

# 2nd SIMM research seminar

25 - 28 November 2019  
Antwerp, Belgium

The international research platform SIMM (Social Impact of Music Making), the Antwerp Research Institute for the Arts (ARIA), University of Antwerp and the Royal Conservatoire Antwerp would like to invite you to apply for a place in the second SIMM research seminar dedicated to the **relationship between research and practice** in SIMM-type projects.



Skyline of Antwerp, seen from the left bank

## Background

More and more researchers have the ambition to be engaged and ‘instrumental’: allowing their understanding of the realities they studied to be of interest for the practice in this field.

And more and more practitioners of social music projects are interested to facilitate and actively work together with scholars who with their outsiders’ perspective visit and question their practice, its participants as well as its initiators.

An important focus of the Antwerp international SIMM research seminar will be on how our academic work can have social relevance thanks to forms of collaboration and exchange between researchers and practitioners of SIMM-type projects.

Examples of participatory action research will be shared, as well as other research methodologies which also allow practitioners and participants to be actively involved in research, thereby making sure in the set-up and development of the research a connection is built in with the questions and needs of practitioners and their communities.

The question of access of research findings to practitioners will therefore also be discussed, through publications or through forms of open access to data and findings.

This 4 day research seminar will take the format of group sessions, allowing the 20 selected and participating researchers to share and discuss their research with each other, in the presence of experienced facilitators.

Private meetings can also be organized with invited expert facilitators and researchers associated to SIMM: Dr. Graça Boal-Palheiros (CIPEM/INET-md, Porto). Dr. James Butterworth (University of Oxford, UK), Dr. An De bisschop (University College Ghent, Belgium) and Prof. John Sloboda (Guildhall School of Music and Drama, UK). Other researchers might be present but are yet to be confirmed.

The first day of the SIMM seminar, Prof. Pascal Gielen (ARIA, Antwerp) will give an introductory presentation on topics he considers important for our field of research. And Prof. John Sloboda (president research platform SIMM & research professor SIMM PhD-programme at Guildhall School of Music and Drama, UK) will the last day of the SIMM seminar give a closing presentation reporting on the most important topics which have been raised during the Antwerp SIMM research seminar. John Sloboda’s intervention will also be open to researchers as well as practitioners not participating in this research seminar.

## Time, place and costs

**Place:** University of Antwerp, Lange Sint-Annastraat 7, Antwerp, Belgium

**Time:** 25 November 2018, 9:00 – 28 November, 16:00

### Costs:

The seminar as such will be free of charge for those selected to participate.

Participants will nevertheless need to cover their own travel expenses, as well as accommodation and meals.

SEMPRE has agreed to subsidise travel and accommodation costs for a small number of participants who meet the SEMPRES criteria.

### Applications:

The application should contain the following information:

- A **CV** with contact details, name of supervisor or mentor and institution;
- A brief (maximum 1500 words) description of the **research project**, with special attention for the **relationship with practice** in your research;
- Information on the **stage** your research is in (when did you start and when are you scheduled to finish?);
- Please indicate whether you would like to apply for sponsoring to cover certain expenses.

Please submit all the required information in 1 single document of max. 5 mb.

Applications are expected by 31 July and are to be sent by e-mail to [info@simm-platform.eu](mailto:info@simm-platform.eu). The selection of those invited to participate in this SIMM-seminar will be communicated by the beginning of September.

Priority will be given to applicants who have not yet participated in a SIMM seminar.

### Contact:

**SIMM** ([www.simm-platform.eu](http://www.simm-platform.eu))

Lukas Pairon, director, [lukas.pairon@simm-platform.eu](mailto:lukas.pairon@simm-platform.eu), +32 475 44 51 81

Jan Leysen, coordinator, [jan.leysen@simm-platform.eu](mailto:jan.leysen@simm-platform.eu), +32 492 09 19 90