

## Course Announcement IGS North-South

### Spring Semester 2017

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**Time:** Starting on 23 February 2017, takes place weekly on Thursdays (10:15-12:00)

**Title:** Lecture with colloquium: Internationale Konflikte und Friedensförderung

**Module:** DTM

**ECTS:** 3

**Institution:** Swisspeace, University of Basel

**Lecturers:** Laurent Goetschel

**Content:** -

**Learning objectives:** -

**Place:** Vesalianum – Nebengebäude, Grosser Hörsaal (EO.16)

**Contact:** Laurent Goetschel ([laurent.goetschel@unibas.ch](mailto:laurent.goetschel@unibas.ch))

**Registration:** -

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**Time:** Starting on 23 February 2017, takes place weekly on Thursdays (16:15-18:00)

**Title:** State Fragility and Resilience: Concepts, Causes and Case Studies

**Module:** DTM

**ECTS:** 3

**Institution:** Swisspeace, University of Basel

**Lecturers:** Dominik Balthasar

**Content:** State fragility has come to lay at the heart of the international community's engagement in developing countries. This is evidenced by the concept's centrality in the OECD's Development Assistance Committee's agenda, and its inclusion in the World Bank's 2011 World Development Report as well as the Swiss government's 2013-2016 Message on International Cooperation. However, Burkina Faso's huge successes towards the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), Tanzania's notable political stability, Botswana's stunning economic progress, Zambia's completely peaceful development, and the fact that out of 54 African countries more than half have neither experienced internal nor intrastate war between 1947 and 2015, all call such blanket propositions on 'the African state' into question.

A central objective of this seminar lies in providing insights into the complexity of state fragility and resilience. In order to do so, the seminar analyses past and present theories underlying these concepts, and looks at the interplay of conflict and governance in the context of particular, individual case studies. Seminar participants will engage with a number of themes, ranging from understanding the role of violent conflict in statebuilding trajectories, to gaining a more nuanced understanding of the the role of corruption in governance, to obtaining a better grasp of the role international actors do and can play in supporting peacebuilding and statebuilding endeavors.

**Learning objectives: -**

**Place:** Rosshofgasse (Schnitz), Sitzungsraum S184

**Contact:** Dominik Balthasar ([dominik.balthasar@unibas.ch](mailto:dominik.balthasar@unibas.ch))

**Registration:** Ursina Bentele ([ursina.bentele@swisspeace.ch](mailto:ursina.bentele@swisspeace.ch))

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**Time:** Starting on 02 March 2017, takes place every two weeks on Thursdays (10:15-14:00)

**Title:** Doctoral course: Understanding Peace Processes

**Module:** DTM

**ECTS:** 3

**Institution:** Swisspeace, University of Basel

**Lecturers:** Sara Hellmüller, Julie Bernath

**Content:** -

**Learning objectives: -**

**Place:** Rheinsprung 21, Seminarraum 00.004

**Contact:** Julie Bernath ([julie.bernath@unibas.ch](mailto:julie.bernath@unibas.ch)), Sara Hellmüller ([sara.hellmueller@unibas.ch](mailto:sara.hellmueller@unibas.ch))

**Registration:** -

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**Time:** 28 March, 25 April, 2 May 2017

**Title:** Zurich colloquium in Human Geography

**Module:** DTM

**ECTS:** 1

**Institution:** Development Study Group Zurich (DSGZ), Institute of Geography

**Lecturers:** Various

**Content:** For the colloquium, we invite internationally renowned scholars for a public talk.

**Learning objectives:** -

**Place:** Bernoullistrasse 14/16, Seminarraum 02.004

**Contact:** Prof. Dr. Norman Backhaus ([norman.backhaus@geo.uzh.ch](mailto:norman.backhaus@geo.uzh.ch))

**Registration:** Prof. Dr. Norman Backhaus ([norman.backhaus@geo.uzh.ch](mailto:norman.backhaus@geo.uzh.ch))

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**Time:** 26 April 2017 (09:00-14:00)

**Title:** Zurich Lectures cum Graduate Seminar in Development Geography

**Module:** DTM

**ECTS:** 1

**Institution:** Development Study Group Zurich (DSGZ), Institute of Geography, University of Zurich

**Lecturers:** Mara Goldman

**Content:** For the colloquium we invite an internationally renowned scholar for a public talk, a one day workshop and for individual talks with PhD students.

