Phase 1 - Bonn
Doctoral courses
• German language course (Aug-Sept)
• Interdisciplinary course (Oct-Nov)
• Disciplinary courses (Dec-Jan)
• Term-paper, exams
• Intercultural training
• Research ethics
• Skill development
• Revision of research statement
• Ethical clearance

Phase 2 – Global South
Field research
• 6-18 months
• Empirical data collection
• Start of data analysis
• Field visit of supervisor/advisor

Phase 3 - Bonn
Thesis writing
• Data analysis
• Thesis writing
• Research colloquia
• Work with advisor
• Conferences
• Submission & defense

Duration: 36-38 months

BIGS-DR study plan

Around 600 lecture hours by external lecturers & ZEF lecturers