

“Contested Governance”

Summer School for Master and PhD students from
DAAD sponsored In-Country/In-Region programmes

Freiburg, Germany

2-28 September 2019

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Call for Applications

Submission due date: 31 March 2019, 23:59 CET

**Four-week Summer School “Contested Governance”
Arnold Bergstraesser Institute (ABI) | University of Freiburg, Germany
with excursions to Frankfurt and Berlin**

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), with financial support from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), supports academic qualification measures for individuals from developing countries who participate in the DAAD's In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme. Every year, the DAAD awards more than 1,000 BMZ-funded scholarships to junior researchers from Africa, the Middle East, Latin America, South East Asia and South Asia to help finance their Master or PhD programmes in their home country or region. To increase research visits to Germany and enable scholarship holders to further strengthen their subject-specific and interdisciplinary skills, the DAAD is collaborating with German universities to offer summer schools for scholarship holders. This summer school on “Contested Governance”, organised by the Arnold Bergstraesser Institute at the University of Freiburg, is part of these offers.



Target Group

The “Contested Governance” Summer School is exclusively offered to current DAAD In-Country/In-Region scholarship holders (Master or PhD students) in countries of the Global South who have a primary qualification (at least a Bachelor degree) in political sciences or other social sciences. The maximum number of participants in this summer school is 28.

Please note: Applying for and attending one of the summer schools should not compromise your regular study programme commitments or duration. Attending the summer school will not be accepted as justification for an extension of your current In-Country/In-Region scholarship.

Focus and content of the “Contested Governance” Summer School

The summer school is designed as a four-week intensive programme tailored to prepare participants for leading roles in research and teaching. Thematically, the focus will lie on governance and its multiple challenges. The summer school will start from the observation that governance is contested in various ways: Participants will learn how actors in the governance system, e. g. civil society, interest groups or state officials, constantly form and reform governance systems – in Europe as well as in the Global South. In a multi-level approach, regional (e. g. the European Union) and local governance systems will be discussed. In addition to thematic learning, the summer school will offer training courses in social science methods and soft skills. The thematic sessions will include interactive presentations, group work, discussions, lectures from academics and meetings with practitioners. Excursions to Frankfurt and Berlin will round up the programme. Teaching and communication language is English.

The programme of the summer school will consist of three thematic blocks:

I. Basic concepts and challenges of contemporary governance

This initial part of the summer school introduces participants to the theoretic basic concepts of governance, always illustrated with examples from the participants’ home countries. Besides, a specific focus will be directed on processes of democratisation and autocratisation.

II. Actors and fields of contemporary governance

Based on the theoretic findings from the initial phase, a number of empirical analyses will concentrate on core actors and policy fields that contribute to governance. These will

include the role of civil society, higher education, decentralisation, the media, regional integration (multi-level governance) and international cooperation. Participants will again be invited to illustrate the learning contents with their own impressions from their home countries. Participants can further choose from three reflection modules on “conflict resolution”, “migration” and “regional integration”.

A one-day excursion to Frankfurt and Eschborn, with visits to Germany’s Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW) and Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) will enrich participant’s understanding for current governance-related topics in the area of international development cooperation.

III. Actors and challenges of governance in Germany

With its distinct history, Germany is a country that went through very different political phases, combining experiences of totalitarianism (the Nazi era), authoritarianism and the division of the country in East and West (1945-1990), and liberal democracy since the establishment of the Federal Republic of Germany with a strong focus on decentralisation and power diffusion. During three days in Berlin, we will visit core institutions of Germany’s political system, as well as representatives of civil society.

In addition to these content-oriented blocks, the summer school will include several methodological trainings (proposal writing, quantitative research, measuring democratisation) and soft-skills trainings; gender-related aspects will be a permanent underlying thread. A special focus will also be laid on meetings with practitioners.

