

To: All Graduate Students

Cc: Directors of Graduate Studies, Graduate Program Administrator

From: Christy Wampole, Director, Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program in the Humanities

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Re: Reading Groups

The Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program in the Humanities (IHUM) invites proposals from the graduate student community for reading groups to convene in AY2024-2025.

One of the most important aspects of IHUM is the Program's sponsorship of reading groups for graduate students and faculty. Groups convene around an interdisciplinary interest (for a list of groups in AY2023-2024, see <https://ihum.princeton.edu/reading-groups/current>). The reading groups are open to all, although they should be initiated and organized by graduate students. The Program supplies each group with a web page and logistical assistance with meeting space and visitors and access to a pool of funds for inviting guests from off-campus. We also publicize the groups at the outset of the year; we can help maintain information on the website over the course of the year but do not provide additional publicity.

It is the responsibility of the organizer(s) to set readings and schedule meetings. Organizers have two additional responsibilities: 1) to maintain a public schedule of events by keeping the website current (the schedule also functions as an archive of the events at the end of the year); and 2) to keep a record of regular participants with their departmental affiliations, together with the attendance numbers at events. The sponsorship may be renewed at the end of the academic year, provided that the group can demonstrate a regular meeting schedule and steady participation.

To apply for sponsorship, please send a brief (one to two pages) proposal outlining the general topic of the reading group; any specific theme to be addressed next year; and a plan for the year. The proposal does not need to set specific dates, but it should indicate how often the group will meet and the way it will be run (e.g., a text read over a period of time; different texts each week; guest presentations; some combination of these, etc.). Please also include the titles of one or more sample texts and the name, contact information, department, and year of the organizer(s).

For organizers renewing sponsorship of an existing group, please also include 1) a list of regular participants with their departmental affiliations; and 2) a schedule of events with attendance numbers.

Priority will be given to proposals and applications for renewal received by **May 20, 2024**. Please note that if we receive more proposals than we can support, priority will be given to proposals that hold the most promise for interdisciplinary community (e.g., through a track record of participation from different departments; through leadership from different departments; and/or through the choice of topic and readings). Proposals will be accepted after this date on a rolling basis, contingent on available support.

Proposals should be sent to Barbara Leavey, Program Manager for IHUM ([bleavey@princeton.edu](mailto:bleavey@princeton.edu)). Please direct questions to Christy Wampole, Director of IHUM ([cwampole@princeton.edu](mailto:cwampole@princeton.edu)).

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