University of Groningen Summer Schools 2018

Critical Theory in Philosophy

23 – 27 July 2018
Groningen, the Netherlands
Critical theory, in the tradition of the Frankfurt School, aims to develop a philosophical understanding and evaluation of social conflicts in contemporary societies. It engages not only with classic philosophy, but also with the social sciences, psychoanalysis and aesthetics. From its start almost a century ago, it has supplied deep insights into the links between knowledge, culture and economy, as well as original reflections on philosophical method. In this summer school we will examine classic questions of critical theory – addressing for instance ideology, power and critique – and their relevance for understanding crisis in present-day societies.

The summer school will feature lectures by distinguished researchers in contemporary critical theory, discussing their ongoing research projects, and roundtable workshops on selected classic texts as well as discussions of student papers. You will get acquainted with the social-philosophical methodology of critical theory and its analytical approaches of politics and culture, specifically its studies of political and social crisis, ideology, mass culture, and aesthetics. Our discussions aim at inspiring new insights with social relevance. Critical theory’s interdisciplinary engagement with philosophy will allow you to develop fresh research angles.

The summer school aims at generating discussions among researchers at all career stages. Advanced bachelor students are especially encouraged to attend and actively participate in the summer school.

### Summer school description

**Academic coordinators**

Dr. Titus Stahl & Dr. Judith Vega

**Fees**

BA/MA students: €170
PhD students: €200

**Target audience**

Advanced bachelor students, (research) master students, PhD students

**Language of instruction**

English

**Application deadline**

15 April 2018

**More information**

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