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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Second Workshop on Alternative Research Methodologies

**Metro Manila, Philippines
20-31 October 2008**

The second training workshop on alternative research methods will take place in Quezon City, Philippines, on 20-31 October 2008. The workshop aims to provide PhD students from the South an opportunity to strengthen the theoretical and methodological quality of their work under the guidance of experienced researchers also from the South. Two weeks of lectures and discussions, knowledge building, and tutorials on research proposals will enable participants to (re)design their research project, improve their proposal and research capabilities.

► Workshop Programme

The workshop will consist of two parts: the lecture and discussion portion, and the revision of research proposals. The lectures will focus on two methods: rereading the archives, and orality and oral techniques. Readings will be provided ahead of the workshop to maximize the time for discussion. Lecturers may divide the participants into groups for the purpose of leading the discussion or assign individual participants the task. In the second part of the workshop, experienced researchers will be assigned to comment on the participants' PhD proposals and advise them individually or by group regarding the revision of their work. The workshop will conclude with a presentation by the participants of their revised proposals, with a commentator assigned to each panel of participants. The workshop will be conducted in English; readings will also be in English.

► Selection of Participants

PhD students from the South in the field of Social Sciences or History, who are at the stage of formulating their proposals, and who are registered in universities in the South, may apply. Priority will be given to applicants who have not participated in any Sephis workshop or conference or who have not received a Sephis grant.

▶ Travel Grants

Successful applicants will receive a grant from Sephis to cover their airfare, accommodation, local transportation, readings, and a modest stipend. Local excursions will also be organized.

▶ Expectations of Participants

The workshop presents an excellent opportunity to benefit from the knowledge shared by experts in the field as well as to meet and learn from PhD students coming from other parts of the South. Participants are thus expected to use this opportunity as much as they can, to read the materials, take part in the discussions, and improve their research proposals.

▶ Application Procedure

Interested PhD students need to submit:

1. A curriculum vitae
2. A scanned letter certifying registration in a doctoral program at a university in the South and the stage of the program the student is at
3. A brief description (1-3 pages) of the student's research project, including an explanation of how the methods to be discussed in the workshop are necessary (relevant) to the research
4. A scanned recommendation of the thesis adviser
5. A statement from the applicant on prior participation in Sephis activities, if any, indicating the title of workshop, date and place, and/or the type, purpose and date of Sephis grant received

Applications must be written in English and submitted by email before 1 June 2008 to sephis@iisg.nl. A selection committee will review the applications and notices of acceptance will be sent out by mid-July.

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