

FORCED DISPLACEMENT, REGIONAL POLITICS AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Autumn SCHOOL 2016, LEBANON
03-12 October 2016

NOW OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

The Autumn School is jointly organised by the **Department of Social Sciences** at the **Lebanese American University**, the **Faculty of Law** at the **University of Jordan**, the **Institute of Development Research and Development Policy** at **Ruhr University Bochum** and the **Graduate Centre for Development Studies**.

This year's Autumn School will take place at the **Lebanese American University's Beirut and Byblos Campuses**.

The Autumn School is part of the German-Arab Joint Research, Training and Networking Programme '**From Responsibility to Protect to Responsibility to Assist: Conflict, Reconstruction and Sustainable Development in the Middle East**'. The programme is funded by the **German Academic Exchange Service/Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD)** as part of the '**Hochschuldialog mit der islamischen Welt**'. At the core of the programme is the joint supervision of six PhD students from Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Syria and Germany. The doctoral training is part of the structured PhD programme in International Development Studies at the Institute for Development Studies and Development Policy Ruhr University Bochum.



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Since the outbreak of the conflict in Syria in 2011 over 4.5 million people have fled the country to find safe havens in neighbouring countries, including Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan. As of 2016 Lebanon is host to over 1 million Syrian refugees in addition to a population of over 400,000 Palestine refugees that have been living in a protracted refugee situation in the country.

This year's Autumn School will be hosted by the Lebanese American University (Beirut and Byblos Campus) and will address the questions and problems that shape the local response to the Syrian refugee crisis in light of the regional political environment. The programme will cover a range of topics, including

- Theoretical approaches to the field of International Relations in the Middle Eastern context
- War economies and post-conflict reconstruction
- Refugee protection under international law (legal framework, UN mandates, the status Palestine refugees)
- Hosting refugees: Camp vs. non-camp settlement of refugees (economic, geographic and sociological perspectives)

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The Autumn School aims to give participants the opportunity to discuss their research projects in an international and multidisciplinary environment. It further aims to bring together scholars from the Middle East and Germany as well as practitioners and humanitarians from leading organisations working on the issue in Lebanon.

The programme will consist of

- Lectures by scholars in the fields of Politics and International Relations in the Middle East, Migration and Forced Displacement as well as International Law
- Panel discussions bringing together scholars, practitioners and humanitarians
- Small and interactive workshops for the students to discuss their work with experts and peers
- Lively daily discussion groups
- Fieldtrips

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Applicants

The Autumn School is designed for early stage PhD students but is also open for applications from advanced Master Students. Fee waivers can be requested and limited travel and accommodation bursaries are available.

Registration fee: 200 Euro

Deadline: 20.05.2016

To apply, please send

- Your CV
- A Letter of Motivation, if applicable indicating the need for financial assistance
- A one to two pages outline of your research project outlining your research questions, theoretical framework and methodology

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