

## **Fish and Food Systems: synergies and contestations around fish value chains, food security, inequality and knowledge.**

A summer school in collaboration with the Fish4Food, DriedFishMatters, SmallFishFood, OCEANGO and IKAN-F3 research projects.

*Location: University of Amsterdam*

*Date: Monday 24 to Sunday 30 June 2019*

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### **Aim and scope**

The three day summer school ‘*Fish and Food Systems: synergies and contestations around value chains, food security, inequality and knowledge*’ will be held from 24<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. The course is integrated with the 10th biennial People and the Sea Conference of the MARE network in Amsterdam that will take place on 25-28 June 2019. The summer school gives motivated young scholars (research master students, PhDs and postdocs) the opportunity to deepen their knowledge on the broad theme of fish and food security in an context of intensifying resource conflict, climate change and competing claims, and to interact with an international team of scholars assembled to deliver the course. The summer school takes an interdisciplinary approach with lecturers from diverse disciplinary backgrounds, yet maintains a social science focus. The purpose of this summer school-cum-master class is to lay out and discuss the state of the art knowledge on the multiple relations between fish and food security and to explore empirical and theoretical debates and advances in the field.

The summer school liaises with four ongoing research-action projects in the field of fish and food security: **Fish4Food** (NWO-WOTRO, Netherlands), which focuses on improving value chains of low price marine fish in India and Ghana; **DriedFishMatters** (SSHRC, Canada), which seeks to enhance the role of dried fish in food and nutrition security in South and South-East Asia; **SmallFishFood** (LEAP-agri, EU), which focuses on improving the contribution of small fish to food and nutrition security in Africa and **IKAN F-3** (NWO-WOTRO, NL). All four projects are characterized by an action research approach that combines thorough academic research with identification of innovative interventions to make a difference on the ground.

### **Themes and format**

The course lasts one full week (including the MARE conference) and is composed of different formats and sessions. It combines elements of a summer school, in the sense of having readings, lectures and assignments, with Master class sessions in which experts in the field help participants to advance their own research projects. Formats include lectures, discussions, seminars, walk-by-the-beach sessions and more.

Themes include:

1. Reviewing shifting controversies of the contributions of fisheries and aquaculture to food security.
2. Political ecology of fish food systems: navigating between food security and food sovereignty.
3. The character of mainstream fisheries science and its implications for food security

4. The sociology of knowledge construction in relation to marine food-webs.
5. From theory to practice. The challenge of working with fishers and traders to improve fish-food systems
6. Emerging instruments for governing global seafood value chains, and their discontents.
7. Learning to see the gendered nature of marine food webs

**Target group and practicalities.**

The course is intended for advanced research master students, PhD candidates and postdocs in the social and environmental sciences with an active interest and track record doing work on fish-food security issues. Required is a late stage M.A. or equivalent in social sciences: anthropology, geography, political science, sociology or development studies. We also welcome students with natural science backgrounds with an interest in social sciences.

- Requirement for participation include thorough preparation by reading the course-material and write a 3-4 page annotated bibliography or 'reflection document' on the readings and how these relate to your own research.
- We can have a maximum of 20 participants, and need a minimum of 12.
- Participation entails a fee of 80 euro.
- Unfortunately there are no subsidies available for participants. Travel, accommodation, conference registration and other costs are therefore to be born by the participants (or their respective projects). Lunches and one dinner will be provided.
- A reading list and detailed programme will be circulated in May.

**Applications**

Applications can be sent before April 7th 2019 to [j.scholtens@uva.nl](mailto:j.scholtens@uva.nl), including a short motivation (max 250 words), explaining one's interest the fish-food security theme. Confirmation will be provided by April 21<sup>st</sup> 2019.