**Learning objectives:** -

**Place:** Zentrum Karl-der-Grosse, Kirchgasse 14, 8001 Zurich, Terrassenzimmer

**Contact:** Prof. Dr. Norman Backhaus ([norman.backhaus@geo.uzh.ch](mailto:norman.backhaus@geo.uzh.ch))

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**Time:** 31 May – 2 June 2017

**Title:** Doing Transdisciplinarity – Increasing the relevance of your research for society

**Module:** DTM

**ECTS:** 1.5

**Institution:** Centre for Development and Environment (CDE), University of Bern

**Lecturers:** PD Dr. Flurina Schneider, Tobias Buser and others

**Content:** In the face of increasingly severe problems of global change, science is requested to produce knowledge that can help society to advance sustainable and just development. Scientists and development experts increasingly agree that transdisciplinary research approaches are needed for achieving this goal. However, bringing research results to fruition and achieving societal impact is not an easy task. It involves adapting research strategies and collaborating with stakeholders from the very beginning. The aim of this course is to

acquaint the participants with approaches, and methods for designing and conducting impact oriented transdisciplinary research. We will introduce main steps required for preparing a stakeholder interaction plan, and assist the participants in applying them to their own research projects. Practical exercises for acquiring new competences in doing transdisciplinary research is a core part of the course (e.g. stakeholder analysis, participatory problem identification, moderation and facilitation techniques, methods for knowledge co-production). Moreover, the participants will be encouraged to critically reflect on their own role identities as researchers, on their resources for conducting that kind of research, and about potentials and limitations of the explored approaches.

**Learning objectives:**

- The participants get acquainted to principles and approaches of transdisciplinary research and co-production of knowledge.
- The participants learn the main steps required for preparing a stakeholder interaction plan.
- In exercises, the participants practice and apply these main steps on their own projects.
- the participants acquire new competences in designing and doing transdisciplinary research

**Place:** University of Bern

**Contact:** PD Dr. Flurina Schneider (flurina.schneider@cde.unibe.ch)

**Registration:** Please register via igs-north-south@cde.unibe.ch

When applying, please answer very briefly the following questions: 1) What is the (working) title of your PhD?

2) Are you planning (or have you already conducted) transdisciplinary research for your PhD? If yes, in which country and which thematic context?

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**Time:** 11-22 June 2017

**Title:** Summer School on Resource governance, social change, and globalization: Learning from sustainable development issues and approaches in Latin America

**Module:** IM

**ECTS:** 5

**Institution:** All partner institutions

**Lecturers:** Various

**Content:** The Summer School will focus on "Resource governance, social change, and globalization" and take place in Bolivia. The goal of the Summer School is to provide an intercultural, inter- and transdisciplinary learning and exchange platform for PhD candidates from all over the world. For more information about the programme, application process, costs and selection criteria see the flyer.

**Learning objectives:** -

**Place:** Cochabamba, Bolivia

**Contact:** International Graduate School North-South ([igs-north-south@cde.unibe.ch](mailto:igs-north-south@cde.unibe.ch))

**Registration:** In case of interest, please talk to your supervisor, fill in the contact information form and send all the required papers (CV, description research project and letter of interest) by e-mail ([igs-north-south@cde.unibe.ch](mailto:igs-north-south@cde.unibe.ch)) to the Management Centre of the IGS North-South until 10 March 2017.

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**Time:** 03-07 July 2017 (09:00-18:00)

**Title:** Peace and Conflict Studies

**Module:** DTM

**ECTS:** 3

**Institution:** Swisspeace, University of Basel

**Lecturers:** Laurent Goetschel, Martina Santschi

**Content:** Aufbauend auf den wichtigsten theoretischen Grundlagen der Friedens- und Konfliktforschung vermittelt die Veranstaltung einen Überblick der aktuellen wissenschaftlichen und politikbezogenen Debatten der internationalen Friedensförderung. Besondere Aufmerksamkeit wird dem Zusammenspiel unterschiedlicher Akteure (staatliche, internationale, nicht-staatliche) sowie dem Austausch zwischen Wissenschaft und Praxis gewidmet. Jede Veranstaltung ist einer Fallstudie aus der aktuellen politischen Praxis gewidmet. Im Jahre 2017 ist dies der Konflikt im Südsudan.

