

# **Re-announcement of PhD Research Scholarship in International Relations**

**in the Project "Governance and Social Action in Sudan  
after the Peace Agreement of 2005: local, national, and regional  
dimensions"**

Building up governance structures is increasingly considered as a means to counter state decay and deal constructively with internal conflicts. Sudan is a case in point where the government and the Sudanese People's Liberation Movement/Army have agreed on wealth and power sharing, institutionalised by an interim Government of South Sudan and transitional governments in the federal states. Aims are to build infrastructure and deliver social services while holding revenues subject to public accountability.

An actor-oriented perspective will be applied to investigate the dynamics of state-society relations and ways of establishing legitimacy of rule in areas which are shaped by complex conflict patterns. The research sites in Sudan will be in Upper Nile, Jonglei and Unity states and in South Kordofan as well as in Juba and Khartoum. (**details under <http://www.iwim.uni-bremen.de/projekt.htm>**).

The project will be carried out in the framework of academic cooperation between the University of Bremen, the University of Khartoum, the Ahfad University of Women, the University of Juba, the Addis Ababa University and the University of Nairobi.

**Postgraduate students from Sudan, Ethiopia and Kenya will have opportunities to get academic qualifications under international guidance.**

**We offer**

**1 postgraduate research scholarship for PhD for a political scientist with focus on  
International Relations for three years**

**Southern Sudanese women will be preferably selected if they have the required qualifications.**

## **General Requirements for Application**

### Eligibility

Applicants must be university graduates and need to have at least a class II M.A. or M.Sc. degree in one of the above subjects.

### Own Research Proposals

**Applicants have to submit their own research proposal which should be drafted within the framework of the general project the full text of which is accessible at [www.iwim.uni-bremen.de](http://www.iwim.uni-bremen.de).**

**The proposal should comprise between 15 and 20 pages and include**

- an abstract of not more than 150 words**
- the aims of the particular research project**
- a literature review**
- the intended methodological approach**
- previous expertise of the applicant.**

### Attachments

The applications should further include

- a curriculum vitae**
- certificates of university degrees and other qualifications**
- (if applicable) list of publications.**

## **Specific Requirements**

Applicants must be university graduates with **at least a class II M.A. / M.Sc. degree in political sciences and a specialisation in international relations.**

The proposal to be submitted by applicants should focus on the regional dimensions of the transformations in Sudan. It should be based on theories of International Relations and investigate on this basis the political processes related to the mass return of refugees, changes in cross-border contacts and regional efforts to resolve the internationalised domestic conflicts. Steps towards and constraints of coordination and integration of national and international policies on resource use and conflict management in the Horn of Africa will have to be investigated. An analysis of local, national, regional and international governance structures and regional power relations should be part of this study.

The general project started already in September 2005. According to the general plan, the first phase of research includes mapping of institutions and actors in the research sites. The applicants for the scholarship for PhD in International Relations are expected to include an analysis of the relevant institutions in the larger region (Horn, Eastern, Central, North-Eastern Africa) in their study.

All PhD students will be invited for literature research and some course work to Bremen University from 1 September to 15 December 2006.

A field research phase in Sudan and neighbouring countries is scheduled roughly for the period from January to June 2007 during which most of the students will concentrate on case studies. A period of data evaluation and writing follows. In February 2008, another general field study phase will start which will include a feedback to stakeholders and previous interview partners about the general findings of the project through a series of local workshops. This phase will end in April 2008. The remaining period is scheduled for writing up the PhD theses and eventually, a further field visit.

The applicants should draft their research proposals largely along these lines, as far as field research is concerned. They are expected to finalise their PhD theses by August 2009.

**The applicants should contact a professor of political sciences who may become their supervisor for the PhD and send the reference with their application. In addition, they will receive thorough supervision from the cooperation partners of the universities participating in the overall research project.**

## **General Terms and Procedures**

### Selection Procedure

The shortlisted applicants will be invited to present their proposals in July 2006, probably at the University of Khartoum.

There the applicants will present their proposals and relate them to the general project and answer questions of the scholarly selection commission.

### Terms and Conditions of Award

The effective date of the research scholarship for newly registered full-time research students with at least M.A. or M.Sc. degrees will be September 1, 2006. The maximum period of the scholarship will be until August 31, 2009.

The research scholarship will carry a monthly basic stipend of 500 € Transport cost and cost for interpreters will be reimbursed in addition. The students are expected to finance accommodation during their stays in the research sites from the stipend.

The award also includes a 15 weeks stay in Bremen / Germany for literature research with adequate payment.

Travel expenditure to various workshops in Sudan, Kenya and Ethiopia and to Bremen will be paid for in addition.

There will be a probationary period of three months. Bi-monthly reports about the progress of the research will have to be submitted to the supervisors and the project coordinator.

Background information on the project is available at the homepage of the Institute of World Economics and International Management,  
[www.iwim.uni-bremen.de](http://www.iwim.uni-bremen.de).

**Applications with research proposals should be sent by e-mail to the University of Bremen, Germany, to Dr Elke Grawert,**

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**and arrive here not later than June 30, 2006.**