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## Winter School International perspectives on education policy (IPEP)

### I edition

University of Verona, Department of Human Sciences

**November 27<sup>th</sup>-December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

This Winter School will consider theories and methods relevant across the field of educational policy research. It is designed for PhD students, postdoctoral fellows and researchers of policy in all areas of education, but is suitable also for advanced master students. The School will include an explicit focus on policy related to higher and adult education, but the specific content of activities will be developed in the light of the participants' profiles.

IPEP stems from a synergy between the University of Verona (Department of Human Sciences), Aalborg University (Department of Learning and Philosophy), the University of Nottingham (School of Education), and the Institute of Research on Population and Social Policies of the National Research Council of Italy (CNR-IRPPS), co-founders of the International Research Centre for Global and Comparative Policy Studies on the Education and Learning of Adults ([IRC-GloCoPoS](#)).

The first edition of IPEP aims to provided participants with:

- Knowledge of relevant theories about international policy-making in education
- Knowledge of policies by, and the role of, key international organizations
- Knowledge about relevant methods to study international policy and policy-making processes in education

It will be held at the University of Verona (Italy) from 27<sup>th</sup> November to 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017. Lectures and discussions on theories and methods will be supplemented with hands-on experience on education policy analysis. During the Winter School, all students will be involved in a small case study on higher education, facilitated by fieldwork (on campus), and joint data analysis.

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## IPEP Faculty

John Holford (University of Nottingham, UK)  
Marcella Milana (University of Verona, IT)  
Annette Rasmussen (Aalborg University, DK)  
Palle Rasmussen (Aalborg University, DK)

## Schedule

Time	Mon 27/11	Tue 28/11	Wed 29/11	Thu 30/11	Fri 1/12
9.00-11.00	Arrival	International organizations' policies	Field work 1	Data analysis	Current issues
11.00-13.00	Opening session				Current dilemmas
13.00-14.00	Lunch break				
14.00-16.00	Theories	Methods 1	Field work 2	Methods 2	Concluding session
16.00-18.00				Data analysis	Departure
<i>Extra curricular activities (Optional)</i>	<i>Social dinner</i>	<i>Free</i>	<i>Career Strategy Plans</i>	<i>Goodbye drink</i>	

## Application procedure

### *Who can apply*

Advanced master students, PhD students, postdoctoral fellows and researchers of policy in all areas of education.

### *How to apply*

Send a brief CV (1 pages), accompanied by a letter describing your current area of studies, research or professional activity, and your motivation in participating to IPEP (2 pages) to the following email address: [winterschool-ipep@ateneo.univr.it](mailto:winterschool-ipep@ateneo.univr.it) by **September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**.

IPEP Faculty will select candidates and confirm acceptance by **October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**.

Approved candidates should register (free of charge) by **October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**.

### *Expected costs*

Enrollment is free of charge.

Participants should cover their own travel and accommodation costs, as well as all lunches and dinners.

## Credits

In order to obtain a certificate of completion (corresponding to 6 ECTS), registered participants must both: 1) attend the full programme on site, and 2) submit a short essay by **December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. In addition, these participants will receive a written evaluation by the IPEP Faculty.

## Contact us

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# Detailed programme

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**Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

**9.00-11.00**

Students arrive on campus

**11.00-13.00**

**Opening session**

Marcella Milana (University of Verona)  
John Holford (University of Nottingham)  
Annette Rasmussen (Aalborg University)

Welcome and faculty presentation  
Outline of IPEP programme & activities  
Participants' presentation

**14.00-18.00**

**Theories**

*"Theory" in educational policy research: Panacea or Pandora's box?*  
John Holford (University of Nottingham)

Students' activity: individual or group work & tutoring

*Extracurricular activity: Social dinner*

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**Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

**9.00-13.00**

**International Organizations Policies**

*International organizations and education policy: Virtuous or vicious (policy) cycles?*  
Marcella Milana (University of Verona)

Students' activity: individual or group work & tutoring

**14.00-18.00**

**Methods 1**

*Ethnography in education policy studies*  
Annette Rasmussen (Aalborg University)

Students' activity: Developing and reflecting on your research design individually or through group work & tutoring

*Extracurricular activity: A brief history of the University of Verona (TBC)*

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**Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

**9.00-13.00**

**Fieldwork 1**

Students carry on fieldwork and data gathering through observations and (informal) interviews at Polo Santa Marta (Via Cantarane, 24, Verona)

**14.00-18.00**

**Fieldwork 2**

Students continue their fieldwork and data gathering at Polo Zanotto (Viale Università, 4, Verona), and Central University Library (Via S. Francesco, 20, Verona)

*Extra-curricular activity:* Faculty Staff will be available to discussion individual Career Strategy Plans with interested participants

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**Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

**9.00-13.00**

**Data Analysis 1**

Annette Rasmussen (Aalborg University)

Marcella Milana (University of Verona)

John Holford (University of Nottingham)

Students' activity: individual and group work & tutoring

**14.00-16.00**

**Methods 2**

*Document and discourse analysis in education policy studies*

Marcella Milana (University of Verona)

Students' activity: individual and group work & tutoring

**16.00-18.00**

**Data Analysis 2**

Marcella Milana (University of Verona)

John Holford (University of Nottingham)

Annette Rasmussen (Aalborg University)

Students' activity: individual and group work & tutoring

**19.00-20.00 (optional)**

*Extracurricular activity: Goodbye drink*

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**Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017**

**9.00-11.00**

**Current Issues**

*New technologies and skills as challenges for education policy*

Palle Rasmussen (Aalborg University)

Lecture will be followed by discussion in plenary or small groups

**11.00-13.00**

**Current issues and dilemmas**

*Urgent issues and dilemmas for education policy*

Palle Rasmussen (Aalborg University)

Presentation and discussion based on input from participants

**14.00-16.00**

**Concluding session**

Marcella Milana (University of Verona)

John Holford (University of Nottingham)

Annette Rasmussen (Aalborg University)

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