

Call for Erasmus+ doctoral course: Sexuality and Sexual Health in the 21st Century

Dates: May 6-10, 2024

Location: Interuniversity Centre (IUC), Dubrovnik, Croatia (<https://iuc.hr>)

(Virtual Course meetings address will be announced at a later date)

Application deadline: January 5, 2024

About the Course (<https://iuc.hr/programme/1831>)

Our course aims to assist doctoral students in the multidisciplinary field of sexuality research and sexual health in finalizing their dissertation work/research and preparing them for future research/academic careers. Course directors and affiliated scholars with different expertise in the field will work with participants in formal sessions, informal group discussions and individual consultations. The course welcomes clinical and nonclinical research, qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods approaches, and a wide range of topics in human sexuality—ranging from forensic sexology and psychophysiological laboratory assessments to large-scale surveys of sexual behaviors and ethnographic explorations of social constructions of sexuality. To young scholars in the field of research on human sexuality, the course will offer practical advice and assistance in a supportive and creative spirit.

Course directors/supervisors:

Aleksandar Štulhofer (University of Zagreb, Croatia); Joana Carvalho (University of Aveiro, Portugal), Peer Briken (University Medical Centre Hamburg-Eppendorf, Germany), Charlotta Holmström (Malmö University, Sweden), and Tanja Vučković Juroš (University of Zagreb, Croatia).

What do we offer?

1. Tailored feedback to your study plan and research design;
2. Enhanced knowledge, research skills, and more comprehensive understanding of the field;
3. Discussions about challenges of being a doctoral student and how to balance life and work in academia;
4. Opportunity to connect with other young researchers (we aim to initiate a European network of doctoral students in sexuality research)

Course accreditation: 4 ECTS

Who can apply?

Ph.D. students from European universities and post-doctoral researchers (up to 12 months after earning the degree) working on a sexuality-related topic.

How do you apply?

Please send (1) a brief one-page curriculum vitae, (2) a structured abstract (up to 550 words) of your research project (sections: Problem, Aims, Method and main outcome measures, Results, Implications), and (3) a one-page cover letter detailing strengths of your proposal (why is my proposal important; how does it contribute to the field; what makes it new; what is its clinical/social relevance..., etc.)

Applications should be e-mailed to A. Štulhofer (astulhof@ffzg.hr) no later than January 5, 2024.

What next?

Selected applicants will be notified no later than January 30, 2024; they will receive all necessary information and instructions for participation in the IUC doctoral course in a couple of online get-togethers (to be announced following the completion of the selection process).

Practical details:

The course starts on May 6 at 9:30 AM and ends on May 10 at 6 PM; please arrange your trip accordingly. The program consists of participants' presentations, discussions, informal (improve your academic skills) sessions and individual consultations. We will have a dinner together on May 6 and a field trip (to the island of Lopud) on May 9.

Funding opportunities:

Apart from your doctoral grant and your University research support schemes, for financial support, you should look into the EU-funded ERASMUS program at your school (**the Sexuality and Sexual Health in the 21st Century is an Erasmus + Blended Intensive Programme - BIP**).

For an ERASMUS Grant, please contact your International Office with the following references: international@ua.pt and joana.pereira.carvalho@ua.pt

(Professor Joana Carvalho, coordinator for the BIP Sexuality and Sexual Health in the 21st Century 2022-1-PT01-KA131-HED-000052781-1).

For some students (depending on nationality) funding is also available through the IUC (see <https://iuc.hr/scholarships>).