

## GI Advanced Seminar (GIAS)

Following the prestigious SAR Advanced Seminar model, Global Interactions is pleased to announce GI Advanced Seminars (GIAS). The deadline for Advanced Seminar applications is September 15 and March 15 of each year. Awards are announced in November and May, respectively.

Global Interactions Advanced Seminars (GIAS) seek to promote in-depth communication among scholars from at least two different disciplines, whose research converges on a shared topic concerning global interactions and whose interaction has the potential to provide new insights into critical global issues, assemblages or dynamics.

Competitive proposals will have both strong empirical and theoretical dimensions; that is, they should be anchored in specific cultural or historical research, situate the proposed topic within a global problematic or framework, and engage a broad scholarly literature. Applicants should make a convincing case for the intellectual significance of their projects and their potential contribution to a range of disciplines in the humanities and social sciences.

Each Advanced Seminar consists of 5 to 10 scholars including one or two who serve as chair(s). Depending on the size, the group will meet for three to five days of intense discussion. Seminar papers are circulated amongst participants at least one month prior to the seminar and are discussed during the sessions. These discussions should also include a consideration of recent or emergent innovations in theory and method, an appraisal of crosscutting issues, and a synthesis of ideas. The resulting papers will be submitted to an academic press\* or journal as a special issue for publication. Following the seminar, the chair is required to submit a 1,500-word summary of the seminar.

GI provides round-trip coach airfare, lodging, and all meals for up to ten participants. Travel costs within the EU will be reimbursed up to €300 per person and for international flights, up to €2000 per person. Total travel costs cannot exceed €7000.

\*We are planning a Global Interactions book series with the aim to publish GIAS publications.

## How to Apply

Any scholar wishing to organize an advanced seminar should email the following materials (in PDF format) to [lgi@leiden.edu](mailto:lgi@leiden.edu) by the posted deadlines. Please specify, "Advanced Seminar Application" in the subject line. Only fully completed applications that adhere to GI's guidelines and deadlines will be considered.

The application must include:

- **Cover sheet**, with the contact details of chair(s).
- **Abstract**, of no more than 200 words
- **Proposal**, not to exceed 3 single-spaced pages, addressing the criteria listed above
- **Short bibliography**, not to exceed one single-spaced page, of references cited in the proposal
- **Curriculum vitae**, not to exceed four single-spaced pages, for the seminar chair(s) only

The proposal should explain:

- The topic of the seminar and key questions to be addressed
- How the topic is of broad importance to furthering research on global interactions
- Why a multi-disciplinary approach is needed to address the topic
- Who the participants in the seminar might be, what each would contribute, and the likelihood that each would participate
- The expected results of the seminar

GI encourages seminar organizers to include scholars representing a mix of perspectives and to consider the ethnic and gender balance of the group. Inclusion of a discussant as one of the participants is encouraged.

### Selection Criteria

Seminars are awarded competitively based on evaluations by a panel of reviewers who represent a broad spectrum of intellectual expertise.

Applications are evaluated by the following criteria:

- **Significance of Seminar:** Proposals should make a strong case for the intellectual significance of the seminar. How is the research exciting, innovative, and important in the broad field of global studies?
- **Appropriateness for GI:** The proposed seminar should clearly align with GI's [Mission](#).
- **Quality of Research:** Research questions and goals should clearly align with the project's methodologies and stated outcomes. Expected results should be realistic and achievable and the project should be professionally responsible.
- **Timeliness of Seminar:** The proposal should make a strong case for why a seminar is necessary to address the topic and why the seminar is needed now.
- **Ability of Organizer(s):** The CVs of the organizer(s) should demonstrate proven experience in organizing academic events (e.g., chairing conference panel sessions, co-editing book volumes or special journal issues). Their publication records should be strong relative to their discipline and career stage.
- **Appropriateness of Participant List:** The participants' research expertise and professional experience should clearly align with the seminar's research topic and key questions to be addressed. Each participant's anticipated contribution to the seminar should be stated.