



Bergen Summer
Research School
> Global Development Challenges

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Invitation to organise a permanent PhD course at Bergen Summer Research School

We hereby invite you to propose a permanent course for Bergen Summer Research School (BSRS). Taking place at the University of Bergen in June every year, BSRS attracts about 80 PhD candidates and young researchers from all over the world. BSRS is an integrated part of the doctoral education at UiB and offers a series of parallel high quality doctoral courses targeting doctoral candidates and junior researchers.

A permanent course implies that it will become part of a future pool of PhD courses to be reused at different intervals over time.

BSRS is committed to produce and disseminate research-based education to address key global challenges through high quality disciplinary, interdisciplinary and problem oriented research-based education. BSRS is organized by [UiB Global](http://www.uib.no/global).

BSRS was established in 2008 as a joint venture with NHH—Norwegian School of Economics, Bergen University College, Chr. Michelsen Institute, Uni Research and the University of Bergen. The leadership of the partners are strongly committed to collaboration between the institutions.

An overview of previous summer schools, including former courses, is available online: <http://www.uib.no/en/rs/bsrs>

Reorganization of BSRS

In 2016, the BSRS Steering Committee initiated to reorganise the summer school. While “global challenges” continues to be the foundation for BSRS, courses will no longer be organised around a common annual theme highlighting a specific global challenge. Instead, BSRS will be home to a pool of courses addressing global challenges that will be reused in different intervals over time—presenting 5-6 courses each year. This model should make it

easier for course leaders, lecturers, organisers and prospective PhD candidates to better plan their participation.

In order to ensure that BSRS stays current and to grow the pool of excellent courses, we will each year call for *one* new course.

Under the new structure, there will be common sessions, such as keynotes and debates about global challenges related themes. In addition, focus is put on research, writing and presentation tools.

BSRS occupies 10 days in mid-June every year. The courses are concentrated around four days—28 hours in total—and are tied together with the common sessions and social activities like a reception and an excursion.

90 hours will be credited towards the course leader's (or course leaders') teaching obligations at their department(s). This includes 1) course planning and organization 2) teaching 3) responsibility for the course during the summer-research school in June, including feedback to and grading of eventual essays. These points, and the detailed responsibility of the course leader, are further specified in the attached document.

Each course receives a limited budget intended to support one external specialist to teach in the course, and perhaps to give a keynote address.

We hereby invite individual researchers and research groups/milieus to propose a course to become part of the pool of BSRS courses. We encourage both disciplinary and cross-disciplinary collaboration—both within and between courses. We also encourage the involvement of the broader research milieu at all the BSRS partner institutions.

Those who have already organised a course at BSRS, may update and revise previous courses, or propose a new course.

Please submit a ONE page abstract including a description of the aims, content and relevance of the course to gdc@uib.no, no later than **February 15, 2017**.

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