

Summer School 2020 in Dawei, Myanmar
10 – 19 June 2020



Land Resources, Conflict Transformation, Urban and Environmental Governance»

Focus, goals, and target groups

The 2020 Summer School of the International Graduate School (IGS) North-South will focus on **land resources, conflict transformation and urban and environmental governance**, providing methodological and conceptual insights into integrated approaches to development research.

The goal of the Summer School is to offer an intercultural, inter- and transdisciplinary learning and exchange platform for PhD students from different countries around the world, representing a number of different scientific disciplines. The event is also designed to lay the basis for future bi- or multilateral research collaborations.

The main target groups of the course are Northern and Southern PhD candidates at an early or advanced stage of their project, and senior researchers from the global South who are doing research on sustainable development and global change, and are engaged in an interdisciplinary research partnership project. Please note that the number of participants is limited.

Place Dawei, Myanmar

Time **10 – 19 June 2020** (meeting point: 9 June evening in Yangon)

Organizers

- Centre for Development and Environment (CDE), University of Bern, Switzerland
- Institute of Geography and Sustainability, University of Lausanne, Switzerland
- Research for Development Programme (R4D) in Myanmar

Lecturers / Organizers

Prof. Dr. Thomas Breu, Pann Chew, Prof. Dr. Laurent Goetschel, Stefan Häderli, PD Dr. Andreas Heinemann, Dr. Karl Herweg, Prof. Dr. Christian Kull, Lara Lundsgaard-Hansen, Dr. Henri Rueff, Dr. Jérémie Sanchez, Dr. Win Myint, Nwe Nwe Tun, Aung Myin Htun, Prof. Dr. René Véron, Dr. Anne Zimmermann

Overall course programme

The course will last 10 days and consist of a mix of lectures, exercises, coaching, interdisciplinary group work, and fieldwork. The programme includes the following blocks:

- **Conceptual seminars** providing insights into concepts of and debates on sustainable development, global change processes, and emerging dynamics, as well as reflections on the methodological implications of research on global change and sustainable development, conducted with an inter- and transdisciplinary research approach. Special attention will be given to the local and national socioeconomic and political context that exerts a major influence on the sustainability of livelihoods.
- **A methodological seminar** where participants will discuss how to translate research questions into survey questions and how to implement a survey.
- **Lectures and exercises to develop “soft skills” in scientific writing and publishing**, research management, leadership, and career building.
- **Case studies** focusing on the topic of the summer school. Participants will prepare for the fieldwork in interdisciplinary groups with support from local resource persons (inputs). They will conduct 3 days of fieldwork with transdisciplinary elements, then jointly analyse and present their findings.

Application process

To apply for the IGS North-South Summer School, you must fulfil one or more of the selection criteria listed below.

- You are a PhD candidate from the global North or South, or a senior researcher from the global South.
- You are interested and engaged in a research partnership project and wish to apply an integrated approach in development research.
- Your English is fluent.
- If the number of applicants exceeds the maximum number of participants, we will give priority to students involved in a research project in the area; and to students who are affiliated with one of the Swiss partner institutions.



To apply, please fill in the official [online application form](http://www.igs-north-south.ch) on www.igs-north-south.ch and upload the following documents (in English) a PDF file. Submission deadline: **29 February 2020**.

- Curriculum vitae
- Copy of the first page of your passport
- A personal letter of interest (maximum 300 words). Please explain why you would like to participate in the IGS North-South Summer School.

Students who are affiliated with an institution or programme that is linked with the IGS North-South (University of Basel: swisspace and Swiss TPH; University of Bern, University of Lausanne and University of Zurich) have the possibility of applying for financial support. Limited funds are available to support participation of students and senior researchers from the global South; the selection criteria are the same for all groups. A limited number of places are also available for self-payers.

Upon sending your application, you will receive a confirmation email containing further information about the timetable.