

Course Announcement IGS North-South

Spring Semester 2015

Time: 17 - 18 March 2015

Title: PhD seminar II (weekend retreat)

Module: DTM

ECTS: 1

Institution: Development Study Group, University of Zurich

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.

Place: Einsiedeln

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Time: 27 April, 4 May, 11 May, 18 May 2015 (8-12 a.m.)

Title: PhD colloquium

Module: DTM

ECTS: 0.5 (when attending at least 3 sessions)

Institution: Centre for Development and Environment, University of Bern

Lecturers: Prof. Dr. Urs Wiesmann, Prof. Dr. Hans Hurni, Prof. Dr. Stephan Rist and other supervisors

Content: This PhD colloquium is dedicated to exchanging about difficulties encountered during research. Each PhD student will be invited to present his or her most critical problem, which the group will then discuss along with potential solutions. The participating PhD students will find adequate answers to their main difficulties in research; this will enable them to improve the quality of their research.

The colloquium will take place in four sessions of four hours each, scheduled on different days in April and May 2015.

Place: CDE, Room 310, Hallerstrasse 10, 3012 Bern

Contact: IGS Management Centre (igs-north-south@cde.unibe.ch)

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

Time: 8 - 9 May (8:30-18:30)

Title: Interdisciplinary perspectives on North-South research (block course)

Module: DTM

ECTS: 3

Institution: swisspeace, University of Basel

Lecturers: Laurent Goetschel, Elisio Macamo, Didier Péclard

Content: This interdisciplinary research seminar is organised in collaboration with the International Graduate School North-South. It serves as a platform for exchange and discussion for PhD students and advanced Master students (3rd semester onwards) interested in the study of societies in the Global South. On the basis of the PhD and Master students' work, epistemological, theoretical and methodological issues related to North-South research will be addressed.

Place: Europainstitut, (Gellertstrasse 27, 4052 Basel), Seminarraum U1

Contact: Laurent Goetschel (laurent.goetschel@unibas.ch) and Sara Hellmüller (sara.hellmueller@swisspeace.ch)

Registration: by email until 30 April to Franziska Sigrist (cas@swisspeace.ch)

Time: 11 May 2015 (public talk), details for meetings and workshop will be communicated after registration.

Title: Zurich colloquium in Human Geography

Module: DTM

ECTS: 1

Institution: Development Study Group, University of Zurich

Lecturer: Tania Li

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. In spring semester 2015, Tania Li from the University of Toronto will visit us.

Place: Zurich (ZH GK)

Contact: Norman Backhaus (norman.backhaus@geo.uzh.ch)

Registration: Prof. Dr. Norman Backhaus (norman.backhaus@geo.uzh.ch). Please include also a brief description of your research topic and affiliation. After registration, we will then provide you with more details.

Time: 26 - 28 May (09:00-18:30)

Title: Survey in research (block course)

Module: DTM

ECTS: 1.5

Institution: Centre for Development and Environment, University of Bern

Lecturers: Prof. Dr. Ulf Liebe (Institute of Sociology, University of Bern), Dr. Sabin Bieri (CDE, University of Bern), Carlos Oya (solicited, not confirmed yet) (London School for Oriental and African Studies SOAS, University of London)

Content: Surveys are a popular instrument in social science research, and are increasingly being combined with other methods in studies for sustainable development. However, students feel insecure about how these surveys should be designed, how to translate research questions into survey questions, what proxies to choose, etc. Not least, in research for sustainable development in a North-South context, issues such as implementation, translation across cultures, and questions of language and meaning are at stake. In this methodological course of the IGS North-South we examine what it takes to design a survey that produces sound, meaningful data suitable for answering the given research questions. The block seminar will be structured in three units:

1. Surveys and data collection methods: overview, survey types, and common problems.
2. Survey design: basic methodology, elaborating questionnaires, formulation of questions, adequate answering formats, tools and instruments for conducting surveys.
3. Survey applications: Surveys in development research, challenges of working with questionnaires in a North-South context.

Learning objectives:

- Participants refresh their knowledge on survey design and survey applications
- Translating research questions into a survey is problematized and practiced
- Specific challenges of implementing surveys in a North-South context are exposed
- Participants share experiences of survey design and data collection and jointly elaborate solutions to the problems they encounter in the field
- Participants design their own survey

Place: Hallerstrasse 6, 3012 Bern, Room 205

Contact: Dr. Sabin Bieri (sabin.bieri@cde.unibe.ch)

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

Time: February - June 2015

Title: Transferable Skills - Überfachliche Kompetenzen

Module: CPM

ECTS: diverse

Institutions: Various institutes, University of Basel

Lecturers: diverse

Content: The University of Basel offers its PhD students and PostDocs several courses on technical skills, scientific writing, social skills, self-competence and career planning. Members of the IGS North-South are also warmly welcome in these courses. For more information, go to this site: <https://www.unibas.ch/en/Research/Academic-Careers/Doctorate/Transferable-Skills.html>

Place: Basel, according to course announcements

Contact: sina.henrichs@unibas.ch

Registration: Please register at sina.henrichs@unibas.ch with copy (cc) to igs-north-south@cde.unibe.ch

Time: 29 June - 5 July (08:30-17:00), 7 days on-site

Title: Peace and Conflict Studies (research colloquium)

Module: DTM

ECTS: 5

Institution: swisspeace, University of Basel

Lecturer: Laurent Goetschel

Content: What can peace and conflict theories contribute to understand the conflict dynamics in Syria? Which lessons can be drawn from this case to advance the academic field? Building on the main peace and conflict theories, swisspeace's 7-day summer school provides an overview of current academic and policy debates on peacebuilding and critically reflects their relevance for the Syrian context. Following an introduction to peace and conflict theories and the international peacebuilding architecture, participants will analyze the Syrian context and reflect on scenarios for future developments in Syria. Who are the key actors, what are drivers and dynamics of the conflict? How do state and non-state actors interact and what role do international actors play in the conflict? How can the root causes of the conflict be addressed and how can peacebuilding and state formation processes be supported by outside actors? Participants will focus on specific topics relevant to the Syrian context including power-sharing, religion, and the responsibility to protect. The summer school is designed for practitioners with an academic background, PhD-students and recent graduates and will be facilitated by leading scholars and experts on Syria.

Place: swisspeace Academy, Europainstitut, (Gellertstrasse 27, 4052 Basel), Seminarraum U1

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Registration: by email until 30 April to Franziska Siegrist (franziska.siegrist@unibas.ch). Further information: <http://academy.swisspeace.ch/other-courses/summer-school/>

Time: 30 August - 9 September 2015

Title: Summer School on Livelihoods, Institutions and Conflicts

Module: IM

ECTS: 5

Institutions: All partner institutions, University of Basel, Bern, and Zurich

Lecturers: Karl Herweg, Anne Zimmermann, Ulrike Müller-Böker, and others.

Content: The Summer School will focus on "Livelihoods, Institutions and Conflicts" and takes place in Nepal. 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 below.

Place: Nepal

Contact: IGS Management Centre (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) to the Management Centre of the IGS North-South until 19 April 2015.

Further Courses of Graduate School of Social Sciences (G3S)

The courses offered by Swisspeace are part of the Graduate School of Social Sciences. Further courses of the G3S are published here: <https://dgw.philhist.unibas.ch/en/dep-gesell-wissensch/graduate-school-of-social-sciences/course-offerings/>.

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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