Location

The summer school will be held at the Arnold-Bergstraesser Institute in the beautiful city of Freiburg. Located in south-west Germany, Freiburg is the “entrance gate” to the famous Black Forest and only a stone’s throw from France and Switzerland. A typical student town with 220.000 inhabitants and an international atmosphere, Freiburg will provide a warm welcome to the participants of the summer school.



Freiburg’s historical city centre

Housing and subsistence

Summer school participants will be accommodated in single rooms with shared bathroom/kitchen facilities in student dorms of Freiburg University, located just a few tram stops from the Arnold Bergstraesser Institute. Free public transportation tickets will be provided. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are usually to be arranged individually by each participant, though there will be daily allowances to cover food-related costs during the summer school. While breakfast and dinner can be prepared easily in the student dorm kitchens, there are several options for light lunches in the vicinity of the Arnold Bergstraesser Institute, such as bakeries, supermarkets, and small restaurants.

All participants will travel from Freiburg to Berlin on a night train in shared sleeping compartments in the night of 24-25 September 2019. In Berlin itself (25-28 September 2019), participants will stay in twin rooms in a centrally located hostel.

Costs and Funding

The summer school is funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) through the programme "Academic qualification of junior researchers from developing countries" with financial support from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

Participants will receive a scholarship covering the following:

- All course-related fees
- Travel expenses (economy class) from the international airport of the participant's home country to Freiburg and back
- Provision of accommodation:
 - 2-24 Sep. 2019: Self-catered single room apartments in student dorms of the University of Freiburg with shared bathrooms and kitchen facilities
 - 24-25 Sep. 2019: Shared sleeping compartments in a night train from Freiburg to Berlin
 - 25-28 Sep. 2019: Twin rooms in a centrally located hostel in Berlin.
- Full emergency health insurance and accident insurance (for 2-28 September 2019)
- Free public transportation in Freiburg and surroundings as well as in Berlin
- One-day excursion to Frankfurt/Eschborn by bus
- Daily allowances to cover food-related subsistence expenses; tea/coffee breaks and snacks are provided throughout the course.

Please note that any additional expenses (for instance mailing costs for German visa applications, local travel to international airport, etc.) cannot be refunded.

Further details on terms and conditions will be given to the admitted applicants together with the invitation letter.

Date

Participants will arrive in Freiburg on **Monday, 2 September 2019** (recommended airport: Frankfurt Rhein-Main International, FRA), the departure date is **Saturday, 28 September 2019**. The programme of the summer school will begin on Tuesday, 3 September 2019, in the morning, and end on Friday, 27 September 2019, in the afternoon.

Application procedure

Eligible are current DAAD In-Country/In-Region scholarship holders (Master or PhD students) in countries of the Global South who have a primary qualification (at least a Bachelor degree) in political sciences or other social sciences. As the summer school will be completely held in English, sufficient proficiency in this language is thus a precondition for getting accepted.

Interested students should upload their applications [consisting of (a) an updated CV, (b) a letter of motivation (max. 2 pages), (c) a recommendation letter from a university professor and (d) a transcript of hitherto study achievements (grades)] on the summer school website www.freiburg-summerschool.de until 31 March 2019, 23:59 CET. Any application submitted after this due date as well as incomplete submissions will not be considered.

Pre-selection of short-listed candidates will be based on academic merit and the suitability of the candidate's study specialisation to the overall summer school programme. Short-listed candidates will be invited for a personal selection talk via Skype of ca. 15 minutes on 23-25 April 2019 (exact date upon individual agreement).

Organisers and further information

The Arnold Bergstraesser Institute (ABI) is one of Germany's major research centres in the domain of comparative area studies. It is an independent research institute associated with the University of Freiburg. ABI's work is dedicated to three main targets: research, knowledge transfer, and teaching. The institute's interdisciplinary research focuses on questions of power transformations, state institutions, societal conflicts and forced migration in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. The ABI's own library hosts one of the largest collections on Area and Development Studies in Germany.



Home of the "Contested Governance" summer school:
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