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Doctorate



Global Studies Peace and Security in Africa

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Overview

Degree	PhD in Global Studies
In cooperation with	Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS), Addis Ababa University (Ethiopia)
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">English
Languages	The PhD courses are taught completely in English. German courses in preparation for the study period in Leipzig will be offered in cooperation with the Goethe Institute in Addis Ababa.
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">full-time
Mode of study	Less than 50% online
Programme duration	6 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Additional information on beginning, duration and mode of study	Combination of on-site and online elements.
Application deadline	The application deadline for admission to the winter semester is the end of February each year. The exact dates can be found on our website: https://www.sozphil.uni-leipzig.de/en/global-and-european-studies-institute/research/doctoral-studies/phd-peace-and-security-in-africa .
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	2,500 EUR
Additional information on tuition fees	Tuition fees for the programme will be 5,000 EUR per study year.
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	Yes
Description/content	Globalisation processes are strongly linked to issues of peace and security as well as stability and

development – not only in Africa. Globalisation processes, including colonisation, de-colonisation, the end of the Cold War, effects of 9/11, the 2008 economic and financial crisis, the so-called Arab Spring, the climate crisis and other current international developments have created particular challenges, risks, threats and vulnerabilities for the African continent. Globalisation is affecting Africa in specific ways and globalisation processes (past and present) have implications for security in Africa. The increase in intra-state, civil wars and cross-border conflicts following the end of the Cold War are just one example.

The programme trains junior researchers and professionals in globalisation research. It qualifies them for employment, among others, in international organisations, in the field of conflict management, prevention and resolution and early warning (as well as other areas of the emerging African peace and security architecture). Our students qualify also as future lecturers, scholars and researchers for the rapidly expanding higher education sector in Ethiopia and its neighbouring countries; enabling these future elites to “think globally”.

Area Studies – as the study of particular cultural, national or geographic regions – refers to interdisciplinary research fields, which draw on a variety of methods and academic perspectives, ranging from established disciplines such as History, Political Science, Sociology, Political Economy and Cultural Sciences to newly emerging sub-disciplines as, for instance, New Political Geography and Global History. By analysing the implications globalisation processes have on different world regions, Global Studies are strongly linked to Area Studies. Global and Area Studies – as a combination of social and cultural as well as historical approaches to the study of modern and contemporary globalisation processes and the comparison of world regions – offer the scientific basis of this PhD programme to develop an understanding of the dynamics of peace and security in Africa.

Since Africa is faced with global challenges in particular ways, the study programme intends to pay special attention to regional perspectives on globalisation processes and – in light of the continent’s specific contemporary challenges – to the multifaceted aspects of peace and security in Africa.

The general objectives of the PhD programme are to produce scholars/professionals in the area of Global and Area Studies critically challenging existing knowledge on globalisation, new regionalisms and issues of peace and security in Africa as well as the global integration of the continent with the requisite knowledge, skills and attitudes.

The specific objectives of the PhD programme are to:

- Produce researchers and educators in the above-mentioned interrelated areas of regional and global studies as well as peace and security studies
- Promote critical interdisciplinary research on the above-mentioned issues
- Create a mechanism through which research findings are communicated to the stakeholders concerned

Course Details

Course organisation

The PhD programme has a prescribed duration of three to four years of full-time study. It aims to deliver a curriculum appropriate to the interdisciplinary nature of its topic.

Accordingly, PhD students will pursue a rigorous but flexible doctoral curriculum, with several shared classes (core courses) and specialisation courses.

The coursework amounts to a maximum of 60 ECTS out of 180 ECTS for the overall programme. Thus, 120 ECTS will be credited for the successful completion of the dissertation. Additionally, the programme seeks to impart pedagogical skills to doctoral students as the majority of them are expected to become educators in institutions of higher learning.

- Core Courses: Students will take three courses during the first year: "Research Methods", "Introduction to Global History and International Studies" and "New Regionalisms in Africa in a Global and Comparative Perspective".
- Specialisation courses: Beginning with the second semester of the first year, students will

be required to take speciality courses in their chosen field of specialisation: international studies, transnational and global history, and the comparative study of peace and security in Africa. Courses are offered both at Leipzig University and at IPSS.

- **PhD Working Groups and Colloquium:** Students will present their progress in two different forums, aiming to enhance their research and writing process and improve their presentation and discussion skills. Each semester, students present chapter drafts at PhD working groups offered in Leipzig (on-site and hybrid) and at IPSS.
- **Thesis Committees:** Thesis Committees convene every semester. They are composed of the supervisors and another member of the academic team and are devoted to reviewing the progress of the project and the candidate's individual challenges and questions. They are not graded. Rather, they are open and safe forums to share specific concerns and find tailor-made solutions.

A Diploma supplement will be issued	Yes
International elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training in intercultural skills • International guest lecturers • Integrated/optional study abroad unit(s) • Courses are led with foreign partners • International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context • Content-related regional focus
Description of other international elements	In addition, students will attend international Summer Schools.
Integrated/optional study abroad unit(s)	Coursework is to be done at both partner universities in Addis Ababa and Leipzig. During their first semester, students will attend courses at the IPSS in Addis Ababa with lecturers from Leipzig University. The second semester is to be studied at Leipzig University (mandatory). In the third semester, students will be back in Addis Ababa and attend courses taught by IPSS and GESI lecturers. During the rest of the programme, students can choose to come to Leipzig again in coordination with their supervisors (optional).
Course-specific, integrated German language courses	Yes
Course-specific, integrated English language courses	No

Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR	2,500 EUR
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Semester contribution	International students pay 250 EUR in Leipzig per semester and 200 USD at Addis Ababa University.
Costs of living	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants are expected to look for funds in order to cover the costs for tuition and registration fees as well as living expenses in Addis Ababa (32 months). The minimum monthly costs for accommodation, food, health insurance and other personal expenses

are about 10,000 ETB in Addis Ababa.

- We help organise private accommodation in Addis.
- For the second semester in Leipzig, monthly expenses, including rent, amount to an average of 650 EUR. We support organising accommodation in student dorms, which costs 180 to 220 EUR per month.
- At the moment, registration at Addis Ababa University is 200 USD, which includes 80 USD for admission and 120 USD for registration for international students.
- Local students pay the local fees for registration. The registration fee at Leipzig University is 250 EUR which includes a public transportation ticket for the city and reduced prices in dining halls.

Funding opportunities within the university Yes

Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university Funding opportunities are partly offered within the university.

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements

- An interesting research proposal related to our PhD programme
- academic excellence (study results and quality of higher education institutions)
- motivation, academic potential, and recommendation letters
- match of the previous degree with our programme
- work experience and professional qualification
- language skills

Please note: The research proposal is the single most important document you submit for your application. It has to be of excellent academic quality, showing that you are aware of the current status of research with thorough references to other scholars' work. It further needs to propose an original idea that has not been investigated yet.

Language requirements English at C1 level

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Submit application to Information on the application process and the application form can be found here: <https://www.sozphil.uni-leipzig.de/en/global-and-european-studies-institute/research/doctoral-studies/phd-peace-and-security-in-africa>.

Services

Structured research and supervision Yes

Research training / discussion Yes

Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Welcome event
 - Specialist counselling
 - Cultural and linguistic preparation
 - Visa matters
 - Help with finding accommodation
 - Support with registration procedures
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