hill Kulu.

Lunch

- 13:00 *Computer lab session with worked examples and exercises*
Karel Neels.
- 20:00 *Studying Lives in Changing Times: A Life-Course Journey*
Glen H. Elder, Jr.

Thursday 6th September methods

- 9:00 *Multilevel models*
Harvey Goldstein.

Lunch

- 13:00 *Computer lab session with worked examples and exercises*
Dimitri Mortelmans.

Friday 7th September: methods + closing session

- 9:00 *Sequence analysis lecture*
Cees Elzinga
- 12:30 *Q & A Session*
David Blane, Mel Bartley, Karel Neels,
Dimitri Mortelmans
- 13:00 *Concluding remarks*
David Blane.

Visit our website for more information about the programme:

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