

# Systems Thinking and Practice in PhD Research: Cybersystemic Possibilities for Governing the Anthropocene?

30 July – 7 August 2015,

Hannover and Berlin

## Course programme

|   | Morning   | Afternoon   | Evening  |
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| <p>Wednesday<br/>29<sup>th</sup> July,<br/>2015<br/>Mercure<br/>Hotel,<br/>Hannover</p> |   | <p>Familiarise yourself with the program for the systemic inquiry.</p> <p>Read your pre-joining instructions once again</p>   | <p>2000: Those present to meet in the Mercure bar for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• networking</li> <li>• meeting course facilitators</li> <li>• reviewing roles and responsibilities in Hannover (Sri &amp; Ray)</li> </ul> |
| <p>Thursday<br/>30<sup>th</sup> July<br/>2015</p>                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0815 Depart Hotel for Herrenhausen Palace</li> <li>• Register</li> <li>• Join pre-allocated table groups</li> <li>• Join other PhD students for lunch</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure that by now you are fully aware of your roles and responsibilities in the Herrenhausen systemic inquiry.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group Dinner</li> <li>• Network</li> <li>• Hold evaluative conversations</li> </ul>   |
| <p>Friday 31<sup>st</sup><br/>July</p>  | <p>0815: Depart for Herrenhausen and checkout</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete your allocated responsibilities for your table-based inquiry.</li> <li>• 1700: Please meet as a group at end of Herrenhausen for up to 1 hour (Kevin &amp; Ray)</li> </ul>  | <p>Travel to Berlin after 1800; make own travel arrangements.</p>  |
| <p>Saturday<br/>August 1<sup>st</sup></p>   | <p>0900: Commence at venue – Humbolt University – see map.<br/>Re-Introductions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sharing our research and systems trajectories (Sri)</li> <li>• working as a critical learning systems (CLS) community (Chris)</li> <li>• reviewing Herrenhausen experience &amp; taking an overview of the course resources and program</li> <li>• Emergent issues from Herrenhausen</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Systems theoretical lineages and traditions (Ray, Chris and Sri)</li> <li>• Implications of these traditions for practice</li> <li>• Research as a practice (Ray)</li> <li>• Modes of research – action research (Sri)</li> <li>• Introducing systemic inquiry in context of ISSS(SI session 1)– Ray + Chris+ Sri</li> </ul> <p><i>Ray, Sri, Chris</i></p> | <p>‘Walking our talk’: grounding what has been presented in your own context. Practical exercise over dinner</p> <p><i>Chris, Sri</i></p>  |

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|                                     | <b><i>Sri, Chris, + Ray, Maja</i></b>  |   |   |
| Sunday<br>August 2 <sup>nd</sup>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exploring three traditions – systems, cybernetics and complexity</li> <li>Exploring contexts &amp; emerging issues</li> </ul> <i>Sri, Debora, Michael, Chris, Ray</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using systems approaches, methodologies, tools techniques, modelling (Chris + participants)</li> <li>Contextualising you and your PhD research’ (SI session 2) Sri</li> <li>Continuing a systemic inquiry at ISSS: skills/enthusiasm audit; contracting/protocols; preliminary designs for final presentation.</li> <li>Clarifying tasks for the week</li> <li><i>ISSS Reception at 1800 Sri, Chris and Ray</i></li> </ul> |   |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>August    | Conference Registration (cont’d)<br>Conference sessions  | Conference Sessions   | Networking; inquiry conversations   |
| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup><br>August   | Conference sessions  | Conference sessions   | 5pm to 6pm<br>CLS community reflections session 1                                     |
| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup><br>August | Conference Sessions – embedded ASC day   | Conference Sessions   | ASC - evening performances  |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup><br>August  | Conference sessions  | Conference sessions   | 5pm to 6pm<br>CLS community reflections session 2<br>Finalising feedback presentation |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup><br>August    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conference sessions</li> <li>PhD student feedback in plenary</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final course assignment:</li> <li>Group report</li> <li>Linking your future research trajectory design to your inquiry outcomes.</li> <li>Final reflections &amp; course certificates</li> <li>1600 CLOSE</li> </ul> <i>Sri, Chris, Thomas, Ray</i>  |   |