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SPECIALIZED
MASTER

Geographies of Global Change

Resources, markets
and development



In the wake of current global challenges, north-south relations are being fundamentally reconfigured and the question of what exactly “development” means is subject to intense public debate. The specialized Master’s in Global Change offers you the chance to engage with the complexities and entanglements of our globalized world, and to explore alternative future possibilities for international development in theory and practice.



SPECIALIZED MASTER'S IN GEOGRAPHIES OF GLOBAL CHANGE

In this specialized Master's degree program you learn to critically assess the strengths and weaknesses of different theoretical perspectives to studying the social, political, and economic realities in the Global South. Combining cutting-edge thinking from development studies, political economy, cultural studies, and postcolonial studies, the specialized Master's in Geographies of Global Change encourages you to go beyond familiar "Northern" concepts and categories when thinking about the Global South.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

We welcome applicants from different backgrounds in the arts, humanities and social sciences. It is not necessary to have a first degree in geography.

- Above-average performance and completion of a Bachelor's degree
- Prior knowledge in your field of interest
- High degree of motivation

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The program's core curriculum consists of two intensive compulsory courses "Geographies of Global Change: Resources, Markets and Development" (6 ECTS) and "Designing and Communicating Research" (6 ECTS). This set of courses prepares you for the extended Master's thesis (45 ECTS). In an individual course program of 33 ECTS tailored to your interests and needs, you can choose among a selection of core course offerings:

- Global Economic Geographies of Agriculture and Food Systems
- Political Ecology, Political Geography
- Methods and Methodology in Qualitative Research
- Development Studies
- Work, Gender and Space
- Cities and Globalization

In addition, you can choose from a large number of other Master's courses offered by the University of Zurich, ETH Zurich, or other Swiss universities.

IN-DEPTH TUTORING SUPPORT

This Master's degree program provides a unique blend of placing problems of poverty, exclusion, violence, and state failure in the Global South into a broader perspective of globalization and global North-South relations.

Throughout the development of your research project, you will be provided with in-depth tutoring support. The program's core courses are delivered in small group teaching. You will choose a senior member of staff as mentor who will advise and guide you. You will be integrated into the scholarly community of the department, taking part in their seminars, colloquia, and other activities. The research groups that run this study program work in South Asia, Africa, Latin America as well as Europe and have a dense network of international collaborations that can be mobilized for your own research project. You will benefit from a broad range of opportunities to conduct fieldwork overseas.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This Master's degree program prepares you to find challenging positions in academia, governmental and non-governmental non-profit organizations at national and international level.

