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Doctorate



Transformations of Human-Environment Systems (IRI THESys)

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Overview

Degree	Dr rer nat Dr phil Dr rer agr
In cooperation with	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK)• Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO)• Leibniz-Institute of Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries (IGB)• Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research (ZALF)
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• English
Languages	English
Mode of study	Hybrid
Programme duration	9 semesters or more
Beginning	Winter and summer semester
Additional information on beginning, duration and mode of study	<p>Please note that the IRI THESys Graduate Programme is a programme on top of your own dissertation project and other duties such as participating in your disciplinary group, etc.</p> <p>The modules are therefore manageable, participation is flexible and doctoral students can choose their own courses to some extent.</p>
Application deadline	https://www.iri-thesys.org/education/graduate_program/membership
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	<p>At IRI THESys, we conduct scientific research into the dynamics of human-environment relations. Against the backdrop of climate change, researchers pay particular attention to the intersections between land use practices and issues of water/energy use and governance. This includes research on food-fuel-fibre production, resource extraction and biodiversity management as well as investigations into the relationship between urban centres and their regional and global</p>

hinterlands as connected through technical, economic and regulatory infrastructures. Please find more information here: <https://www.iri-thesys.org/research/>.

Course Details

Course organisation

The THESys Graduate Programme is designed to enable a maximum of flexibility in order to serve the individual needs and interests of an interdisciplinary student group. The curriculum covers four modules:

Module A – Developing interdisciplinary competencies

This module brings doctoral students together with postdocs and senior scientists. Your work is challenged by an interdisciplinary community of scholars. This module comprises the following:

- the THESys lectures and the lecture seminars (two times per semester)
- participation and presentation in the bi-weekly THESys colloquium
- THESys Introductory Course – Fundamentals of Human-Environment Research
- participation in one (THESys) summer school

Guests and scientists who are not members of the THESys Graduate Programme are welcome to participate in Module A after consultation with the coordinator of the THESys Graduate Programme.

Module B – Deepening disciplinary specialisation

This module is designed to deepen disciplinary knowledge. Apart from attendance at the colloquium in the department to which the doctoral researcher is admitted, we offer a methods laboratory: doctoral students who have the same interest in methodology have the chance to work together in groups, and they already participate in the organisation of the course (as regards choice of potential lecturers and content).

Module C – Discovering new disciplines

This module encourages students to be curious about other research fields. Doctoral students can choose either a lecture or a seminar from the teaching programme of the participating institutes in a field which is different from their own disciplinary background. This field must have an affinity with the research themes at IRI THESys.

Module D – Training of soft skills / entrepreneurial skills

This module is entirely linked to the academic training offered by the Humboldt Graduate School. Doctoral students may choose from these courses and workshops in key competencies once a year.

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International elements

- International guest lecturers
- Training in intercultural skills
- International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context

Integrated internships

We do not offer integrated internships. However, thanks to our many partners and an international network, we can support our doctoral students in finding an internship.

Teaching/work obligations or opportunities

No teaching obligations and very limited opportunities

Course-specific, integrated German language courses

No

Course-specific, integrated English language courses

No

Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Semester contribution	Approx. 300 EUR semester fees
Costs of living	Minimum 1,500 EUR per month
Funding opportunities within the university	No

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements	<p>Excellent Master's degree in agricultural sciences, earth and environmental sciences, ecology, economics, geography, philosophy, political science, social anthropology or related disciplines</p> <p>To be eligible for the programme, doctoral researchers must be enrolled at a university with a thesis topic within the scope of at least one of the research areas of IRI THESys</p> <p>It is required that PhDs have a supervisor who is an IRI THESys member.</p>
Language requirements	Very good English language skills German language skills are not required.
Technical equipment and programmes	Moodle, Zoom etc.
Application deadline	https://www.iri-thesys.org/education/graduate_program/membership
Submit application to	wiebke.hampel@hu-berlin.de

Services

Possibility of finding part-time employment	That highly depends on the visa. Job opportunities at the university are not available.
Structured research and supervision	Yes
Research training / discussion	Yes
Career advisory service	Yes, there is a career service available at the Humboldt Graduate School.

Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Welcome event
 - Buddy programme
 - Visa matters
 - Help with finding accommodation
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