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CONTRIBUTION

I aim to contribute to the ambition of creating a forum for the exchange of ideas and experiences between junior researchers in the field of politics and the social sciences. As a member of a small department, I experience the importance of a large network in which you can exchange ideas with a broader community on a daily basis. Therefore, I will endeavour to stimulate interaction between young scholars, resulting in more GSN events.

EXPERIENCE

Last June I organised a PhD Day, an event of workshops for all PhD candidates in the Netherlands (approximately 250 people). The workshops were centred on different aspects of communication of science and were given by different companies – ranging from large companies such as Shell and Elsevier Publishing – to professors talking for instance about defraying research via crowd funding. This year, I will be organising social events for PhD candidates at the Faculty of Social Science of the Vrije University Amsterdam (approximately 20 people). This experience prepares me for being an active participant in the ECPR Graduate Student Network.

OTHER INFORMATION

I am a second year PhD candidate for the 'High Risk Politics' project. I studied Political Science (BA) and finished my Research Master Social Science (equivalent to MPhil) – specialising in comparative politics and quantitative research methods – at the University of Amsterdam. I would like to get to know other graduate students, to interact scientifically with them, and make the research of PhD's as visible as possible.