

Call for Papers

The Interdisciplinarity Doctoral Seminar III

Humanities at the Crossroads: The Ethics and Politics of Interdisciplinary Research

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Is interdisciplinarity an unavoidable dimension and feature of research nowadays? This points to the ethics of interdisciplinarity. In what way is this concept inspiring research programmes and fostering originality? Should we all necessarily be interdisciplinary, or rather could we still produce high-quality research remaining in traditional niches? Are there specific topics or studies within moral and political philosophy that require or call for interdisciplinary methodologies and approaches?

How is the ideal of interdisciplinarity changing the landscape in academia and helping shape humanities disciplines? This relates to the politics of interdisciplinarity. Is interdisciplinarity reshaping humanities to the point that it is not allowed not to be interdisciplinary? If interdisciplinarity is seen as a combination of methods and concepts from two or more disciplines, this might result in an opposition, rhetorically argued to justify new approaches and legitimise innovation and impact. Are differences among disciplines highlighted in order to make interdisciplinarity work?

The seminar *Humanities at the Crossroads* explores the new directions of interdisciplinary research in the humanities generally, and more specifically in moral and political philosophy.

It does so by inviting presentations on case studies in moral and political philosophy where interdisciplinarity plays a prominent role. But also by exploring generally the ethics and politics of interdisciplinarity in academia. This seminar examines questions like why and to what extent we should promote interdisciplinarity, the rhetorics of interdisciplinarity, and the topics or fields that particularly demand an interdisciplinary approach in moral and political philosophy.

The ethical and political dimensions are therefore understood broadly, as applied both to themes and case studies in ethics and politics, and also as an opportunity to reflect on purposes and methods.

Humanities at the Crossroads seeks to address these issues and reflect on the role that interdisciplinarity plays in academia nowadays, particularly in the fields of political philosophy, moral philosophy, applied ethics, political science, history, international relations, and adjacent disciplines. We invite proposals (up to 150-word abstracts) addressing topics such as civil rights, gender politics, civic education, democratic experiences and practices, intellectual and conceptual history, and political rhetoric.

More information on *The Interdisciplinarity Doctoral Seminar* series here:
<https://www.uma.es/civicconstellation/info/105396/interdisciplinarity-doctoral-seminar>

The seminar is aimed primarily at PhD students, but proposals by MA students will also be considered. Kindly submit proposals before **3 November to both Dr. Rosario López (rosariols@uma.es) and Dr. Marta Postigo (martapostigo@uma.es)**

Participants will be notified of acceptance by 15 November
Extended abstracts (up to 2000 words) to be submitted by 1 December

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