Host University: Utrecht University

Field: Social sciences, journalism and information

Specified field, subject: Interdisciplinary Social Studies

Research project title: Yes, you can! Optimizing youth’s potential for societal participation

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Suitable for students in: ☐ Bachelor level ☒ Master level

Prerequisites:
- Excellent knowledge of English
- Demonstrable experience with scientific writing and reporting
- Firm knowledge of multivariate statistics

Description:
Despite notable improvements in income, housing, health care access, education, and community facilities, social inequalities among youth remain considerable. Crucially, cross-national research even shows a widening health gap due to increases in adolescents’ socio-economic inequality in the last fifteen years. Poverty among children and adolescents remains substantial, more families are fleeing their home country, and global developments seem to intensify feeling of insecurities and injustice, particularly among the least privileged groups. These inequalities threaten the wellbeing and health of youth. The growing social inequalities among youth are both a pressing problem and an emerging area of interdisciplinary research. This project aims to identify pathways to upward social mobility and societal participation. Which protective and risk factors affect social mobility? How can we instill hope in youth and facilitate social mobility? What do we know about health disparities in social strata? Internship candidates will help in reviewing the literature on social inequalities among youth, setting up and conducting research, analyzing research results, and writing up these results for reports.

Faculty and/or Department:
Interdisciplinary Social Studies: Youth studies
Contact person, including position:
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Deadline for nomination to reach host university:
ongoing

Notification of admission given by the end of:
Three weeks after application