**Learning objectives:** -

**Place:** Bernouillstrasse 14/16, Seminarraum 02.004

**Contact:** Laurent Goetschel ([laurent.goetschel@unibas.ch](mailto:laurent.goetschel@unibas.ch)) Martina Santschi ([martina.santschi@unibas.ch](mailto:martina.santschi@unibas.ch))

**Registration:** -

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**Time:** Exact start-date tba, Tuesdays (16:00-18:00)

**Title:** Forschungsforum Humangeographie

**Module:** DTM

**ECTS:** 1

**Institution:** Development Study Group Zurich (DSGZ), Institute of Geography, University of Zurich

**Lecturers:** Various

**Content:** In this forum various topics of human geography are addressed. PhD candidates and MSc students moreover, present their research proposals.

**Learning objectives:** -

**Place:** Zurich (ZHGK)

**Contact:** Prof. Dr. Norman Backhaus ([norman.backhaus@geo.uzh.ch](mailto:norman.backhaus@geo.uzh.ch))

**Registration:** Prof. Dr. Norman Backhaus ([norman.backhaus@geo.uzh.ch](mailto:norman.backhaus@geo.uzh.ch))

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**Time:** Exact start-date tba, Tuesdays (10:00-12:00)

**Title:** Forschungsforum Politische Geographie

**Module:** DTM

**ECTS:** 3

**Institution:** Development Study Group Zurich (DSGZ), Institute of Geography, University of Zurich

**Lecturers:** Various

**Content:** -

**Learning objectives:** -

**Place:** Zurich (ZH GK)

**Contact:** Prof. Dr. Norman Backhaus ([norman.backhaus@geo.uzh.ch](mailto:norman.backhaus@geo.uzh.ch))

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**Time:** Exact date tbd

**Title:** PhD Seminar II

**Module:** DTM

**ECTS:** 1

**Institution:** Development Study Group Zurich (DSGZ), Institute of Geography, University of Zurich

**Lecturers:** Prof. Dr. Markus Egli, Dr. Matthias Kneubühler

**Content:** PhD seminar II is focused around a weekend retreat, where cohorts of doctoral students identify areas in which they feel their skills base is weak, and a set of activities and discussions are held to explore these areas. Typically, doctoral students attend this course in their second year of study.

**Learning objectives:** -

**Place:** Einsiedeln

**Contact:** Graduate School director, Prof. Dr. Ross Purves ([ross.purves@geo.uzh.ch](mailto:ross.purves@geo.uzh.ch)) and Dr. Isabelle Roer ([isabelle.roer@geo.uzh.ch](mailto:isabelle.roer@geo.uzh.ch))

**Registration:** Prof. Dr. Markus Egli ([markus.egli@geo.uzh.ch](mailto:markus.egli@geo.uzh.ch)) with cc to Prof. Dr. Norman Backhaus ([nor-man.backhaus@geo.uzh.ch](mailto:nor-man.backhaus@geo.uzh.ch))

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**Time:** exact date tba

**Title:** Principles and Theory Course

**Module:** DTM

**ECTS:** 1

**Institution:** Development Study Group Zurich (DSGZ), Institute of Geography, University of Zurich

**Lecturers:** Prof. Dr. Christian Berndt, Prof. Dr. Ross Purves, Dr. Samuel Abvien

**Content:** Geography is a mature and successful discipline, but increasing specialization means that many doctoral students are recruited from outside the discipline, and that Masters students often specialize early in their careers. This seminar will introduce doctoral students to a range of cross-disciplinary literature and allow wide ranging discussions of the relevance of this literature, and a broad knowledge of the discipline, to individual research projects.

**Learning objectives:** -

**Place:** Zurich (ZHGK)

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**Registration:** Prof. Dr. Ross Purves ([ross.purves@geo.uzh.ch](mailto:ross.purves@geo.uzh.ch))

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**Further Courses** of Graduate School of Social Sciences (G3S)

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For a description of the school please visit this site: <https://dgw.philhist.unibas.ch/en/dep-gesell-wissensch/graduate-school-of-social-sciences/g3s-home/>

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